

Celebrating 50 YEARS

A National Platform for the Child and Adult Care Food Program Community

In 1968, Congress amended the National School Lunch Act to reach children in child care programs. The goal was to encourage healthy eating habits by offering reimbursement to providers for serving nutritious meals. Initially, the CACFP reached about 23,000 children in family child care homes. Now, 50 years later, over 4.4 million children in homes, centers, and afterschool programs have access to healthy and nutritious foods every day. Throughout the CACFP's 50 year history, the program has continued to update its nutrition standards in conjunction with the USDA meal patterns and the Department of Agriculture's Dietary Guidelines. Without the CACFP, many children would not have access to nutritious foods. Not only do we celebrate this milestone for CACFP but we also praise each of you for your commitment to the well-being of each child in your care.

1968



Public Law established the Special Food Services Program for Children (SFSPFC).



1975

Child Care Food Program and the Summer Food Service Program became separate programs.



1978

Public Law made the program permanent.



12,000 Family Child Care Providers participated.

1986

The Midwest Sponsors Association was born. Now known as the National CACFP Sponsors Association.

You thought saying CACFP was a mouthful.



1987



Adult Day Care facilities were added to the program.



1989

Name of program changed to the *Child and Adult Care Food Program.*



1998

At-Risk Afterschool and Homeless Shelters became eligible.

1999

2.5 million children served in the CACFP.



2016

New Meal Patterns announced. First time since 1968 major changes were made to meal requirements.



2018

50 years later, serving over 4,000,000 children every day!



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