

## Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. Will this help children or child care?

- » These data were last gathered in 1997. This study will provide up-to-date information about CACFP, such as what child care programs participate in the program and who they serve. It will also collect data on CACFP training, technical assistance, and barriers to participation. USDA will use this information to improve the program and advocate to Congress for continued CACFP support. The report will be available to you and child care advocates.

### 2. How long will the questionnaire take?

- » We estimate that the questionnaire will take about 60 minutes to complete. Your responses will be kept private and will not be linked with your or your organization's name.

### 3. Do I have to participate?

- » You represent all CACFP child care sites like yours. Your participation is critical to making sure that ALL types of child care sites are represented. It is also required under Section 305 of the Child Nutrition Reauthorization Act (CNR).

While you are required to participate in this study, we hope that you will do so voluntarily. We greatly appreciate your cooperation and support.

### 4. Is there a Spanish questionnaire?

- » Yes! Please call 1-855-705-5397 to receive a questionnaire in Spanish. You may also complete the online version in Spanish.

### For more information

Call 1-855-705-5397

(toll-free)

Or send e-mail to

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# CACFP Study of Sponsor and Provider Characteristics



Study conducted for the  
Food and Nutrition Service.

## About the CACFP Sponsor and Provider Characteristics Study

The United States Department of Agriculture funds the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). They are conducting a study to gather up-to-date information about CACFP sponsoring organizations and the child care sites they sponsor. ***Your site has been selected to participate in this important study.***

Participating child care sites will be asked to describe their facility and the children they serve, CACFP operations, and the services they receive from their CACFP sponsoring organization. They will be offered the opportunity to share training and technical assistance needs, and to list barriers to CACFP participation.

The study will also collect data from some CACFP sponsoring organizations.

USDA has hired Kokopelli Associates and Westat to conduct this study.

The data collected from the *CACFP Study of Sponsors and Providers* will benefit USDA, State Agencies, child care sites, and their sponsors by providing current, accurate information on crucial characteristics.

## Your Role in the Study

You are one of a small number of CACFP child care sites selected to participate in this study. Your participation is crucial to ensure scientifically valid findings.

The study team will not visit you or intrude on your operations in any way. We are simply asking for about 60 minutes of your time to complete a written questionnaire. You may complete and return the paper version of the questionnaire using the pre-paid envelope OR you may complete the questionnaire on line at our secure website at [www.cacfp.westat.com/cacfp](http://www.cacfp.westat.com/cacfp). You'll need the access code provided in your cover letter to access the web survey.

If you would prefer a Spanish version of the questionnaire, please call us toll-free at 1-855-705-5397 or send an email to [CACFP@Westat.com](mailto:CACFP@Westat.com). We'll send a Spanish version right away! The online questionnaire is also available in Spanish.

## Privacy

The study team will keep all information you provide private, to the full extent allowed by law, and will use the information only for the purposes of this study.

The study team will not identify participating child care sites or sponsors in any publications or data files provided to the USDA.

## Have a Question or Need Help?

Call us toll-free at 1-855-705-5397 or send an email to [CACFP@Westat.com](mailto:CACFP@Westat.com). We are happy to assist you!