

... An Outreach of Northwest United Methodist Church

Dear Parent/Guardian:

This letter is intended for parents or guardians of children enrolled in a child care center. **Northwest Children's Learning Center** offers healthy meals to all enrolled children as part of our participation in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). The CACFP provides reimbursements for healthy meals and snacks served to children enrolled in child care. Please help us comply with the requirements of the CACFP by completing the attached Application for Free and Reduced Price Meals. In addition, by filling out this form, we will be able to determine if your child(ren) qualifies for free or reduced price meals.

- 1. Do I need to fill out a Meal Benefit Form for each of my children in day care? You may complete and submit one <u>CACFP Meal</u> Benefit Income Eligibility Form for all children enrolled in child care in your household only if the children in child care are enrolled in the <u>same center</u>. We cannot approve a form that is not complete, so be sure to read the instructions carefully and fill out all required information. Return the completed form to: Northwest Children's Learning Center, 21855 Brick Road, South Bend, IN 46628 (574)272-4971.
- 2. **Who can get free meals without providing income information?** Children in households getting Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (formerly Food Stamps) or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) can get free meals. Foster children and children enrolled in Head Start are also eligible for free meals. Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free meals.
- 3. Who can get reduced price meals? Your children can get low cost meals if your household income is within the reduced price limits on the Federal Income Chart, shown on the application. Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for reduced price meals.
- 4. **May I fill out a form if someone in my household is not a U.S. citizen?** Yes. You or your children do not have to be U.S. citizens to qualify for meal benefits offered at the child care center.
- 5. Who should I include as members of my household? You must include all people in your household (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends who live with you). You must include yourself and all children who live with you. You also may include foster children who live with you.
- 6. How do I report income information and changes in employment status? The income you report must be the total gross income listed by source for each household member received last month. If last month's income does not accurately reflect your circumstances, you may provide a projection of your monthly income. If no significant change has occurred, you may use last month's income as a basis to make this projection. If your household's income is equal to or less than the amounts indicated for your household's size on the attached Income Chart, the center will receive a higher level of reimbursement. Once properly approved for free or reduced price benefits, whether through income or by providing a current SNAP or TANF case number, you will remain eligible for those benefits for 12 months. You should notify us, however, if you or someone in your household becomes unemployed and the loss of income causes your household income to be within the eligibility standards.
- 7. What if my income is not always the same? List the amount that you normally get. For example, if you normally get \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only got \$900, put down that you get \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but not if you only get it sometimes.
- 8. What if I have foster children? Foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals. Any foster child in the household is eligible for free meals regardless of income. Households may include foster children on the Meal Benefit Form, but are not required to include payments received for the foster child as income. Households wishing to apply for such benefits for foster children should contact Northwest Children's Learning Center, 21855 Brick Road, South Bend, IN 46628 (574)272-4971.
- 9. We are in the military, do we include our housing and supplemental allowances as income? If your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative and you receive the Family Subsistence Supplemental Allowance, do not include these allowances as income. Also, in regard to deployed service members, only that portion of a deployed service member's income made available by them or on their behalf to the household will be counted as income to the household. Combat Pay, including Deployment Extension Incentive Pay (DEIP) is also excluded and will not be counted as income to the household. All other allowances must be included in your gross income.

In the operation of child feeding programs, no person will be discriminated against because of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability.

If you have other questions or need help, call (574) 272-4971.

Sincerely,

Vicki Dennis

Building For the Future

This day care facility participates in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), a Federal program that provides healthy meals and snacks to children receiving day care.

Each day more than 2.6 million children participate in CACFP at childcare homes and centers across the country. Providers are reimbursed for serving nutritious meals that meet USDA requirements. The program plays a vital role in improving the quality of day care and making it more affordable for low-income families.

Meals

CACFP homes and centers follow meal requirements established by USDA.

Breakfast	Lunch or Supper	Snacks (Two of the four groups:)
Milk	Milk	Milk
Fruit or Vegetable	Meat or meat alternate	Meat or meat alternate
Grains or Bread	Grains or bread	Grains or bread
	Two different servings of fruits	Fruit or vegetable
	or vegetables	1

Participating

Facilities Many different homes and centers operate CACFP and share the common goal of bringing nutritious meals and snacks to participants. Participating facilities include:

- Child Care Centers: Licensed or approved public or private nonprofit child care Centers, Head Start programs, Outside-School-Hours programs, and some for-profit centers.
- Family Child Care Homes: Licensed or approved private homes.
- At-Risk After School Meal Programs: Centers in low-income areas provide free snacks and suppers to School-age children and youth.
- **Emergency Shelters**: Programs providing meals to homeless children.

Eligibility

State agencies reimburse facilities that offer non-residential day care to the following children:

- · Children age 12 and under,
- Migrant children age 15 and younger, and
- Youths through 18 in after school care programs in needy areas.

Contact

Information If you have questions about CACFP, please contact one of the following:

Sponsoring Organization/Center

Northwest Children's Learning Center 21855 Brick Road South Bend, IN 46628 (574)272-4971

Indiana Department of Education

CACFP Staff School & Community Nutrition 115 West Washington Street South Tower, Suite 600 Indianapolis IN 46204 800-537-1142 or 317-232-0850

The USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE CACFP APPLICATION FOR FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS (Child Care)

Follow these instructions, if your **household gets FOOD STAMPS OR TANF**:

- Part 1: List all household members and birth dates for children.
- Part 2: List the case number for any household member (including adults) receiving Food Stamps or TANF.
- Part 3: Skip this part.
- Part 4: Skip this part.
- Part 5: Sign the form and enter the contact information. The last four digits of a Social Security Number are not necessary.
- Part 6: Answer this question if you choose to.
- Part 7: Sign this part it you do not want your application information shared with Medicaid or Hoosier Healthwise.

If you are applying on behalf of a FOSTER CHILD, follow these instructions:

If <u>all</u> children you are applying for are foster children, or if you are only applying for benefits for the foster child:

- Part 1: List all foster children. Check the box indicating that the child is a foster child.
- Part 2: Skip this part.
- **Part 3:** Skip this part.
- Part 4: Skip this part.
- Part 5: Sign the form and complete the contact information. A Social Security Number is <u>not</u> necessary.
- Part 6: Answer this question if you choose to.
- **Part 7**: Sign this part it you do not want your application information shared with Medicaid or Hoosier Healthwise.

If some of the children in the household are foster children.

- **Part 1:** List all household members. For any person, including children, with no income, you must check the "No Income Box." Check the box if the child is a foster child.
- **Part 2:** If the household does not have a case number, skip this part.
- **Part 3:** If any child you are applying for is homeless, migrant, or a runaway check the appropriate box and call [sponsor contact and phone number]. If not, skip this part.
- Part 4: Follow these instructions to report total household income from this month or last month:
- **Section A Name:** List only the first and last name of **each** person living in your household with income, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends who live with you). Include yourself and all children living with you. Attach another sheet of paper if you need to.
- **Section B Gross Income and How Often it was Received**: for each household member, list each type of income received for the month. You must tell us how often the money is received weekly, every other week, twice a month or monthly.
- In Box 1 list the **gross income**, not the take-home pay. Gross income is the amount earned before taxes and other deductions. You should be able to find it on your stub or your boss can tell you.
- In Box 2 list the amount each person got from the month from welfare, child support, alimony.
- In Box 3 list retirement, Social Security, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Veteran's benefits (VA benefits), disability benefits.
- In box 4, list ALL OTHER INCOME SOURCES including Worker's Compensation, unemployment, strike benefits, regular contributions from people who do not live in your household, and any other income. For ONLY the self-employed, under *Earnings From* Work, report income after expenses. This is for your business, farm or rental property. Do not include income from SNAP, FDPIR, WIC or Federal education benefits. If you are in the Military Housing Privatization Initiative or get combat pay, do not include this housing allowance as income.

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- **Part 5:** Adult household member must sign the form, complete the information, and list the last four digits of the Social Security Number or mark the box if s/he doesn't have one.
- Part 6: Answer this question if you choose.
- Part 7: Sign this part it you do not want your application information shared with Medicaid or Hoosier Healthwise.

ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS, including WIC households, follow these instructions:

Part 1: List all household members. For any person, including children, with no income, you must check the "No Income Box."

Part 2: Skip this part.

Part 3: Skip this part.

Part 4: Follow these instructions to report total household income from this month or last month:

Section A–Name: List only the first and last name of each person living in your household with income, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends who live with you). Include yourself and all children living with you. Attach another sheet of paper if you need to.

Section B – Gross Income and How Often it was Received: for each household member, list each type of income received for the month. You must tell us how often the money is received – weekly, every other week, twice a month or monthly.

In Box 1 - list the **gross income**, not the take-home pay. Gross income is the amount earned before taxes and other deductions. You should be able to find it on your stub or your boss can tell you.

In Box 2 - list the amount each person got from the month from welfare, child support, alimony.

In Box 3 - list retirement, Social Security, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Veteran's benefits (VA benefits), disability benefits.

In box 4, list ALL OTHER INCOME SOURCES including Worker's Compensation, unemployment, strike benefits, regular contributions from people who do not live in your household, and any other income. For ONLY the self-employed, under *Earnings From* Work, report income after expenses. This is for your business, farm or rental property. Do not include income from SNAP, FDPIR, WIC or Federal education benefits. If you are in the Military Housing Privatization Initiative or get combat pay, do not include this housing allowance as income.

Part 5: An adult household member must sign the form, complete the information, and list the last four digits of his or her Social Security Number, or mark the box if he or she doesn't have one.

Part 6: Answer this question if you choose.

Part 7: Sign this part it you do not want your application information shared with Medicaid or Hoosier Healthwise.

Privacy Act Statement: This explains how we will use the information you give us.

Non-discrimination Statement: This explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly.

CACFP APPLICATION FOR FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS (CHILD CARE)

SPONSOR NAME: Northwest United Methodist Church			PHONE	NUMBER:	574-272	2-4971			
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Signature of Parent or Guardian					CALL 1-800-8	89-9949			

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A CHILD ENROLLED IN THE DAY CARE FACILITY MAY QUALIFY FOR FREE OR REDUCED PRICE MEALS IF THE HOUSEHOLD INCOME FALLS AT OR BELOW THE LIMITS ON THIS CHART:

	July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018							
Household Size	MONTHLY INCOME	Household Size	MONTHLY INCOME					
1	1,860	5	4,437					
2	2,504	6	5,082					
3	3,149	7	5,726					
4	3,793	8	6,371					
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PART 7. PARTICIPANT'S ETHNIC AND RACIAL IDENTITIES (OPTIONAL)								
MARK ONE ETHNIC IDENTITY: MARK ONE OR MORE RACIAL IDENTITIES:								
☐ HISPANIC OR LATINO	☐ ASIAN	☐ AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKA NATIVE						
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OF THE PROGRAM.								
In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.								
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To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the <u>USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form</u> , (AD-3027) found online at: http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint-filing_cust.html , and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:								
(1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or (3) email: program.intake @usda.gov.								
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CHILD ENROLLMENT FORM

Name of Institution: Northwest United Methodist Church Sponsor ID Number: 1710390 IDOE/CACFP Northwest Children's Learning Center July 2017 Name of Facility: Child's Name: Birthdate: Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday Please enter the normal hours your child is in care on the specific days of care. Breakfast Breakfast Breakfast Breakfast Breakfast Breakfast Breakfast AM snack Please check ($\sqrt{}$) the meals your child Lunch Lunch Lunch Lunch Lunch Lunch Lunch normally receives while in care. PM snack Supper_ Supper Supper Supper Supper Supper Supper Night snack Night snack_ Night snack_ Night snack Night snack Night snack_ Night snack_ If your school-age child will be in attendance outside of the regular hours indicated above (snow days, school breaks, etc.) Please check ($\sqrt{}$) here _ FOR INFANTS ONLY: All facilities must offer infant formula and meals/snacks to infants in care during meal service times Infant Formula This facility will provide the following iron-fortified infant formula: Provide name of parent-provided formula: Check here to accept: Check here to decline: **Infant Meals and Snacks** Check here to decline: Check here to accept: This information is required by CACFP federal regulations at §226.15 (e)(2) and (3) for each enrolled participant, and must be updated annually. Printed name of parent/guardian: Phone Number: Signature of parent/guardian: Date: