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CSDE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT ON THE CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM (CACFP)

*Accepting CACFP Applications on an Ongoing Basis from Public and Private
Institutions for Day Care Centers and Homes in Connecticut*

(HARTFORD, CT) — The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) today announced it is accepting on an ongoing basis applications from public and private institutions to become sponsors of the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). The CACFP is funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and provides nutritious meals and snacks at no separate cost to enrolled participants, including infants, young children and adults receiving services in day care centers, as well as infants and children living in emergency shelters. Sponsoring institutions serve meals to all participants regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability.

More than 325 local child care centers and adult day care centers in Connecticut participate in the CACFP through 135 locally sponsored programs and provide nutritious meals to more than 19,400 participants daily. Approximately 820 day care home provider locations throughout the state also participate in the CACFP under the sponsorship of seven local and statewide sponsoring organizations and provide meals to more than 4,500 children daily.

CACFP sponsors are reimbursed for each meal served according to predetermined USDA reimbursement rates based on the income levels of the families served by the program. The following chart containing income guidelines will be used to determine funding in Connecticut from July 1, 2017, to June 30, 2018.

CACFP applications and a list of local CACFP participating agencies are available through CSDE's Bureau of Health/Nutrition, Family Services and Adult Education, 450 Columbus Boulevard, Suite 504, Hartford, CT 06103-1841. For further information on the CACFP, go to: <http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2626&q=321576>

FREE MEALS					REDUCED PRICE MEALS				
Number in Family	Annual Gross Income	Monthly Gross Income	Every Two Weeks Gross Income	Weekly Gross Income	Number in Family	Annual Gross Income	Monthly Gross Income	Every Two Weeks Gross Income	Weekly Gross Income
1	15,678	1,307	603	302	1	22,311	1,860	859	430
2	21,112	1,760	812	406	2	30,044	2,504	1,156	578
3	26,546	2,213	1,021	511	3	37,777	3,149	1,453	727
4	31,980	2,665	1,230	615	4	45,510	3,793	1,751	876
5	37,414	3,118	1,439	720	5	53,243	4,437	2,048	1,024
6	42,848	3,571	1,648	824	6	60,976	5,082	2,346	1,173
7	48,282	4,024	1,857	929	7	68,709	5,726	2,643	1,322
8	53,716	4,477	2,066	1,033	8	76,442	6,371	2,941	1,471
Each Add'l Family Member	+5,434	+ 453	+ 209	+105	Each Add'l Family Member	+7,733	+ 645	+ 298	+ 149

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Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;

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