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FY2012 Ohio CACFP Family Child Care Provider Letter

Dear Provider:

To qualify for Tier I reimbursement, or if you wish to receive reimbursement for meals served to your own children under the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), you must complete, sign and return to us the enclosed Income Eligibility Application.

1. How do I qualify for the Tier I reimbursement for meals served to children enrolled in my home? You must either (a) live in an area that is eligible based on economic need as determined by school enrollment or census data, or (b) establish economic need through the information provided on the enclosed Income Eligibility Application.

2. Who determines my eligibility as a Tier I day care home? Our office will determine your eligibility status. We will use the information you provide on the Income Eligibility Application. Make sure you complete and sign the form; report all household income (not just your family day care home business income); and provide appropriate records of your income. **Return the completed form and other papers to:**

**Child Care Connection
703 S. Main Street, Suite 211
Akron, OH 44311
ATTN: CACFP**

3. What kind of records should I submit with my Income Eligibility Application? If you operated a family day care home business last year, attach a copy of your most recent tax return, including Schedule C. If your recent tax return and Schedule C is no longer indicative of your income, you may submit documentation of your current income and expenses. To do so, include payment statements for work and other forms of income. The papers you send must show the name of the person who received the income, the date it was received, how much was received, and how often it was received.

4. How do I get reimbursed for meals served to my own children? You are required by law to complete this form if you wish to claim meals served to your own children. Even if you live in an area identified as one of economic need, or you have already been classified as a tier I home, you must complete this form. Our office may verify the income information you submit.

5. If I do not live in an area of economic need or don't want to submit the Income Eligibility Application, what are my options for reimbursement? You will receive lower rates of reimbursement for meals served to children enrolled in your family day care home.

6. Will the information I give be verified? Maybe. We may ask you to send written proof to verify the information you submitted on the form. What if I disagree with the decision about the information I complete on this form? You should talk to your sponsoring organization.

7. Who should I include as members of my household? You must include everyone in your household (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends who live with you) who shares income and expenses. You must include yourself and all children who live with you.

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8. 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, you will receive a higher level of reimbursement. Once properly approved for free or reduced price benefits, whether through income or proof of benefits as supported by a current Food Assistance (formerly Food Stamp), Ohio Works First, or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number, you will remain eligible for those benefits for a period not to exceed 12 months. You should, however, notify us if you or someone in your household becomes unemployed and the loss of income during the period of unemployment causes your household income to be within the eligibility standards.

9. 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.

10. What if I have foster children? Foster children are eligible for free meals regardless of their personal or the income of the household with whom they reside. Households wishing to apply for such benefits for foster children should contact **your local Children's Services Bureau, or contact Child Care Connection for additional information at 1-800-407-5437.** Additionally foster children may be included as members of the household for determining the eligibility of other children in the household for free and reduced priced meals.

11. We are in the military. Do we include our housing allowance 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 **Child Care Connection at 1-800-407-5437**

Sincerely,

Leann Riley, CACFP Specialist
Teresa Moe, CACFP Specialist, Family Child Care Coordinator

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FY2012 Ohio CACFP Family Child Care Household Letter

Dear Parent/Guardian:

This letter is intended for parents or guardians of children enrolled at a family day care home. Your family child care provider offers healthy meals to all enrolled children as part of their 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 Income Eligibility Application.

1. Am I required to complete an Income Eligibility Application in order for my child(ren) to receive CACFP Benefits? **No**, but if you choose to do so, your provider may receive a higher reimbursement for the meals served to your child.

If you do complete the form, you have the option of returning it directly to your Provider or to the Provider's Sponsor, **Child Care Connection**. If you would like to send your form directly to the provider's CACFP sponsor, return the completed form to:

Child Care Connection
703 S. Main Street, Suite 211
Akron, Ohio 44311 Attn. CACFP

___ Initial here if you consent to allowing your **family child care provider** to collect your form and provide it to the Sponsor. **Your family child care provider** will not review your form.

2. Do I need to fill out Income Eligibility Application for each of my children in day care?

You may complete and submit one CACFP Income Eligibility Application for all children enrolled in child care in your household **only** if the children in child care are enrolled in the same home. We cannot approve a form that is not complete, so be sure to read the instructions carefully and fill out all required information.

3. Who qualifies for the higher reimbursement without providing income information?

Your provider will receive a higher reimbursement for meals served to foster children and children in households getting Food Assistance Program (formerly Food Stamps), Ohio Works First (OWF), or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) benefits. Children in households participating in WIC also qualify for the higher reimbursement.

4. Who qualifies for the higher reimbursement based on income? Your provider may receive a higher reimbursement for the meals served to your children if your household income is within the reduced price limits on the Federal Income Chart, shown on this application. Children in households participating in WIC are eligible for the higher reimbursement.

5. 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 day care home.

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7. 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 family day care home will receive a higher level of reimbursement. Once properly approved for the higher reimbursement rate, whether through income or by providing a current Food Assistance, OWF, FDPIR, or WIC case number, you will remain eligible for those benefits for 12 months. You should, however, notify us if you or someone in your household becomes unemployed and the loss of income unemployment causes your household income to be within the eligibility standards.

8. 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.

9. What if I have foster children? Foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court automatically qualify for the higher reimbursement. Any foster child in the household qualifies regardless of income. Households may include foster children on the Income Eligibility Application, 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 **your local Children's Services Bureau, or you may contact Child Care Connection for additional information at 1-800-407-5437.**

10. 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.

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**OHIO CHILD AND ADULT FOOD CARE FOOD PROGRAM: FAMILY CHILD CARE COMPONENT
INCOME ELIGIBILITY APPLICATION FOR FREE AND REDUCED-PRICED MEALS - FY2012**

Income eligibility information on this application may be disclosed to other Child Nutrition Programs or applicable enforcement agencies. Parents/guardians are not required to consent to this disclosure and their decision will not affect their children's eligibility for free and reduced-price meals. **Forms must be updated annually and are valid for only 12 months.**

PART 1 - CHECK Application Type:

- 1. Provider requesting Tier I status by application (May only qualify through Food Assistance, Ohio Works First (OWF) or Income. **PROOF OF INCOME IS REQUIRED** to qualify as a Tier I provider by this application.)
- 2. Provider is requesting meals for own/residential children *enrolled* for childcare. (May only qualify through Food Assistance, OWF or Income.)
- 3. Provider or Parent requesting meals for foster child. In certain cases, foster children are eligible for free and reduced-price meals regardless of household income.
- 4. Parent requesting child meals with family child care provider: (May qualify through Food Assistance, OWF, WIC, Healthy Start or Income.)

Write the name of your child care provider here: _____

PART 2 - CHILD INFORMATION: Print information below for all children whose meals will be claimed on the CACFP.

BENEFIT INFORMATION: Enter the benefit program from PART 1 that automatically qualifies a child for Tier I meals. Enter the NAME and CASE or ID Number.

PRINT INFORMATION FOR ALL CHILDREN ENROLLED IN CARE			CHECK IF A FOSTER CHILD (the legal responsibility of a welfare agency or court)	LIST EACH CHILD'S FOOD ASSISTANCE OR OWF CASE NUMBER, IF ANY. A VALID CASE NUMBER CONTAINS 10 OR 12 DIGITS. USE SWIPE CARD NUMBER. DO NOT
* NAME OF ENROLLED CHILD(REN)	* AGE	* BIRTH DATE		Circle type of benefit: FOOD ASSISTANCE or OWF
1.			<input type="checkbox"/>	CASE NUMBER: _____
2.			<input type="checkbox"/>	CASE NUMBER: _____
3.			<input type="checkbox"/>	CASE NUMBER: _____
4.			<input type="checkbox"/>	CASE NUMBER: _____

PART 3 - TOTAL HOUSEHOLD SIZE AND TOTAL HOUSEHOLD GROSS INCOME: List names of all household members. List all gross income: list how much and how often. If Part 2 is completed, skip to Part 4.

a. LIST NAMES OF ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS INCLUDING CHILDREN LISTED ABOVE IN PART 1	b. CHECK IF NO/ZERO INCOME	c. GROSS INCOME during the last month (amount earned before taxes & other deductions) and HOW OFTEN IT WAS RECEIVED: Weekly, Every 2 Weeks, Twice a Month, Monthly, Yearly			
		1. Earnings from work before deductions	2. Welfare payments, child support, alimony	3. Pensions, retirement, Social Security, SSI, VA	4. All Other Income
1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____
2.	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____
3.	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____
4.	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____
5.	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____

PART 4 - SIGNATURE AND SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: Adult household member must sign form. If Part 3 is completed, the adult signing the form must also list last 4 digits of his or her Social Security Number or check the "I do not have a Social Security Number" box. I certify that all information on this form is true and correct and that all income is reported. I understand that the center will get Federal Funds based on the information. I understand that CACFP officials may verify the information. I understand that if I purposely give false information, I may be prosecuted.

* _____ SIGNATURE OF ADULT HOUSEHOLD MEMBER	* _____ DATE	If Part 3 is completed, insert last 4 digits of Social Security Number <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> (check if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> I do not have a Social Security Number
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Print Name: _____	Daytime Phone Number: _____	Work Phone Number: _____
Street / Apt: _____	City / State / Zip: _____	County: _____

PART 5: RACIAL/ETHNIC IDENTITY (Optional): Please check appropriate boxes to identify the race or ethnicity of enrolled child(ren)

<input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native	<input type="checkbox"/> Asian	<input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American
<input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	<input type="checkbox"/> White	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

Please mark one ethnic identity: Hispanic or La Not Hispanic Latino

Privacy Act Statement: The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not, we cannot approve the participant for free or reduced price meals. You must include the last four digits of the Social Security Number of the adult household member who signs the application. The Social Security Number is not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number for the participant or other (FDPIR) identifier or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a Social Security Number. We will use your information to determine if the participant is eligible for free or reduced price meals, and for administration and enforcement of the Program.

State Distribution: Week of 6/27/2011

-----SPONSOR MUST COMPLETE THIS SECTION-----

Zero Income Temporary Free Approval	Provider Tier I	Residential Child	Child Tier I	Total Household Income \$ _____	Signature of Official _____	Date _____
Until: _____	Approved <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Must be reviewed again in 45 days.	Denied <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Total Household Size _____		

EXPIRATION DATE OF FORM

FREE & LOW – COST HEALTH CARE

Families with children eligible for school meals may be eligible for free & low - cost health coverage through Healthy Start & Healthy Families. If you are interested in information from Healthy Start & Healthy Families call 1-800-324-8680 or contact the web site at: www.state.oh.us/odjfs/ohp/bcps/hshf/index.stm Note: If you have an Ohio Medicaid Card, you are already getting this coverage.

HOW TO COMPLETE THE OHIO CACFP FAMILY CHILD CARE INCOME ELIGIBILITY APPLICATION

1. PART 1 – Mark the box that applies in PART 1. If marking box 4, enter the home care provider's name in the space.

2. PART 2 – Enter the names of all children who will be claimed for meal reimbursement. If you are receiving benefits from programs such as Food Assistance or Ohio Works First (OWF) enter the case number. PARENTS checking # 4 in Part 1 and qualifying through other categorically eligible benefit programs (WIC, Healthy Start), enter the name for the benefit program and the case or identification number. The Family Child Care Sponsoring Organization may request additional documentation to verify participation.

3. PART 3 - Complete this part only if benefit name and case number in PART 2 are blank. Enter the names of all household members. A household is defined as a group of related or unrelated individuals who are living as one economic unit that share housing and/or significant income and expenses of its members. Income is any money received on a recurring basis, including gross earned income. Enter the gross income (amount before taxes are taken out) for the past month for each person with income. Monthly Income Conversion: Weekly x 52, Every 2 weeks x 26, Twice a Month x 24. Proof of income is required for Providers qualifying for Tier I by application (attach the documents that support the income entries).

4. PART 5 – A household member (provider, when using income to determine Tier eligibility, parent or guardian) must sign and date the form. If PART 3 is completed, the last 4 digits of your social security number must be entered. If the adult does not have a social security number, check the box that indicates they do not have one. If a valid Food Assistance or OWF case number or other eligible state identified benefit program and case or identification number is listed in Part 2, a social security number is not required. Enter the address and phone number information. **REMEMBER To SIGN AND DATE THE FORM.**

5. PART 6 – Complete the racial/ethnic, check the appropriate box. Parents/guardians are not required to complete this section.

REDUCED INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES – 185%

Guidelines to be effective from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012

Households with incomes less than or equal to the reduced price values below are eligible for free or reduced-price meal benefits.

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	YEAR	MONTH	TWICE PER MONTH	EVERY TWO WEEKS	WEEK
1	20,147	1,679	840	775	388
2	27,214	2,268	1,134	1,047	524
3	34,281	2,857	1,429	1,319	660
4	41,348	3,446	1,723	1,591	796
5	48,415	4,035	2,018	1,863	932
6	55,482	4,624	2,312	2,134	1,067
7	62,549	5,213	2,607	2,406	1,203
8	69,616	5,802	2,901	2,678	1,339
For each additional family member, add	7,067	589	295	272	136