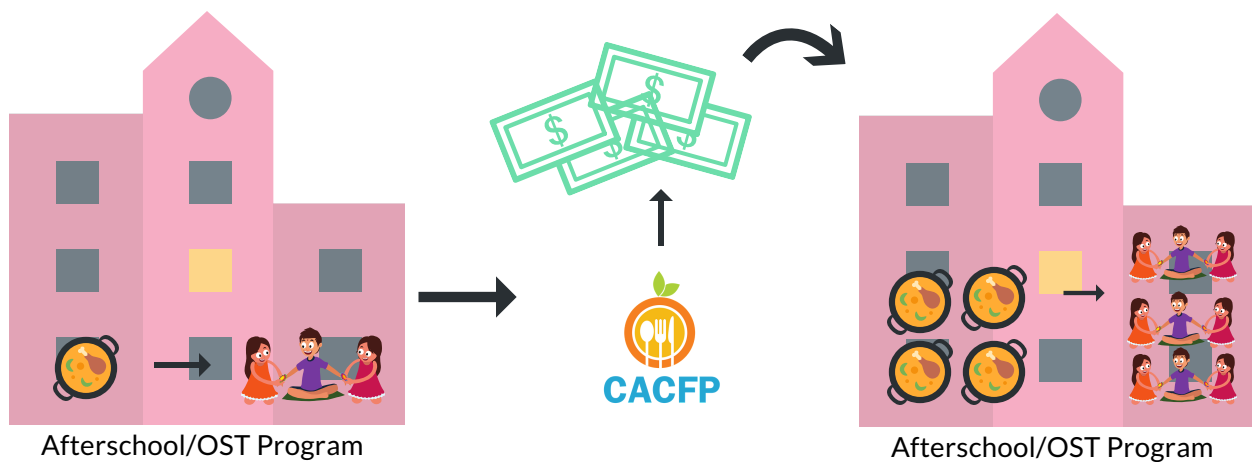


BRING FREE MEALS TO YOUR OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME PROGRAM

Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP): A Starting Guide for Out-of-School Time (OST) Programs Interested in Administering At-Risk Meals

What is the At-Risk Component of CACFP?

The At-Risk Component of the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) offers federal funding to Afterschool and other OST programs that serve a meal and/or snack to children in low-income areas. With the potential for 100% reimbursements on meals/snacks served, programs are given the potential to grow. This in turn translates into programs being able to serve more food to more hungry children.



Program Eligibility

- Program must be organized in order to provide structured learning/enrichment services to children afterschool OR on weekends, holidays, and breaks during the regular school year.
- Program must be located in an attendance area of a school where AT LEAST 50% or more of children are eligible for free/reduced price meals.
- Activities accepted: Arts & crafts, homework assistance, life skills, etc.

Organization Eligibility

- Once found that the program is eligible, the afterschool/OST program **MUST** also be operated by an eligible organization.
- Eligible organizations must meet state and/or local licensing/health and safety standards.

Participant Eligibility

- Children partaking in programs must be 18 years of age or under at the **START** of the academic school year (youth can turn 19 during school year and still participate in At-Risk Meals programs).
- **SIDE NOTE:** Legally cannot ask a person's age.

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