



# Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD)

Child Nutrition Programs



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## CYFD Administers two Food and Nutrition Programs:

- Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)
- Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)

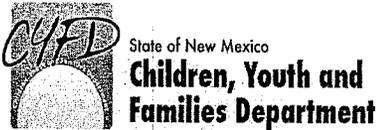


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## CACFP:

- The CACFP is administered by the Early Childhood Services Division's Family Nutrition Bureau (FNB) through agreements with community-based organizations;
- Provides reimbursement to childcare providers for nutritious meals and snacks served to primarily low-income children in child care settings. Such settings include child care centers, head start programs, family child care homes, after school programs and emergency shelters. 100% federally funded;
- The CACFP program serves meals and snacks to approximately 37,000 children on a daily basis in child care centers and homes throughout NM, which results in approximately 1.6 million meals per month.
- Current participation rate is approximately 85% for child care centers and 97% for registered homes;



## SFSP:

- The Early Childhood Services Division's Family Nutrition Bureau (FNB) also administers the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP), which provides nutritious meals to children during the summer when school is not in session;
- SFSP is administered through agreements with local nonprofit sponsoring agencies, local government agencies, school food authorities and other eligible institutions. The SFSP is also 100% federally funded.
- The SFSP served just over 2 million meals in 2014 and 37% of the eligible population. This accomplishment ranks New Mexico second to only Washington D.C. in SFSP delivery success according to the June 2015, Food Research & Action Center (FRAC), Summer Nutrition Status report.



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## CYFD's Thoughts/Concerns:

- The premise of SM093 is that combining all food and nutrition programs into one state agency will reduce bureaucratic barriers to these programs and result in more children/families being able to access them.
- CYFD acknowledges differences within rules that govern the various food and nutrition programs, however, feels compelled to note that many of the differences exist due to varying USDA regulations, and therefore will not be solved by combining all food and nutrition programs into one state department. For instance;
  - CACFP has a restriction on the type of milk served in order to qualify the meal for reimbursement (skim milk) and SFSP does not have a fat content restriction regarding milk;
  - Meal reimbursement rates differ depending on program;



## CYFD's Thoughts/Concerns Continued:

- Considering CYFD's success noted above with respect to the CACFP and SFSP the Department would have great concern that combining all food and nutrition programs could result in the opposite effect by creating administrative confusion and therefore reducing the effectiveness of the CACFP and SFSP;
- CYFD believes that having the CACFP within CYFD makes sense due to the close connection and working relationships between our licensing and registration authorities and the CACFP staff;
- Research shows that child care providers who participate in the CACFP have a greater chance of success and program sustainability than those who do not participate. CYFD would be concerned that separating CACFP from CYFD could create an unintended consequence of making the system more difficult to maneuver through for child care providers and, if not well thought out, the result could be a more fragile and less sustainable child care infrastructure;



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## CYFD's Thoughts/Concerns Continued:

- CYFD recently completed the development of CACFP within the new EPICS Service Delivery system and began planning phase of SFSP development July 1, 2015;
  - Separation of the CACFP and SFSP from CYFD would result in the system development investment being considered a loss.