



HOW DOES YOUR CENTER QUALIFY?

- You must be licensed with a federal, state or local licensing authority
- A minimum of 25% of the children enrolled in your center must qualify free or reduced meals (Note: We will help you qualify your families. A family of 4 making \$51,338 or less would qualify toward your 25%).
- You must be one of the following:
 - A public agency
 - Private non-profit organization (must have a tax-exempt status (501(c)(3))
 - Private for-profit organization meeting the 25% qualification
 - Private for-profit accepting School Readiness benefits for at least 25% of enrollment or 25% of licensed capacity, whichever is less



HOW DO YOU SIGN UP TO PARTICIPATE UNDER CORNERSTONE'S SPONSORSHIP OF THE CCFP?

Finding out if you qualify to participate is easy, and we are here to guide you every step of the way. Go to the link below to apply now!

www.cornerstonefamilyministries.org/ccfp enrollment



FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT HOW YOU CAN HELP US HELP YOU CONNECT MORE CHILDREN TO NUTRITIOUS FOOD, PLEASE CONTACT JENNIFER AT:

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WHO IS CORNERSTONE FAMILY MINISTRIES?

Cornerstone Family Ministries is a 501(c)(3) Non-profit organization that has been serving the Tampa Bay Area since 1892. Our mission is to *nourish young bodies, develop young minds and foster hope through Christ... one child at a time.* We work with over 150 childcare centers each year and serve nearly 15,000 children. We love working with Child Care Center Owners and Directors and making sure that every child has access to nutritious food.

WHAT IS THE CHILD CARE FOOD PROGRAM (CCFP)?

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) established the Child Care Food Program (CCFP), in 1968 in response to the need to provide adequate nutrition to a growing number of children in day care. The goal of the CCFP is to see that well-balanced meals are served and that good eating habits are taught in childcare settings. The CCFP provides supplemental reimbursement for nutritious meals and snacks served to all children in qualifying licensed centers. The CCFP is administered in Florida by the Department of Health, Bureau of Child Care Food Programs. The USDA provides funding for the program.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF THE CCFP FOR YOUR CHILD CARE CENTER?

The CCFP supplements the cost for qualifying Child Care Centers and Child Care Homes for “serving” up to two nutritious meals and one snack to all children (including infants) in their care.



WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF BEING SPONSORED BY CORNERSTONE?

- Expedited enrollment in the CCFP.
- All children receive nutritious meals.
- Reimbursement for every nutritious meal served, without the liability of a direct contract with the Florida Department of Health.
- Initial training and technical assistance provided to center staff for the program.
- Food and nutrition training to center staff for in-service credit at no cost to the center.
- Approved menus that take the worry out of menu planning.
- Assistance contracting an approved caterer (if needed).



ADDED BENEFITS OF BEING SPONSORED BY CORNERSTONE

In addition to all of the benefits of being a Cornerstone sponsored CCFP site, because Cornerstone Family Ministries is a ministry, we also provide the following FREE added benefits to all of our sponsored centers :



Cornerstone's Garden Movement

FREE Garden to Table Nutrition Education for Children and Teachers. These sessions are offered on-site at your location or as a field trip to our Community Garden classroom. In addition, you will have access to a scholarship to start your own garden box program at your center!



Cornerstone's Literacy Outreach

Book collections that provide books to your center.



Cornerstone's Care Packages for Kids

Weekend care packages of nutritious food and nutrition information for parents.



Other Shared Materials and Resources

that are solicited by and donated to Cornerstone for the Child Care Centers we sponsor.