

What is the Alaska Family Child Care Food Program?

The Alaska Family Child Care Food Program is a federally funded program that reimburses Licensed or Approved family child care providers for healthy meals served to the children in their care. As such, we provide assistance and training to insure childcare providers serve well-balanced meals and snacks in their child care programs. These services are provided FREE of charge to you and in most cases, the training hours provided by the food program can transfer over towards training hours required by licensing. Top reasons providers join the Alaska Family Child Care Food Program are:

- Being able to offer more nutritious meals to the children in their care.
- Net working with other providers and establishing referrals.
- Training hours at no cost.
- Receive free resources such as yearly record keeping systems and planning calendars, along with monthly bulletins and recipes.
- Be reimbursed for meals served, and in some cases, if the provider is income eligible, claim their own children for reimbursement as well.

Requirements to Participate

- Licensed or Approved
- Providing care for at least one non-residential child age birth to 12 years.
- Within capacity as stated on License or Approval.
- Schedule a pre-approval in-home orientation/sign up.
- Have parents of the children in your facility complete an enrollment form to enroll their children on the Food Program for meals served at your child care home.
- Complete menus, meal counts and attendance records on a **daily basis** and submit monthly.
- Serve meals that meet USDA requirements.