

**MEDIA RELEASE**

**Georgia's Child and Adult Care Food Program**

Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning announces the availability of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) funded Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) at approved facilities throughout the State of Georgia. Child care centers, adult care centers, Head Start programs and before and after school care programs may participate as either pricing or non-pricing programs. In pricing programs the same meals will be available at a free or reduced price to participants meeting the approved eligibility criteria listed below. In non-pricing programs, all emergency shelters, and all family day care homes, meals will be available at no separate charge.

The USDA, Food and Nutrition Services, Child Nutrition Programs – Income Eligibility Guidelines for Free and Reduced-Price Meals are used to determine each participant's eligibility for free and reduced-price meals in this program. Child participants who are members of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) units or food stamp or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) households are automatically eligible to receive free meal benefits. Adult participants who are members of food stamp or FDPIR households or who are on Social Security Income (SSI) or Medicaid status participants are automatically eligible to receive free meal benefits.

The CACFP will be provided without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. Any person who believes that he or she has been discriminated against should write immediately to: USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call (800) 795-3272 or (202) 720-6382 (TTY). To find a CACFP facility or a sponsor of CACFP facilities go to the Bright from the Start website at [www.dec.state.ga.us](http://www.dec.state.ga.us). A search function by zip code or county name under the Nutrition Services area of this website will list all local facilities and sponsors, providing their names, addresses/maps, contact persons, and phone numbers.

**INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES  
(Effective from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008)**

Household size	Free Meals					Reduced Price Meals				
	Annually	Monthly	Twice A Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly	Annually	Monthly	Twice A Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1 .....	13,273	1,107	554	511	256	18,889	1,575	788	727	364
2 .....	17,797	1,484	742	685	343	25,327	2,111	1,056	975	488
3 .....	22,321	1,861	931	859	430	31,765	2,648	1,324	1,222	611
4 .....	26,845	2,238	1,119	1,033	517	38,203	3,184	1,592	1,470	735
5 .....	31,369	2,615	1,308	1,207	604	44,641	3,721	1,861	1,717	859
6 .....	35,893	2,992	1,496	1,381	691	51,079	4,257	2,129	1,965	983
7 .....	40,417	3,369	1,685	1,555	778	57,517	4,794	2,397	2,213	1,107
8 .....	44,941	3,746	1,873	1,729	865	63,955	5,330	2,665	2,460	1,230
For each additional family member add	+ 4,524	+ 377	+ 189	+ 174	+ 87	+ 6,438	+ 537	+ 269	+ 248	+ 124