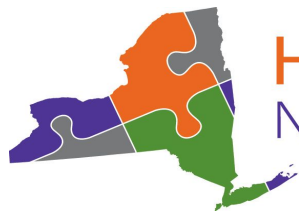




Nourish Students Beyond the School Day with  
**CACFP Afterschool Meals & Snacks**



**HUNGER SOLUTIONS**  
NEW YORK UNITING POLICIES AND  
PROGRAMS TO END HUNGER

# Today's Agenda

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- CN in NYS
- CACFP Overview
- Panel Discussion
- Q + A
- Action Steps
- Additional Resources



**GET HELP FEEDING KIDS**

# CACFP

lowers food costs for  
afterschool programs  
& child care providers!

# Hunger Solutions New York is a statewide anti-hunger organization.

We increase **awareness** of, **support** for, and **participation** in federal nutrition assistance programs.

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)
- National School Lunch Program (NSLP) & School Breakfast Program (SBP), and Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)
- Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)
- Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)
- Summer EBT

# Child Nutrition in NYS

Hunger is on the rise. **1 in 5 children experience food insecurity.**

Trusted messengers can help spread the word to eligible families:

- [SNAP Outreach Toolkit for Schools and Community Partners](#)
- [Summer Food Resources Toolkit](#)
- [WIC Resource Center](#)

Download graphics, captions, and more to incorporate outreach information into **existing communication channels.**

**SNAP helps families buy food.**



SNAP provides monthly benefits to buy food at grocery stores and farmers markets. SNAP helps families stretch their food budget so kids get the nutrition they need to learn and grow.

**With SNAP:**

- Your family can buy more food at the grocery store
- Your school gets more funding that benefits students

**Visit [SNAPHelpNY.org](https://SNAPHelpNY.org) to see if you may be eligible!**

Answer just a few questions. In less than five minutes, you can see if you may be eligible and learn how to apply for SNAP. We can even help you complete and submit your application. It is free and confidential.

You can apply for SNAP online at [myBenefits.ny.gov](https://myBenefits.ny.gov).



**Scan to see if you may be eligible for SNAP!**



[HungerSolutionsNY.org](https://HungerSolutionsNY.org)

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# The Child and Adult Care Food Program

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The Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP):

- Administered by **NYS Department of Health**.
- Available to eligible childcare centers, family day care home providers, and afterschool programs.
- Helps close the nutrition gap for children in care settings.
- Helps offset the costs of food served to children in care.



# Afterschool Meals in NYS

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CACFP Afterschool Meals are **underutilized across NY.**

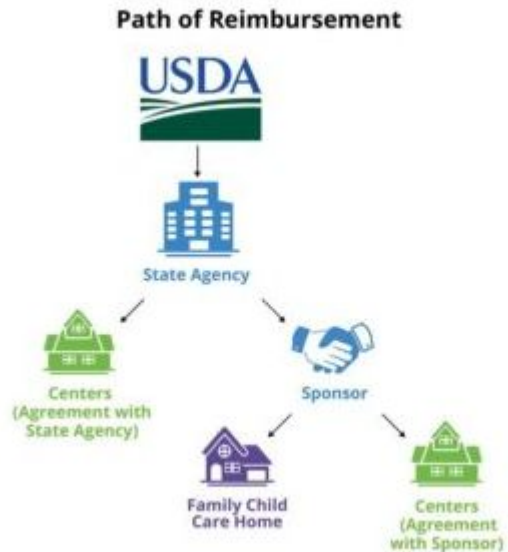
Fewer than **5 out of every 15** students receiving free or reduced-price lunch through NSLP received a supper through CACFP in 2024\*

Participation has **not returned** to pre pandemic levels.



Source: [\*FRAC. 2025 Afterschool Meals Report\*](#)

# CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Meals



- At-Risk Afterschool Supper/Snack offers nearly **4x reimbursement** rate of NSLP snacks alone.
- One component of CACFP.
- **Flexible** to meet the needs of programs.

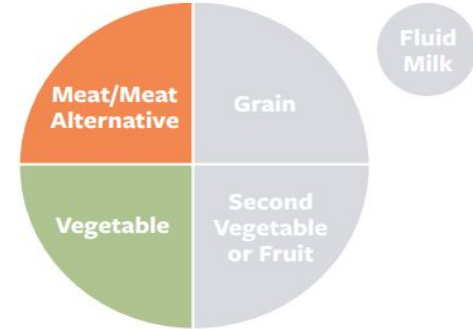
## To qualify, programs must:

- Be located in the enrollment area of a school where  $\geq 50\%$  of students qualify for F/RP school meals
- Provide organized, regularly scheduled **enrichment** activities
- Serve youth **18 and younger**

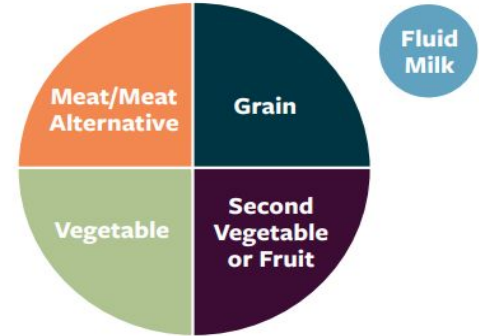
# Meal Patterns

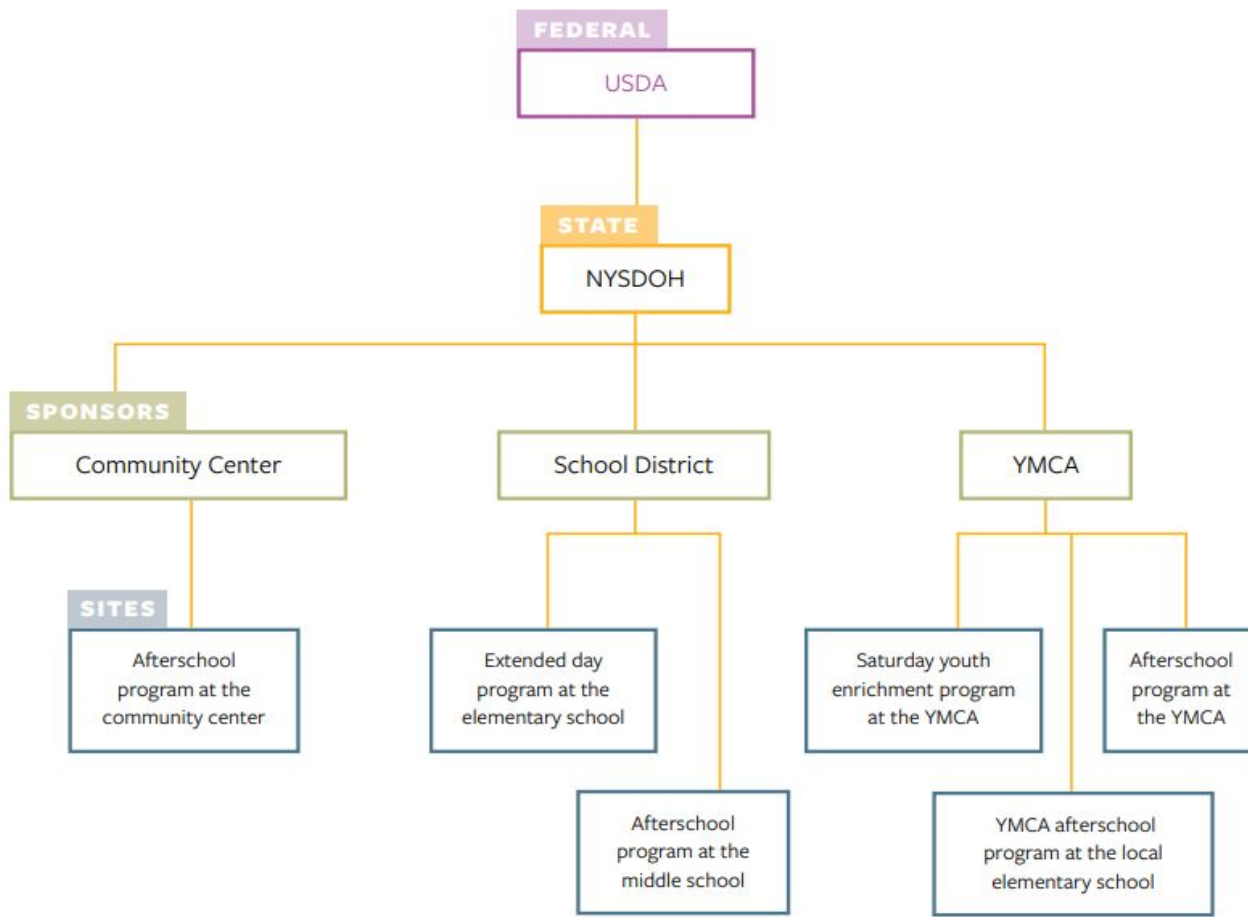
- Schools may choose to follow the NSLP or CACFP meal pattern.
- Afterschool meal programs at non-school building sites must follow CACFP meal pattern.
- Meals may be served on weekends, holidays, and breaks during the school year.

Snacks:



Meals:

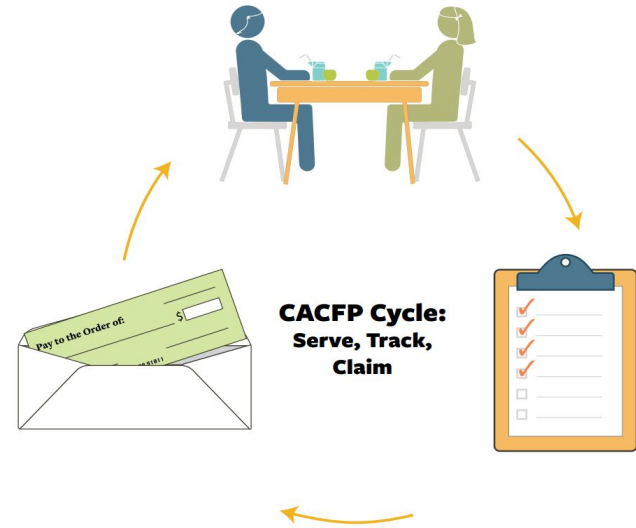




# How It Works

- Programs **serve meals**, **keep track of how many they are serving**, and **request reimbursement** on a monthly basis.
- Participating programs receive a per-meal/snack reimbursement, currently **\$4.60/supper** and **\$1.26/snack**.

Example Reimbursement 50 students x 180 days		
Meals	Snacks	Meals + Snacks
<b>\$41,400</b>	<b>\$11,340</b>	<b>\$52,740</b>



# Panel Discussion

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**Afterschool Meals Fuel Enrichment!**  
CACFP helps afterschool programs serve meals and snacks to kids.

# Take Action!

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- Visit [AfterschoolMealsNY.org](https://AfterschoolMealsNY.org)
- Have a conversation with key staff
- Connect with NYSDOH
- Plan for the application process
- Start small - pilot first and then expand
- Reach out for 1:1 assistance

**Fuel Afterschool  
Programs with  
Afterschool Meals!**



**CACFP** can help.

# Take Action!

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## Prescreen for Eligibility:

- [NYSDOH Prescreening Tool](#)

## Apply:

- Email [cacfp@health.ny.gov](mailto:cacfp@health.ny.gov) using the subject line “outreach coordinator”
- Call 1-800-942-3858 or (518) 402-7400

*Note: you can apply at any time of year, including over the summer*

## Learn more:

- Visit [AfterschoolMealsNY.org](http://AfterschoolMealsNY.org)
- Email [Kayla.Snyder@HungerSolutionsNY.org](mailto:Kayla.Snyder@HungerSolutionsNY.org)

# Additional CACFP Resources

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- [NYSDOH CACFP Webpage](#)
- [NYSDOH CACFP Meal Pattern](#)
- [NYSDOH CACFP Crediting Handbook](#)
- [At-Risk Eligible Public Schools Outside NYC](#)
- [At-Risk Eligible Public Schools in NYC](#)
- [Child Nutrition Recipe Box](#)
- [CACFP Administrative Task Checklist](#)
- [Afterschool & Childcare Nutrition Programs](#)

# Thank you!

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