Child and Adult Care Food Program Public Media Release
Child Care Center—Nonpricing Program

Merced College Child Development Center announces participation in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). The CACFP is available without charge to all enrolled children at the following location(s):

Center Address: 3600 M St

City: Merced Zip Code: 95348

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Nondiscrimination Statement

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1. Mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
   Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
   1400 Independence Avenue, SW
   Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or

2. Fax: (833) 256-1665 or 202-690-7442; or

3. Email: program.intake@usda.gov

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

For more information, contact:

Name: Lydia Padron, Program Director Phone: 209-386-6633

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Income Eligibility Scale

Effective from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

Centers Free Scale

Household size	Annual	Monthly	Twice per month	Every two weeks	Weekly
1	$20,748	$1,729	$865	$798	$399
2	$28,132	$2,345	$1,173	$1,082	$541
3	$35,516	$2,960	$1,480	$1,366	$683
4	$42,900	$3,575	$1,788	$1,650	$825
5	$50,284	$4,191	$2,096	$1,934	$967
6	$57,668	$4,806	$2,403	$2,218	$1,109
7	$65,052	$5,421	$2,711	$2,502	$1,251
8	$72,436	$6,037	$3,019	$2,786	$1,393
For each additional family member, add	$7,384	$616	$308	$284	$142

Centers Reduced-price Scale

Household size	Annual	Monthly	Twice per month	Every two weeks	Weekly
1	$29,526	$2,461	$1,231	$1,136	$568
2	$40,034	$3,337	$1,669	$1,540	$770
3	$50,542	$4,212	$2,106	$1,944	$972
4	$61,050	$5,088	$2,544	$2,349	$1,175
5	$71,558	$5,964	$2,982	$2,753	$1,377
6	$82,066	$6,839	$3,420	$3,157	$1,579
7	$92,574	$7,715	$3,858	$3,561	$1,781
8	$103,082	$8,591	$4,296	$3,965	$1,983
For each additional family member, add	$10,508	$876	$438	$405	$203

A household of one means a child who is their sole support. Foster children are one-member households only if the welfare or the placement agency maintains legal responsibility for the child. Household is synonymous with family and means a group of related or unrelated individuals who are not residents of an institution or boarding house, but who are living as one economic unit sharing housing and all significant income and expenses.

This scale does not apply to households that receive Food Stamps (known as CalFresh in California), California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWorks), or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations. Those children are automatically eligible for free meal benefits.

Public Media Release Information and Instructions

All independent centers and center sponsors must issue a public release to the media in their service areas within 30 days of approval announcing the availability of the CACFP in their center(s). This release must include:

- Name and address of each center that is participating in the CACFP.
- A statement that the center does not discriminate against any person because of race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, or age.

Centers and center sponsors are **not required to pay** for this public notice. The media (i.e., newspapers, magazines, and radio and television stations serving the area) often provide a portion of free space for public service announcements. Whether or not the media uses the public release, your responsibility has been fulfilled when the release is sent to the media.

You must submit documentation of your efforts to publicize the program to the California Department of Social Services and have it available for audit or administrative review. The documentation requirement includes a cover letter such as the sample below:

(Date of Mailing)

Dear (Public Media—Name of newspaper, radio station, etc.):

The (Name of Center) participates in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Child and Adult Care Food Program. To ensure access to the program by children within our community, we are required to notify the media in our service areas of our participation in the program.

Attached is our public announcement of participation. Please use this information as a free public service announcement.

Thank you for your assistance in serving the children of our community.

Sincerely,

(Child Care Center)