

Benefits of Vibrant Futures Child and Adult Care Food Program

1. **Reimbursement for Meals** - The Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) assists Licensed Child Care Providers and License-Exempt Related Child Care Providers plan, serve, and help pay for nutritious meals/snacks for children in care. All food programs reimburse the same rate set by the United States Department of Agriculture.
2. **Calendar Keeper** – Given to participating providers yearly. It is a useful tool to help organize your business.
3. **FREE Conference** - The Child and Adult Care Food Program invites you to participate in the annual Vibrant Futures Early Childhood Conference at NO cost to you.
4. **On-line Claiming, Menu Mate (Codes), or Paper Menus** - Three quick, convenient, and easy ways to record meals and snacks.
5. **Postage** – Each month, those providers who mail in a menu are given postage with their reimbursement check to assist in sending in next month's menu(s).
6. **Training Opportunities** – Vibrant Futures offers a variety of online, classroom and correspondence classes. Go to www.vibrant-futures.org for a complete listing.
7. **Training Vouchers** – Given yearly and are worth a total of \$15.00 towards education classes at Vibrant Futures. They can also be used for our CPR/First Aid Training.
8. **Promoting Perfect Menus Program** – When you send in an error free menu, you will receive a Perfect Menu Certificate that can be saved and turned in for a choice of items, including Training Vouchers.
9. **Promotional Items** – CACFP Specialists offer various food gadgets for you to help prepare meals. Food related books are also given to encourage healthy eating and physical activity with kids.
10. **Recruitment Referral** - You will receive a \$5.00 Training Voucher and book as a thank you from us if you refer a provider to our program.
11. **Yearly Tiering** - To receive your maximum reimbursement rate, we will review your Tier status yearly.
12. **One Stop Shopping** - We check your menus in the same office as we work. We are readily available to answer any questions you have.
13. **Provider Referral Service** - Child Care Referral Services available for both parents and providers @ www.greatstarttoquality.org or 1-877-614-7328.
14. **Informative** - Information on nutrition, recipes, upcoming events, activities for children, child management, etc., is offered regularly through our website and emails. Educational materials and information packets are also given on home visits related to nutrition and meal planning.
15. **Free Prescription Card** - Get The Medicine (GTM) is a free prescription discount card that can be used at many pharmacies to receive an extra savings on prescription costs. GTM can be used if you have no insurance or if your insurance does not cover a prescription.
16. **Help with Menus** - We promptly inform you of any errors you've made on your menus to guarantee maximum reimbursement.
17. **Great Staff** – Committed and caring staff who will provide assistance with the CACFP as well as other child care related issues.
18. **Exceptional Service** - Prompt, helpful, and friendly service.
19. **Payments**-On time and accurate. Direct Deposit is an available form of payment for your monthly reimbursement instead of a paper check.

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