Florida Department of Health

Child Care Food Program

NEWS RELEASE

(for non-pricing programs)

<u>For The Children Inc.</u> announces its intent to participate in _{the}U.S. Department of Agriculture's Child Care Food Program, which is a federally funded program that reimburses child care providers for serving nutritious meals and snacks to enrolled, eligible children. Meals will be available at no separate charge to all participants enrolled at the center(s) listed below, regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. Name of Center(s) Full Address of Center(s)

(Street Address, City, State, Zip)

Parents/guardians of children eligible for free and reduced-price meals must complete an application. Eligibility information includes the names of all household members; income of each household member or household member's Food Assistance Program (formerly known as the Food Stamp Program) case number or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) case number; signature of an adult household member; and, if the application includes income information, the last four digits of the social security number (SSN) of the adult household member signing the application or an indication that this adult does not have a SSN.

Children who are members of households receiving Food Assistance Program or TANF benefits, children enrolled in Head Start or Early Head Start, and foster children are automatically eligible to receive free meal benefits with appropriate documentation.

Children from families whose income is at or below the levels shown on the chart below are eligible for free or reducedprice meals. The policy statement for free and reduced-price meals is on file at the child care center(s) and may be reviewed by any interested party.

Household Size	Free Meals			Reduced-Price Meals		
	Annual	Monthly	Weekly	Annual	Monthly	Weekly
1	16,744	1,396	322	23,828	1,986	459
2	22,646	1,888	436	32,227	2,686	620
3	28,548	2,379	549	40,626	3,386	782
4	34,450	2,871	663	49,025	4,086	943
5	40,352	3,363	776	57,424	4,786	1,105
6	46,254	3,855	890	65,823	5,486	1,266
7	52,156	4,347	1,003	74,222	6,186	1,428
8	58,058	4,839	1,117	82,621	6,886	1,589
For each add'l member, add:	+5,902	+492	+114	+8,399	+700	+162

Income Eligibility Guidelines (Effective July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022)

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- mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
- (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or
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