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STATE OFFICE OF SPECIAL NUTRITION ANNOUNCES CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM

ST. THOMAS, USVI—The Virgin Islands Department of Education, State Office of Special Nutrition Programs announces the availability of the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) in accordance with federal civil rights laws and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies.

The Child and Adult Care Food Program provides aid to child and adult care institutions and sponsors for the provision of nutritious foods that contribute to the wellness, healthy growth, and development of young children; and the health and wellness of older adults and chronically impaired disabled persons.

CACFP participants, except for At-Risk Afterschool Centers and Emergency Shelters, are reimbursed for each meal served according to predetermined USDA reimbursement rates based on the income levels of the families served by the Program.

The charts below contain the income guidelines and reimbursement rates that will be used to determine funding from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.

The institutions and organizations that are eligible to apply for the assistance provided by this Program are:

- Child Care Centers (Independent or sponsored: Public or Private Non-Profit Centers; For-Profit Centers; Outside School-Hours Care Centers; and Head Start Programs)
- Family Day Care Homes
- Faith-Based Community Organizations
- At-Risk Afterschool Care Centers
- Emergency Shelters

• Adult Day Care Centers

For additional information regarding benefits, eligibility, contact Virgin Islands Department of Education, State Office of Special Nutrition Programs:

St. Thomas-St. John:	Antonio Jarvis Annex St. Thomas, VI 1834 Kongens Gade, St. Thomas (340) 774-0100 ext. 2812
St. Croix:	2133 Hospital Street

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INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES:

	FREE MEALS				REDUCED PRICE MEALS					
FAMILY SIZE	ANNUAL	MONTHLY	TWICE PER MONTH	EVERY TWO WEEKS	WEEKLY	ANNUAL	MONTHLY	TWICE PER MONTH	EVERY TWO WEEKS	WEEKLY
1	15,782	1,316	658	607	304	22459	1,872	936	864	432
2	21,398	1,784	892	823	412	30,451	2,538	1,269	1,172	586
3	27,014	2,252	1,126	1,039	520	38,443	3,204	1,602	1,479	740
4	32,630	2,720	1,360	1,255	682	46,435	3,870	1,935	1,786	893
5	38,246	3,188	1,594	1,471	736	54,427	4,536	2,268	2,094	1,047
6	43,862	3,656	1,828	1,687	844	62,419	5,202	2,601	2,401	1,201
7	49,478	4,124	2,062	1,903	952	70,411	5,868	2,934	2,709	1,355
8	55,094	4,592	2,296	2,119	1,060	78,403	6,534	3,267	3,016	1,508
For each add'l family member, add	+5,616	+468	234	216	+108	+7,992	+666	333	308	+154

REIMBURSEMENT RATES:

Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)

[Per meal rates in whole or fractions of U.S. dollars, effective from July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019]

Centers	Breakfast	Lunch and supper ¹	Supplement
PAID	0.31	0.31	0.08
REDUCED PRICE	1.49	2.91	0.45
FREE	1.79	3.31	0.91
At-Risk Afterschool			
FREE		3.31	0.91

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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
- (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

St. Thomas-St. John District

SPONSOR'S NAME AND ADDRESS

Angels of Love

#8-7th Street Sugar Estate

#20 Norre Gade

Angels of Love Early Learning Center

#8 Sixth Street

Beyond Bright

32A & B Kronprindsens Gade

Building Blocks of Love

#8 2nd Street Sugar Estate

37-1 Estate Pearl

Christian Outreach Ministry

8C Adrian (St. John)

Department of Human Services Head Start

Knud Hansen Complex

Rosie's Angels Day Care

#27 Lindberg Bay

St. John Methodist Preschool

14E Estate Contant

Wesley Methodist Preschool

#147 Anna's Retreat

AT-RISK AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM

Angels of Love

#8-7th Street Sugar Estate

#20 Norre Gade

Rosie's Angels Day Care

#27 Lindberg Bay

St. Croix District

SPONSOR'S NAME AND ADDRESS

CAR-DS Enterprise, DBA La Petite

127-92 White Bay

Department of Human Services Head Start

#6179 Anna's Hope

Do-Re-Mi Day Care Group Home, Inc.

52 Estate Concordia (Frederiksted)

Little Kidz Klub

523 Strawberry Hill

Lutheran Social Services Early Head Start

#71 Estate Concordia

Watch Me Grow Academy, LLC

#199 Estate Barren Spot

Zion Christian Academy

37 New Castle Coakley

AT-RISK AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM

Helping Children Work

164 Grove Place

Do-Re-Mi Day Care Group Home, Inc.

52 Estate Concordia (Frederiksted)