

Welcome to The Learning Center!

Please use this checklist so your enrollment is complete. All forms must be received <u>prior</u> to enrollment.

Child's Name:	Age:	Birthdate:
Registration Form		
Enrollment Agreement for The Learnin	g Center	
☐ Enrollment Agreement for State of PA		
☐ All About Your Child Form		Downsta wheel
☐ Child Emergency Info & Consent Form	i -	Parents, please keep:
☐ Child Pick-Up Authorization		Parent Handbook
Child Health Report		Daycare Packing List
☐ Medication Log		Potty Training Tips
☐ Infant/Toddler Feeding Schedule		
☐ Diaper Cream Consent Form		
Sun Block Consent Form		
Emergency Plan Communication for Pa	arents/Guardi	ans
Receipt of Handbook		
○ CACFP Forms ○ Infant Enrollment Form (for child	dren under 12 m	onths)
 Standard Enrollment Form (regulation) 	uired for all child	ren)

Income Eligibility Form (required for all children)



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Registration Form \$60 registration fee due.

Parent/Guardian Information

Registration Date:
Mother/Guardian First Name: M.I Last Name:
Address:
Occupation: Home Phone: ()
Employed By: Office Phone: ()
Work Address: Work Hours:
Cell Phone: ()Cell Phone Carrier:(for texting purposes)
Email: Best way to reach:
Marital Status: [] Married [] Single [] Divorced [] Separated [] Widowed [] Other
Father/Guardian First Name: M.I Last Name:
Address:
Occupation: Home Phone: ()
Employed By: Office Phone: ()
Work Address: Work Hours:
Cell Phone: ()Cell Phone Carrier:(for texting purposes)
Email: Best way to reach:
Marital Status: [] Married [] Single [] Divorced [] Separated [] Widowed [] Other
Child Information
First Name: M.I Last Name:
Age: DOB: Gender: [] Male [] Female
List any existing medical conditions, medication and/or special attention your child may require?
Allergies:



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Rate Agreement and Contract							
Child's name				alica delicalizado de la preside		Birth date	
Hours of Operation							
Regular operating hours described in the Family	are Monday th Handbook. Plea	rough Frida ase consult th	y from 6:00 a.r	n. to 6:00 p.	m. except closings ays. There is no re	s for various holidays and inclement weather a	S i.
The procedure to notify text message to parents Emergency Information	s using available	contact infor	mation. If it bec	omes necess	sary to close early	om opening on time or at all will be announced t, we will contact you or someone listed in the s early pick up.	through
Scheduled Attendar	nce						
The days and hours that	t I wish to contra	ct for child c	are are as follow	vs:			NAME OF TAXABLE PARTY.
Day of Week	Start Time	AM/PM	End Time	AM/PM	Comments		
Monday Tuesday							
Wednesday							
Thursday							
Friday							
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	e if tuition is not r	eceived by n	nidnight on Wed	dnesday durii	ng the week that s	services are provided and will be applied to	
	to any credits for	holidays, en	nergency closur	res (i.e. weat	her) or absence of	ther than hospitalization, contagious illness	
- I agree to pay the full							
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- A non-refundable regi	stration fee of \$6	o.uu is due i	upon enrollment	t.			
- A late pick-up fee of \$	1.00 per minute	per child is d	ue if my child is	not picked u	p before closing.		
- If tuition is not paid by the end of the week of service, I understand that my child may not be permitted to return the following week and a face-to-face meeting between both parents and the board may be required.							
- My child may have the opportunity to participate in a special program or field trip that may have an additional fee due before the day of the event. A specific permission slip may be required.					-		
- All NSF checks or retu being placed on a "cast	urned online tran	sactions will r only" payme	be charged a fe ent status.	ee of \$25.00.	Two or more retu	rned payments will result in my account	
- A receipt for income to	ax purposes will	be provided.					
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Private Employment Acknowledgement and Release							
Any arrangement/employment between me and staff of this center (i.e., babysitting), outside of the programs and services offered by this center is an individual endeavor and private matter not connected or sanctioned by this center. This center shall remain harmless from any such arrangement.							
Media Release							
Occasionally, photos and videos will be taken of the children at the center for use with our program. Please indicate that you authorize the use and reproduction of photographs and videos of your child in conjunction with the program.				Initial:			
Parent initial	_ Staff initial _	D:	ate				

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Enrollment Agreement

Other Agreements (continued)	在540年的 在16年1月1日 中央		
Child's name	Birth date		
Walking Excursions			
I give my permission for my child to participate in supervised walking excursions near and around the	ne center.	itial:	
Handbook Acknowledgement			
I understand and agree that it is my responsibility to read and familiarize myself with policies and procedures outlined in the Family Handbook and agree to abide by them.			
I understand that it is my responsibility to go directly to the director with any questions I may have regarding the policies and procedures and information contained in this Enrollment Agreement.			
Information contained in the Family Handbook may be subject to change.			
Contract Approval			
I certify that I have read, understand, and accept all of the terms and conditions described in this En	nrollment Agreement and the Family Handbook.		
Primary Parent/Guardian/Sponsor Signature Date Center Staff Signature	ure Date		

AGREEMENT

55 PA CODE CHAPTERS 3270.123 &.181(C); 3280.123 &.181(c); 3290.123 &.181(c)

NAME OF CHILD			
FEE AMOUNT	PER-DAY-WEEK	1	
\$	PER-DAY-WEEK	DAY PAYMENT TO BE MADE	
Services to be provided as	Dart of the day care for lo	camples; transportation, care, meals, etc.)	
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CHILD'S ARRIVAL TIME	CHILD'S DEPARTURE TIME	PERSON(S) DESIGNATED BY PARENT TO WHOM CHILD	MAY BE RELEASED
LATE FEE			
\$	PER MIN-HR		
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and services to be provid	od at an additional ree if ap	pilcable	
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I, the parent/guardian;			
, and paront, guardian,			
received comp	olete written program info	ormation at the time of enrollment. (§ 33	270 121
3280.121, 32	90.121)	ormation at the time of emoliment, (9 3.	270.121,
agree to upda	te the emergency contac	t/parental consent form information whe minumum. (§ 3270.124, 3280.124, 329	never
changes occur	or every 6 months at a	minumum. (§ 3270.124, 3280.124, 329	30.124)
SIGNATURE-	OPERATOR DATE	SIGNATURE-PARENT OR GUARDIAN	DATE
DATE OF CHILD'S ADMISSION			
SALE OF CHIED'S ADMISSION		PERIODIC REVIEW	
DATE OF WITHDRAWAL			
DATE OF WITHORAWAL			
		SIGNATURE-PARENT OR GUARDIAN	DATE
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About My Child

Date:	
Child's Name:	Date of Birth
·*	amily Information
Home Phone Number:	
Mom Cell:	
Dad Cell:	
Primary contact's email:	
Please list the persons living in your	household (siblings, extended family, etc.).
Are there any family traditions, cultu	ral or religious customs that you observe?
Do you have any family pets? Please	tell about them:
the last year? Do you anticipate any b	n many ways. Have there been any changes in your family in big changes in the upcoming year? How does your child
Please list any previous group experi his/her experiences like there?	ences (child care, play groups, church, etc.) What were

Health Information

Was your child full term?	If not, how many weeks premature?		
Please list any factors which may influence your child's comfort or adjustment to school/care (e.g. language problems, physical disability, vision, or hearing problems, etc.).			
Does your child have any allergies (for	od/medications/seasonal/pets or environmental)?		
Sensitive skin/rash tendencies?			
	ctions?		
	d of medication?		
If so, what type and will it be necess	sary to administer at care?		
How do you know that your child is ge	etting sick?		
How often do they get sick?			
Child's Personal	Habits, Interests & Personality		
I am proud that my child knows:			
	book or sing this song:		
How would you describe your child's	temperament?		
How does your child relate to other ad	ults?		
	tivity?		
How does your child do when he/she shim/her in these kinds of situations?	separates from you? Does he/she use a special item to help		
What are the best ways to comfort him	n/her when he/she is upset?		

Sleep Habits

Does child wake: ActiveSlugg	gish Happy Fussy			
How does child sleep? Heavy	Light Restless			
What time does child get up in the AM?	Go to bed in the PM?			
What is your child's nap pattern? Time and le	ength of AM Nap:			
Time and length of PM Nap:				
Do you have a bedtime routine with your child	ld?			
Rocking Singing Stories	Talking Other			
Where does your child sleep?				
Does your child have any transitional objects	s (blanket, stuffed animal, etc.)?			
How do you get your child to relax and go to	sleep?			
Does your child usually cry when waking up	?How long?			
How does your child act when tired?				
Diape	er/Toileting			
Does your child use: Diapers Pull Ups Potty Seat				
Do you use: Disposable Diapers C	Cloth Diapers Training Pants			
Are plastic pants used? Always Sometimes Never				
Is diarrhea or constipation a problem? Yes No If yes, please explain:				
Has toilet training been attempted? Yes No If yes, please explain process:				
Developmental Milestones (as applicable) Age When:				
Sat without support:	Walked unaided:			
Communicated using words: Fed self:				
Held own bottle: Drank from a cup:				
Overall, do you consider your child is develo	Overall, do you consider your child is developing as expected?			

How is your child disciplined?	
What experiences has your child had in being around other children?	
Does your child show any fear or show any concerns in any situations?	
How does your child express emotions such as anger?	
Food	
What are your child's food preferences?	
Dislikes?	
Other information	
What do you hope to get from your experiences at A Brighter Day Learning Center?	
Is there any other information about your child — special likes/dislikes or ways you give that would be helpful for us to know to make your child feel comfortable or secure?	care
Thank you for your cooperation in providing this background information so that we may take the best possible care of your child. We appreciate your support and look forward to working with you caring for your ch	nild!
Parent Signature Date	



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Child Emergency Information & Consent Form

Name of child:		Date:
Birthdate:		
Address:		
		Cell Phone
		Cell Phone Carrier*
Parent or Guardian #2:	×	Cell Phone
		Cell Phone Carrier*
¥	Emergency	Contacts
To whom your child ma	y be released to wh	nen parent or guardian cannot be reached.
Name #1:		Relationship:
Address:		
		Cell Phone
Name #2:		Relationship:
Address:		
Telephone: Home_	Work	Cell Phone

Written permission must be on file for anyone other than a parent/guardian to pick up your child from the center.

Child's Primary Medical Care

Physician's Name: Phone #:				
Address:				
In case of an emergency, hospital to take your child	:			
Child's Health Insurance				
Name of Insurance Plan:				
Certificate Number (or ID) #:Policy Holder's Name:	Group #:			
Special conditions, disabilities, allergies, or medical	l information for emergency situations:			
Parent/Legal Guardian Consent & As parent/guardian, I give consent to have my child necessary, be transported to receive emergency care all charges not covered by insurance. I agree to revichange occurs and at least once a year.	I receive first aid by facility staff, and, if e. I understand that I will be responsible for			
Parent/Guardian #1				
Signature:	Date:			
Parent/Guardian #2				
Signature:	Date:			
*Cell phone carrier needed for group texting purpor	ses in the event of an emergency or closing.			



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Child Pick-Up Authorization Form

Date:		Name of child:					
I,		, authorize A Brighter Day Learning Center to release					
my child		to the person	(s) designated below.				
	ends, neighbors and	other relatives may		ns.			
Name		SE PRINT CLEAR					
Name	Relationship	Address/Phon	ie				
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Parent Signature		Relationship	Date				
Print Parent Name							
Home Phone	Work	Phone	Cell Phone	_			

Parent/Provider fill in this part.

CHILD HEALTH REPORT

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part.	CHILD'S NAME: (LAST) (FIRST)		PARENT/GU	PARENT/GUARDIAN:					
this	DATE OF BIRTH: HOME PHONE:		***	ADDRESS:			****		
Parent/Provider fill in this	CHILD CARE FACILITY NAME:			1					
ovide	FACILITY PHONE:	C	:YTNUC		WORK PHO	NE:	1	2	
t/Pr	☐ I authorize the child care staff and my child	's health prof	fessional to co	ommunicate di	rectly if need	ed to clarify in	nformation on this form	m about my child.	
Paren	PARENT'S SIGNATURE:					,			
	This form may be updated I	y a health		OT OMIT A			child care facility no	eds a copy of the form	
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	□ NONE								
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	IN YOUR ASSESSMENT, IS THE CHILD ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN CHILD CARE AND DOES THE CHILD APPEAR TO BE FREE FROM CONTAGIOUS OR COMMUNICABLE DISEASES? OF YES ON IF NO, PLEASE EXPLAIN YOUR ANSWER: HAS THE CHILD RECEIVED ALL AGE APPROPRIATE NOTE BELOW IF THE RESULTS OF VISION, HEARING OR LEAD SCREENINGS WERE ABNORMAL. IF								
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arents			PHONE:			LICENSE N	UMBER:	DATE FORM	SIGNED:

MEDICATION LOG

	55 Pa. Code §3270.133; §3280.133; §3290.133 PLEASE PRINT		·	_ of
Child's Name:	Medication:			
Prescription Non-Prescription	Refrigeration Required:	YES	□ №	
If Prescription, Prescriber's Name:		Telephone:		
Dosage Amount: Time to Administer:	a.m	_ p.m		times/day
Dates for Administration: From To	Date			
Special instructions i.e., symptoms signaling need for administration, medication indications, reasons to hold medication, contraindications:				
I give permission to administer medication to my child as	s stated above.		Dit	
Parent Signature			Date	

		FACILITY STAFF CO	OMPLETE THIS SECTION	全是其实是是
Date Administered (mm/dd/yyyy)	Time Administered (a.m. / p.m.)	Amount of Medication Administered	Comments/Reactions	Staff Initials

This information is confidential and may not be shared or released without the parent's written permission.



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Infant/Toddler Feeding Information

Date:			
Child's Name	Date of Birth	Male or	Female
Please complete this form out to our staff to provide the best care	(4)	insight into your c	hild's routine will help
	Nourishment		
If your child drinks a bottle, wh	at type and how much: breas	st milkoz.	formulaoz.
How is the bottle typically prep	ared? (hot/cold/room temp.)		
How does your child like to be Held in lapI When does your child get burpe	Held close to chest	Other	
If other foods, what type: Strained (baby)	Junior (stage 3)	Table (mashed	or chopped)
If liquids other than formula or	breast milk, what type and h	now much:	
Water	oz. Juice	oz. Mi	lkoz.
Does your child use: handle cu	p? spoon?		
Current feeding schedule:			
And special feeding problems	?		



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Diaper Cream Permission Form

Child's Name				
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I,(parent's name), give the	staff at A Brighter Day			
Learning Center permission to use	(product			
name) on my child for diaper rash or other skin condition	ns. I have used this			
product previously without any adverse reaction to my c	hild's skin.			
Parent Signature:	Date:			



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Sun Block Consent Form

Child's Name	
I give my permission for A Brighter D	Day Learning Center to apply sun
block to my child	when
he/she is going outside.	
I will supply sunscreen or sun block v	vith UVA and UVB of SPF 15 or higher.
I will replace the sunscreen when exp	ired.
Parent signature	Date

EMERGENCY PLAN COMMUNICATION FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Parents and guardians need to be informed of provisions in the Emergency Plan. This letter will provide the information that they need. A copy of this letter should be given to parents of newly enrolled children, and at least once per year to all parents.

To the Parent (s)/Guardian (s) of	
To the Parent (S)/Guardian (S) of	

This letter is to assure you of our concern for the safety and welfare of children attending A Brighter Day Learning Center. Our Emergency Plan provides for response to all types of emergencies. Depending on the circumstance of the emergency, we will use one of the following protective actions:

- *Immediate evacuation:* Students are evacuated to a safe area on the grounds of the facility in the event of a fire, etc.
- In-place sheltering: Sudden occurrences, weather or hazardous materials related, may dictate that taking cover inside the building is the best immediate response.
- Evacuation: Total evacuation of the facility may become necessary if there is a danger in the area. In this case, children will be taken to a relocation facility.
 We currently have 2 available, they are:
 - Emergency Relocation Facility A at Worthington West Franklin Fire Dept.
 - Emergency Relocation Facility B at the Belmont Complex.
 If it ever becomes necessary to relocate, a sign will be posted on the door stating which facility we've gone to (A or B).

If you're not sure how to get there, please ask for directions before there is an emergency.

 Modified Operation: May include cancellation/postponement or rescheduling of normal activities. These actions are normally taken in case of a winter storm or building problems (such as utility disruptions) that make it unsafe for children, but may be necessary in a variety of situations.

Please listen to WPXI, KDKA or <u>www.abrighterdaycenter.org</u> for announcements relating any of the emergency actions listed above. We ask that you not call during the emergency. This will keep the main telephone line free to make emergency calls and relay information.

The form designating persons to pick up your child is included with this letter for you to complete and have returned to the Child care facility no later than the first day of care. This form will be used every time your child is released. Please ensure that only those persons you list on the form attempt to pick up your child.

I realize that emergency circumstances may require changes to your plans, but I urge you to not attempt to make different arrangements if at all possible. This will only create additional confusion and divert staff from their assigned emergency duties.

In order to assure the safety of your children and our staff, I ask your understanding and cooperation. Should you have additional questions regarding our emergency operating procedures, contact me.

Sincerely,			
Elizabeth Harvey Director			
Accepted by Parent		Date:	

Center Copy. Please sign and return.

Family Handbook Acknowledgement

This is a copy of the form you signed acknowledge follow the Center's procedures.	ging that you have read	the Family Handbook and agree to
This policies and procedures in this handbook Board of Directors.	are subject to change	at the discretion of the Center's
Thank you for your acknowledging the policies welfare of all children in our care. We look forw		
I have received the A Brighter Day Learning Con Brighter Day Learning Content staff. It is my res Family Handbook and to ask center management contained in the A Brighter Day Learning Conten	sponsibility to understa nt for clarification of ar	nd and familiarize myself with the ny policy, procedure or information
Recipient Signature	Date	
Center Staff Signature	Date	-

How does CACFP work?

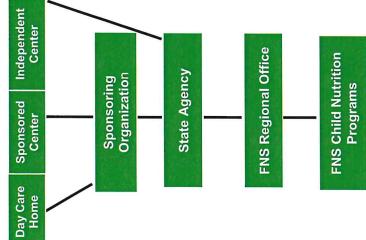
Day care homes and centers receive money for serving nutritious meals. The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) oversees CACFP.

States approve sponsors and centers to operate the program. States also monitor and provide training and guidance to make sure CACFP runs right.

Sponsoring organizations support day care homes and centers with training and monitoring. All day care homes participate in CACFP through a sponsor.



CACFP Partners



Contacts

Here is space for the State agency and sponsoring organization to add contact information.



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Building for The Future



In the

Child and Adult Care

Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)

Building

for the Future

in the CACFP

What is CACFP?

CACFP is the Child and Adult Care Food bays for healthy meals and snacks for Program. It is a Federal program that children and adults in day care.

It makes the cost of day care cheaper for CACFP improves the quality of day care. many low-income families.

more appealing to at-risk children and youth. Serving afterschool meals and CACFP makes afterschool programs Besides providing meals in day care, snacks attracts students to learning activities that are safe and fun.

can also receive meals at shelters that Children and youth who are homeless participate in CACFP. sponsoring organization Here is space for the State agency and to add contact information.

Who is eligible for CACFP meals?

- Children under age 13,
- Migrant children under age 16,
- Children and youth under age 19 in afterschool programs in lowincome areas,
- who live in homeless shelters, and Children and youth under age 19
- age 60 and enrolled in adult day Adults who are impaired or over

What kinds of meals are served?

CACFP meals follow USDA nutrition standards.

- Breakfast consists of milk, fruits or vegetables, and grains.
- Lunch and Supper require milk, grains, meat or other proteins, fruits, and vegetables.
- servings from the five components: milk, fruits, vegetables, grains, or Snacks include two different meat or other proteins.

Where are CACFP meals served?

Many types of facilities participate in

Child Care Centers:

meals and snacks to large numbers of Licensed child care centers and Head Start programs provide day care with

afterschool care with meals and snacks Outside-School-Hours Care Centers: to large numbers of school-aged Licensed centers offer before or children.

Family Day Care Homes:

care with free meals and snacks to small Licensed providers offer family child groups of children in private homes.

learning activities with free meals and "At-Risk" Afterschool Care Programs: Centers in low-income areas provide snacks to school-age children and youth.

Emergency Shelters:

runaway youth shelters provide places to live with free meals for children and Homeless, domestic violence, and youth.

Adult Day Care Centers:

Licensed centers provide day care with meals and snacks to enrolled adults.

Did you know?

- Even if you receive SNAP, MA or TANF, you may also apply for WIC.
- In most instances, WIC has higher income guidelines than SNAP, MA or TANF. Even if you don't qualify for these programs, you may qualify for WIC.
- Most families in Head Start and Early Head Start qualify for WIC.
- Foster children under age 5 qualify for WIC. Foster parent income is not considered.
- WIC does not require proof of citizenship.

WIC Income Guidelines

Household	*Monthly
Size	(Approx.)
	\$1,986
7	\$2,686
m	\$3,386
4	\$4,086

For each additional family member, add:



*Income (before taxes) is effective July 1, 2021 For each unborn infant, add one to household size.

How DO I APPLY?

Get started online at pawic.com or call

1-800-WIC-WINS (1-800-942-9467).



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What IS WIC?

WIC is the Special Supplemental
Nutrition Program to help improve the health of women, infants and children.
WIC services are provided at no cost to you and your family.

"WIC has helped me make healthier choices for my child, and I can save on my grocery bill." -- WIC Mom

Who is eligible?

- Women who are pregnant, breastfeeding or recently had a baby (under 6 months)
 - Infants
- Children under age 5

You must live in Pennsylvania, have a nutrition need and not exceed the income guidelines.

WIC is for married and single parents, working families and the unemployed. If you are a father, mother, foster parent or other legal guardian of a child under age 5, you can apply for WIC for your child.



How CAN WIC HELP MY FAMILY?

Offers screenings and referrals to health care and other services

- Iron testing for anemia
- Immunization, health and lead screenings
 - Referrals for SNAP, MA, TANF, CHIP, Healthy Beginnings Plus, Head Start, food banks, etc.

Gives advice for healthy eating

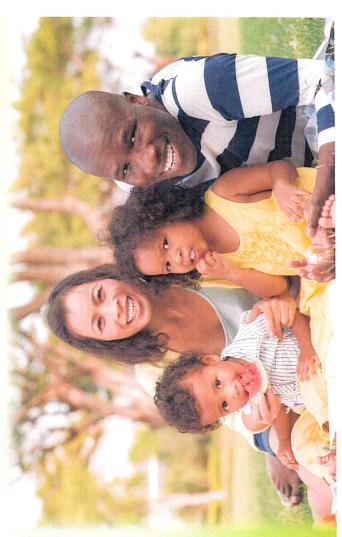
- One-on-one nutrition education
 - Nutrition materials
- Online information

Supports breastfeeding

Breastfeeding provides many health, nutritional, economical and emotional benefits to mother and baby. WIC helps mothers continue breastfeeding even if they return

Provides healthy food

- / Milk
- / Cheese
 - Yogurt
- Soy-based beverages
- Tofu
- Fruits and vegetables (fresh, frozen or canned)
 - ✓ Dried or canned beans/peas
 - Eggs
- Peanut butter
- / Canned fish
- √ Juice
- Cereal
- Whole grains (bread, tortillas, oats, brown rice and pasta)
- ✓ Infant foods
- Formula and medically necessary supplements



CACFP Meal Benefit Income Eligibility Form Instructions

The Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) makes good food a regular part of your child's day care! Please fill out the *CACFP Meal Benefit Income Eligibility* form. It helps us find out if your household qualifies for free or reduced-price meals. This lets us know how much money CACFP will give to support your day care home or center.

Instructions

Here are instructions to help you fill out the form. Before you begin, turn the form over to learn why we ask for this information. It tells you how we use the information and what rights you have. It also tells you how to contact USDA if you believe you are treated unfairly.

Please make sure to fill in all of the requested information. Use a pen to mark your answers on one form. When you are finished, please return the form to the Daycare Director.

Step 1:

List all the children from your household in the day care. Use one line for each child's name. Write one letter in each box. Stop if you run out of space. If there are more children, add their names on a second piece of paper.

Do you have any foster children? If you answer Yes, mark the Foster Child box next to the child's name. If you are only applying for foster children, finish Step 1 and go to Step 4. If you are applying for both foster and non-foster children, go to Step 2.

Are any children migrant, runaway, homeless, or enrolled in Head Start? If Yes, mark the correct boxes next to the child's name and go to Step 4.

Step 2:

You qualify for free meals if you live in a household that receives Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR).

Do any household members, including you, currently receive SNAP, TANF, or FDPIR? If Yes, write the case number in the box and go to Step 4. You only need to provide one case number. If No, go to Step 3.

Step 3:

List all Household members not listed in Step 1. Report current income for all household members. Skip this step if you answered Yes in Step 2.

How do you report child income? Turn the form over and use the *Source of Income for Children* chart to see if your household has income to report. Write the amount in the boxes in part A of the form. Mark how often the amount is earned. Write 0 in the box if there is no income to report.

CACFP Meal Benefit Income Eligibility Form Letter to Parents (Non-Pricing Centers) July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022

How do you report income of adult household members? Turn the form over and use the *Source of Income for Adults* chart to see if your household has income to report.

In part B, list all the adults in your household, including you, even if each of you doesn't receive income. Include all adults, such as grandparents, other relatives, and friends who live with you and share household income and expenses. Write the amount of income each of you receives, in the boxes next to your names. Mark how often the amount is received. Write 0 in the box if there is no income to report.

Make sure you report the current amount of money you get before taxes. Don't include SNAP, FDPIR, WIC, student financial aid, or money you receive for a foster child as income.

Count the number of all children and adults in your household. Include all infants, children, students, and adults. Write the total number in the box under the list of adult household members.

Do you or another adult household member have a Social Security number? Write the last four digits in the boxes. If there is no Social Security number, mark the *Check if no SSN* box.

Points to Remember:

If:	Then:
Your income isn't always the same	List the amount of money that you normally get. For example, don't include overtime pay, if you don't normally get it. If your income is normally higher or lower, you can report annual income instead.
Your household includes members who aren't citizens	You or your children don't have to be U.S. citizens to qualify for meal benefits.
You are in the military	Don't include your Family Subsistence Supplemental Allowance (FSSA), combat pay, or the money you receive for privatized housing. If deployed, count the amount of pay that is made available to your household as income.

Step 4:

An adult household member must sign this form. The signer promises that all information is true and complete. The form is NOT valid without signature and date of adult household member.

Print the name, address, and telephone or email of the adult signer. Sign and write today's date in the marked boxes.

Optional

We ask about your children's ethnicity and race to make sure we do our best to serve our community. Providing this information is not required. You won't be denied benefits based on your race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability.

CACFP Meal Benefit Income Eligibility Form Letter to Parents (Non-Pricing Centers) July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022

Date:		

Dear Parent or Guardian:

A Brighter Day Learning Center offers healthy meals and snacks to children as part of the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). A Brighter Day Learning Center receives support from CACFP to serve those meals. CACFP gives more support if your household income is less than or equal to the limits on this chart:

	Federal Income Standar ce Meals for July 1, 202	Traces and the second
Household size	Yearly Income	Monthly Income
1	\$23,828	\$1,986
2	\$32,227	\$2,686
3	\$40,626	\$3,386
4	\$49,025	\$4,086
5	\$57,424	\$4,786

Please fill out a *CACFP Meal Benefit Income Eligibility* form. It will help us find out how much support **A Brighter Day Learning Center** receives. Please be sure to read the instructions carefully. Fill in all the information we request. We can only accept complete forms. Please send the completed form to:

Elizabeth Harvey, Director

A Brighter Day Learning Center, 143 Reed Road, Kittanning, PA 16201

Thank you for taking the time to fill out the form. We hope your child enjoys CACFP meals!

In the operation of child nutrition programs, no person will be discriminated against because of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. If you have questions or need help, please contact Elizabeth Harvey at 724-548-5643 x39 or Elizabeth Harvey@harvestpa.org.

Sincerely.

Elizabeth Harvey Director of Daycare Services

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CACFP Infant Enrollment Form

Dear Parent/Guardian, This childcare center/provider participates in the Child and Adult Care Food Program reimbursement for serving nutritious meals to infants according to program require requires childcare centers/providers to follow specific meal patterns according to the	ments. Participation	es USDA n in this program
Childcare centers/providers participating in the CACFP <u>are required</u> to offer at least infants who are enrolled in care. You may decline the infant formula offered, and su CACFP approved iron-fortified formula. (NOTE: A CACFP approved iron-fortified formula must have 1 mg of iron or more per 100 calories of formula must be regulated by the FDA.)	upply breast milk and	d/or your own
Additionally, when you determine, in consultation with your physician, that your inf childcare center/provider will also be required to offer iron fortified infant cereal an	ant is developmentand other infant foods	illy ready, the
Infant's Name Infant's D	ate of Birth	
Iron Fortified Formula offered by the Center/Provider Breast milk and/or Formula preference		
Record date to indicate your preference (choose all that apply)	Birth -5 months	6 – 11 months
*I understand that I may change my decision at any time with advance notice	Date & Initial	Date & Initial
I will provide expressed breast milk for my infant.		
I will breast feed my infant on site at the center/provider.		
I want the childcare center/provider to provide the infant formula it offers for my infant.		
I will provide the infant formula for my infant. (must be iron fortified)		
Name of infant formula I will provide:	-	
My infant has a special dietary need that requires a formula that does not meet		
the criteria for an approved iron fortified formula. I have provided the		
center/provider with a Medical Plan of Care signed by a licensed medical		
authority that includes the impairment that restricts the infant's diet, how it		
effects the infant, and the recommended substitution.		

Name of infant formula I will provide: _____

Center/Provider Name:__

Preference regarding infant cereal and other foods

Record date to indicate your preference *I understand that I may change my decision at any time with advance notice	6 – 11 months Date & Initial
I want the childcare center/provider to provide the iron fortified infant cereal and other foods for my infant.	
I want the childcare center/provider to provide all food items with one exception. (This option is only applicable if center/provider is providing the iron fortified infant formula)	
One food item that I will provide (must be a creditable CACFP food item):	
My infant has a special dietary need that requires modifications to the infant meal pattern requirements. I have provided the center/provider with a Medical Plan of Care signed by a licensed medical authority that includes the impairment that restricts the infant's diet, how it effects the infant, the foods to avoid and the recommended substitutions	
I am aware and understand the all information provided on this form and my ability to have my infant participate in the CACFP; however, I decline the infant formula and food offered by the center/provider and elect to furnish ALL infant formula and food for my infant. (Center/Provider may not claim meals for this infant)	

This supplemental infant form must be completed for all infants in care and must be maintained by center/provider and if applicable, a copy must be maintained by the Sponsoring organization

Date

Center/Provider signature

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(2) Fax: (202) 690-7442; or

Parent/Guardian

(3) E-mail: program.intake@usda.gov.
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Date

Child and Adult Care F	ood Program
Child Enrollment Form	n (Sample)

Sponsor/Center Name:	
Agreement #:	

ENROLLMENT FORM FOR CHILDREN IN CHILD CARE (SAMPLE)

This document does not have to be completed for children in Emergency Shelters, Outside School Hours, and/or At-Risk programs. It is recommended to have new CACFP Annual Enrollment Forms completed each year during the Household Eligibility Application renewal period. Review completed enrollment form and enter the effective date in lower right hand section.

PARENTS: This institution participates in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) and receives reimbursement to provide more nutritious meals for your child(ren). Federal CACFP regulations require all parents and guardians to complete a CACFP Annual Enrollment Form when enrolling their child(ren) and again every year thereafter. This information will help ensure all children receive appropriate meals during their care.

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CACFP Meal Benefit Income Eligibility (Child Care)Complete one application per household. Please use a pen (not a pencil).

STEP 1 List ALL children in day care (if more spaces are required for additional names, attach another sheet of paper)

APPLY ONLINE: Insert URL Here

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Source	Source of Income for Children		Source
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Earnings from work	 A child has a regular full or part-time job where they earn a salary or wages 	Salary, wages, cash bonuses Mai income from cell complement	· Unemployme
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Income from any other source	 A child receives regular income from a private pension fund, annuity, or trust 		

	Source of Income for Adults	
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OPTIONAL Children's Ethnic and Racial Identities (Optional)

We are required to ask for information about your children's race and ethnicity. This information is important and helps to make sure we are fully serving our community. Responding to this section is optional and does not affect your children's eligibility for receiving meals during care.

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application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not, the funds your child the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. The a foster child or you list a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their last four digits of the social security number is not required when you apply on behalf of programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look security number. We will use your information to determine the meal reimbursement for your child care center/provider. We MAY share your eligibility information with education, indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a social care center/provider receives may be impacted. You must include the last four digits of Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number or other FDPIR identifier for your child or when you The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires the information on this nto violations of program rules.

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FAX: EMAIL:

DO NOT FILL OUT

Annual Income Conversion: Weekly \times 52, Every 2 Weeks \times 26, Twice a Month \times 24, Monthly \times 12

Free Reduced Denied	Date Follow-up Official's Signature
Household size Categorial Eligibility	Confirming Official's Signature
How often? Weekly Bi-Weekly Monthly 24-Month	Date Confir
Total Income	Determining Official's Signature

Date





Cubbies will be provided so your child's items

may remain at the center. Items to be laundered will be sent home nightly if not weekly (bibs, burp cloths, blankets). Please be sure to label EVERY item with a sharpie or masking tape and place smaller items in labeled Ziploc bags.

Infant Items

- Formula or Breast Milk bottles
- Infant Tylenol (med log)
- Oral Gel/Teething Tablets (med log)
- Bibs/Burp Cloths (provide fresh daily)
- Pack N Play Sheet
- Blanket
- Diapers
- Wipes
- Non-expired Diaper Cream (permission slip)
- Non-expired Sunscreen (permission slip)
- Seasonal changes of clothes
- Pacifier/Teethers
- Family Picture

Toddler Items

- Infant/children's Tylenol (med log)
- Oral/Gel Teething Tablets (med log)
- Bibs

- 2 blankets (1 for covering mat and 1 covering child)
- Diapers
- Wipes
- Non-expired Diaper Cream (permission slip)
- Non-expired Sunscreen (permission slip)
- Seasonal changes of clothes
- Pacifier/Teethers
- Family Picture

Pre-K School Age Items

- 2 Blankets (1 for covering mat and 1 for covering child, if sleeping)
- Non-expired Sunscreen (permission slip)
- Seasonal change of clothes
- Family Picture

Potty Training at The Learning Center

The average age for potty training is somewhere between ages 2 and 4. Because of this wide range of "normal," we have some guidelines to follow when it comes to potty training. These guidelines will help potty training go easier for you, your child, and caregivers at the Center.



A completely potty trained child is a child who can do the following:

- 1) be able to tell the adult they have to go potty before they have to go
- 2) be able to postpone going if they must wait (someone is already in the bathroom or if they are not near a potty.)

Number 1 is a key indicator that a child can be successful at potty training. Children who are ready to train have the ability to perceive events that are going to happen before they occur. Potty Training is 5% ability to get their clothes on and off, 5% ability to go in the potty and 90% being able to identify when they have to go and telling the adult before they have to go.

One misconception is that if a child tells you that they have peed or pooped in their diaper that it's a sign that they are ready to train. There is no correlation to a child's awareness after_they have gone to their ability to recognize and act before they have to go.

Some things we do to get kids ready to train:

- 1) We start reading potty books and talking about going potty in the big girl or big boy potty during changing.
- 2) We have them sit on the potty during natural transition times (before and after meals, before and after naps, and diaper changes)
- 3) We practice with them getting their pants up and down on their own and hand washing.
- 4) We will supervise them and watch for signs that they have to go or are going and get them off to the potty.
- 5) We keep close communication with the parents about any indicators suggesting the child is ready.

Some things we are unable to in a daycare setting:

- A) Because of the number of children in our care, we do not have the ability to put kids on a potty schedule where they go every half hour or hour. The day would soon become centered around the potty and would keep a child from being immersed in learning and really enjoying the day. Interestingly enough, studies show that this can cause problems with children not being able to "hold it." Children struggle to go on walks because they can't make it very long without having to come back to potty.
- B) We are not permitted to limit food or drinks. We maintain the same food and snack schedule during training.
- C) We are not able to clean soiled underwear. We will bag pee soaked underwear and return it to the parent at the end of the day but we are unable to do this with soiled underwear.

Here are some hints to help you at home:

- 1) Be cheery about the potty. A happy experience each time they are on the potty will translate into quick training at home.
- 2) If there are two adults in the house have each adult "ask" the other adult if he/she can go to the potty at least four or five times a day. Your child seeing and hearing you "ask" if you can go will get the idea in their head that they need to do that too.
- 3) Praise the child for each success but do not overdo it. (They could soon be leading you to the potty to get your attention or get rewarded.) A "way to go" or a "thumbs up" and big smile will let them know you are proud. We use the phrase "you go potty like the BIG boys/girls do!!!! They love the idea of being BIG.
- 4) Use stickers or small treats (like gummies, jelly beans, teddy grahams) after potty success. Have the child give the same treat to everyone around him who can have the treat. Passing a treat for his success will make the child happier than only getting the treat himself. Every person receiving the prize says "Good job little buddy... you go potty like the big boys do."
- 5) No punishment or consternation for accidents. Just talk to them about needing to ask to go to the potty next time. We say "next time you will go potty like the BIG boys do... okay?!!"
- 6) If you see them mid way trying to poop or pee scurry them off to the potty to finish up.
- 7) Give your child three or four minutes to get the job done. Don't let it turn into an attention seeking time where the child gets one to one time with you. It's only about going potty. If they don't go in a reasonable time tell them it's time to get off and try again another time. We don't encourage toys or books during the training time. After a child has been trained for a few months you can add a book for them to look at if they are having a hard time going poop.
- 8) Don't allow potty time to be a stall tactic to avoid doing something the child doesn't want to do. We see this here at toy pick up and nap time. Some kids will claim they have to go potty to avoid nap time. If you see a pattern of avoidance, have the child do the potty a little bit before you want them to do whatever they are avoiding so it doesn't interfere.
- 9) Be careful of public automatic flushing toilets. The noise of the flushing will scare them. If you bring a little post it note with you when you go out you can put it over the sensor so the toilet doesn't automatically flush right when your child gets off of it.
- 10) Have fun. Stay cool. It will all work out.



Abilities will differ from home to daycare:

We've seen both ends of the spectrum with a child's ability to be trained here and not at home and vice versa. We've had kids who have been successful at home and are unable to do it here. Some things to consider:

- 1) Kids are allowed free access unsupervised to the bathroom in their home. In a daycare setting, they are unable to leave the playroom without supervision.
- 2) There are many more distractions at a daycare with a larger group of kids, toys, and bustling activities.
- 3) At a daycare, we have multi-level aged children who have various needs and supervision requirements and our attention must be divided between many children. We aren't always able to pick up cues, sign language, or specific behaviors to tell us it is time.
- 4) Parents are able to put their child on the potty in small time increments. We simply aren't able to do this in a daycare setting. A child could possibly wet themselves many times throughout the day if this is being done at home.

What to wear during training:

CLOTHES: Children should wear easy on and off pants during training. We prefer sweat pant like bottoms until they are physically capable of doing snaps and buttons. Please don't send them in anything that requires the removal of the top to get to the bottom. Please avoid overalls, kid costumes, union suits, one piece jammies, or shirts with snaps at the crotch while training.

DIAPERS: We ask that your child continue in diapers until he or she has been accident free for one week here at the Center before switching to pull-ups. Pull-ups require the removal of all bottom clothing to change.

PULL UPS: After a child has achieved an entire week accident free in a diaper, they may begin using a pull-up. (Again, we ask this for the ease of changing if an accident does occur.)

UNDERWEAR: If your child has gone one whole week accident free (in diapers) at the Center, and then an additional week accident free in pull ups, your child may begin wearing only underwear at the Center.

What to Wear at Naptime: Sometimes kids "nap train" right away when they are "awake trained." Most children are not able to do this and it could take many months before they are completely "nap trained." We require nap diapers until the child has slept through nap for one full month without a pee accident.

To Summarize:

- ✓ A child is considered trained when they can tell an adult before they have to go, and no longer have accidents.
- ✓ A child must remain in diapers until they have gone one week completely dry at the Center. At this point they may begin using a pull up.
- ✓ If they continue dry for an additional week, they may attend the Center wearing only underwear.
- ✓ A child must nap with a diaper until they are one month accident free.

If potty training is done at a time when the child is truly ready it should go very easily and quickly. ©