

AFTERSCHOOL "AT RISK" PROGRAM

**PURPOSE:** To set forth the policy to authorize CACFP reimbursement for meal supplements provided to children through the age of 18 in certain after school programs.

**SCOPE:** Outside-school-hours centers participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program.

**DESCRIPTION:** CACFP reimbursement for supplements provided to children through the age of 18 if the following criteria are met:

1. The after school programs must be located in a geographical area served by a school in which 50 percent or more of the children enrolled are certified eligible for free or reduced-price meals;
2. The program is organized primarily to provide care after school hours, on weekends and holidays during the regular school year and have an educational or enrichment purpose;
3. CACFP reimbursement is limited to one supplement per child per day; and
4. Supplements must be served free of charge and will be reimbursed at the "free" rate.

The after school programs should provide "the types of activities known to help reduce or prevent involvement in juvenile crime." The provision is not intended to provide support to "members of athletic teams and others who are not participating in such activities." Programs can continue to claim reimbursement for supplements served to children who turn 19 during the school year.

**SOURCE:** Public Law 105-336