



**Spokane County Head Start/ECEAP/EHS  
USDA CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM**

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- Providing child care and early childhood programs at rates that parents can afford is a growing challenge and requires taking advantage of all available funding resources. One of these resources is the cash reimbursement program for meals and/or snacks from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI). This benefits you because it helps us keep the charge for child care at a lower rate.
- If your income is above Head Start guidelines, please complete the Income Eligibility application for free or reduced-price meals. Please sign, date, and return this application today or as soon as possible. This information will be kept strictly confidential. Your cooperation is appreciated.
- If you received a TANF direct certification letter, bring it to the family service coordinator's attention. It may be used in place of the Income Eligibility Application.
- Foster children are eligible for free or reduced-price meals regardless of the income of the household in which they reside. Households wishing to apply for such benefits for foster children should complete the section on foster children in the application.
- If your child has been determined by a doctor to be disabled and the disability would prevent the child from eating the regular meals at the center, we will make any substitutions prescribed by the doctor at no extra charge. Bring to the center the doctor's note that prescribes the alternative foods needed and verifies special meals are needed due to the disability.
- In the operation of child feeding programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, color, national origin, gender, age or disability. If you believe that you have been discriminated against in any USDA-related activity, you should write immediately to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, DC 20250.