

Listed Child Care Providers:

If you are interested in taking your home daycare business to the next level by becoming a **Registered Home** or **Licensed Child Home**, you can become eligible for participation in the **USDA** sponsored **Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)**. The Program was established in 1968 to help childcare providers feed nutritious meals to the children in their care. As an extension of the National School Lunch Act it provided \$1.8 billion dollars for meals to child care facilities last year.

The following is a checklist of **Child Care Licensing Requirements** by the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (TDFPS) to become Registered.

- Attend Licensing Orientation offered by Child Care Licensing ,TDFPS
- Complete First Aid and CPR Course
- Negative TB test for all household members
- Pay Licensing Fee to Child Care Licensing, TDFPS
- Mail complete Application for Registration or License to the TDFPS
- Receive and pass Home Inspection for Minimum Standards by Child Care Licensing Representatives from TDFPS
- Receive a copy of Certificate of Registration or License from Child Care Licensing, TDFPS

Once you receive your **Certificate of Registration** or your **License** you may begin claiming on the Food Program. When you start the Child Care Licensing process call our office and we will get you in touch with our representative. Our toll-free number is **1-800-369-9082**. As the largest **CACFP Sponsor** in the state, we have Program Coordinators who cover the entire state of Texas. Our Coordinator will train you for the program. We offer our clients a free software program to keep program records. Paper forms are also available.

Southwest Human Development Services has been in business since 1985. We serve 1400 Child Care Providers in Texas. Joining the **CACFP** brings many benefits to your business and the children you serve. Participation on the program helps to offset the cost of food which is the highest operating expense for child care providers thus benefitting your bottom line. A provider serving three children can be reimbursed up to \$270.00 per month. When you participate, parents know their children are being served nutritious meals that grow healthy bodies and minds. We offer you nutrition education through free training workshops, self-instructional packets and a monthly newsletter. Our **free** software offers many business applications to give you a more professional profile.

Thank you for your interest and please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions about the **USDA Child and Adult Care Food Program** or the registration process for child care licensing.