

C17. Study Brochure

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Data Privacy

All information collected about child care providers, children and families in the study will be kept private to the fullest extent allowed by law. The names of child care providers, children and family members will never appear in any report or with any study findings.

Research Team

Mathematica and Westat

Study Schedule

August 2022–April 2023

Recruit child care providers and parents

Jan-May 2023

Conduct data collection

August 2023–March 2025

Produce Study Reports

Study Contact Information

Toll-free Hotline: xxx-xxx-xxxx

Email: [STUDY EMAIL]

OMB Number: 0584-xxxx

Expiration Date: xx/xx/20xx



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The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is collecting this information to understand the nutritional quality of CACFP meals and snacks, the cost to produce them, and dietary intakes and activity levels of CACFP participants. This is a voluntary collection and FNS will use the information to examine CACFP operations. The collection does request personally identifiable information under the Privacy Act of 1974. Responses will be kept private to the extent provided by law and FNS regulations. According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0584-xxxx. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 0.0501 hours (3 minutes) per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service, Office of Policy Support, 1320 Braddock Place, 5th Floor, Alexandria, VA 22314. ATTN: PRA (0584-xxxx). Do not return the completed form to this address.



Study of Nutrition and Activity in Child Care Settings (SNACS-II)

Seeking to improve children's health, wellness, and learning in child care

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What is the study about?

The study will provide a thorough description of meals and snacks served in child care, activity policies and practices of providers, children's food consumption in and out of child care, meal costs, and plate waste.

Reason for Study

Good nutrition is key to proper childhood development, but little is known about the food children are eating or their opportunities for physical activity while in child care. In recognition of the importance of nutrition and physical activity in child care, Congress directed USDA to conduct a nationally representative study of child care centers and family child care homes.



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Key Study Activities

Providers

- Child Care Provider Surveys
- Menu Surveys
- Meal Observations
- Meal Cost Data Collection

Parents and Children

- Parent Surveys
- Child Intake Diaries
- Food and Physical Activity Experiences Survey



Study Participants

The study includes over 1,300 child care centers, family child care homes, and before and after school programs that participate in the Child and Adult Care Food Program in 25 States. Over 3,000 children and their parents/guardians will also be in the study.