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Fueling Child Care Success: Building Child Care Success Through Strategic Partnerships Such as the Child and Adult Care Food Program and Beyond

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Session Objectives:

- Understand the value of cross-sector partnerships in child care.
- Identify key partners and funding streams.
- Explore strategies for collaboration and sustainability.



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The **purpose**
of partnering
(Why?)



The **populations**
who will benefit
(For whom?)



The **partners to engage**
(With whom?)



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Sample Purposes

Decision-makers such as legislators and the governor's office

Communicate effectively and cultivate CCDF champions.

Create informed and thoughtful policies and practices.

Providers and families

Partners

Administrative partners such as fiscal, procurement, data

Effectively and efficiently implement CCDF requirements.

Maximize funding and build supply.

System partners such as business community, early intervention, family child care networks



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- Partnering is an **approach**, not an add-on.
- **Expertise** is not only within the CCDF Lead Agency.
- The **sooner** you talk with partners, the better.
- Do more than listen—**engage** and provide clarity about goals, decisions, and expectations.



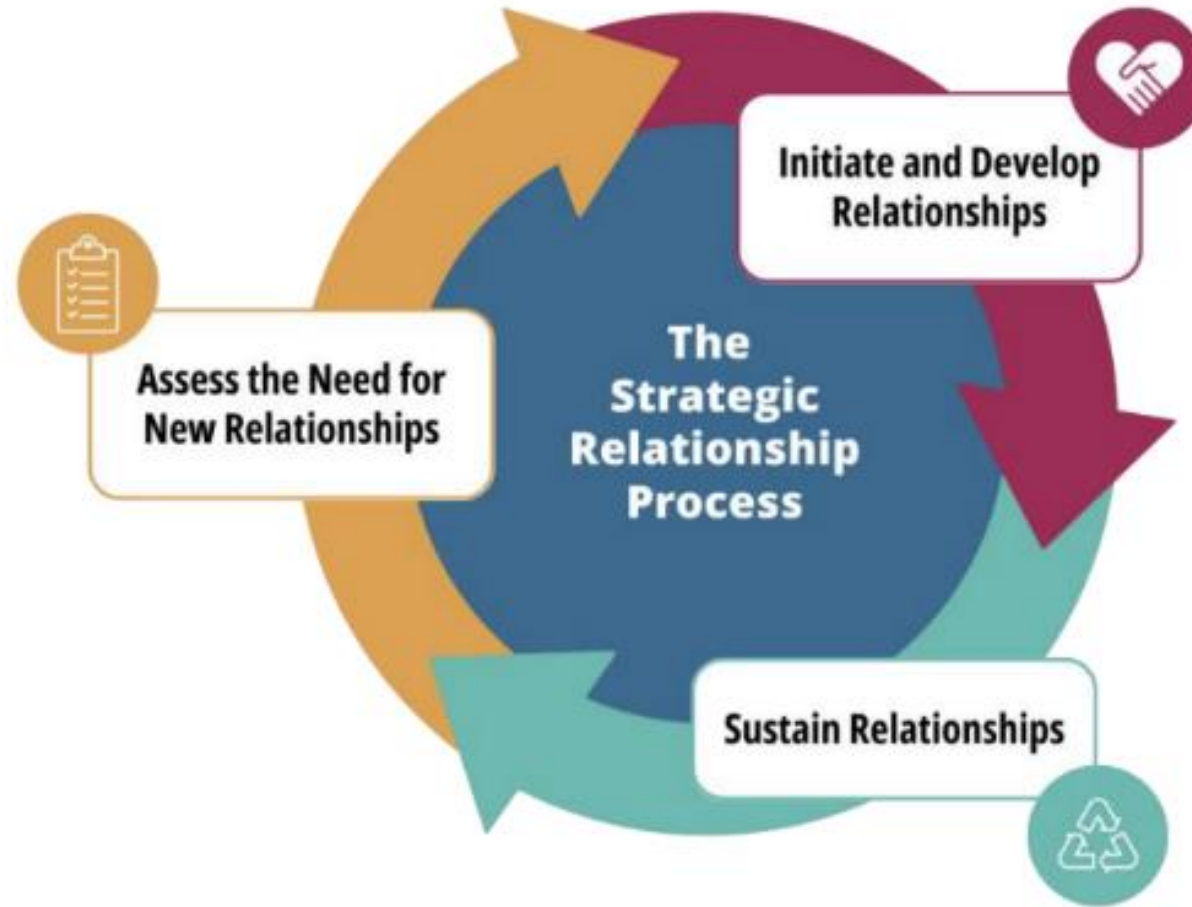
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Make American Healthy Again (MAHA)

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/MAHA-Report-The-White-House.pdf>

- Allergies are widespread, and autoimmune disorders are rising, along with obesity in young children
- Research is beginning to point to three key reasons why Ultra Processed Foods (UPFs) are detrimental to children's health:
 1. Nutrient Depletion
 2. Increased Caloric Intake
 3. Inclusion of Food Additives
- CACFP requires programs to follow a meal pattern that limits added sugars, sodium and carbohydrates





Collaborating with CACFP: Opportunities & Ideas



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OVERVIEW OF THE CACFP ADMIN STRUCTURE



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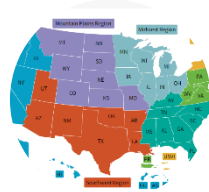


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USDA Food & Nutrition Service
National Office



(7) FNS Regional
Offices



States &
Territories



Sponsors



Independent
centers



Providers

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

MORE ABOUT SPONSORS

Oversee one or more providers (USDA term is “facilities”)

- Providers can be centers, afterschool care providers, emergency shelters, family child care homes, or adult day care centers

Assume administrative and financial responsibility for all providers they sponsor

Disburse monthly meal reimbursements to providers

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- For-profit
- Non-profit
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Opportunities & Ideas for Collaboration with CACFP



CACFP <> CCDF

Only 12 out of 56 CCDF State & Territory Lead Agencies also administer the CACFP

- California
- District of Columbia
- Georgia
- Louisiana
- Maryland
- Michigan
- Montana
- New Mexico
- North Carolina
- South Carolina
- Tennessee
- US Virgin Islands



- Set up an interagency council/workgroup/MOU with the agency that administers CACFP (see next slide)
- Offer to distribute information about CACFP to new providers and programs
- Work with your partner agency to connect with the major CACFP sponsors in your state and see how they might be able to collaborate on outreach and participation



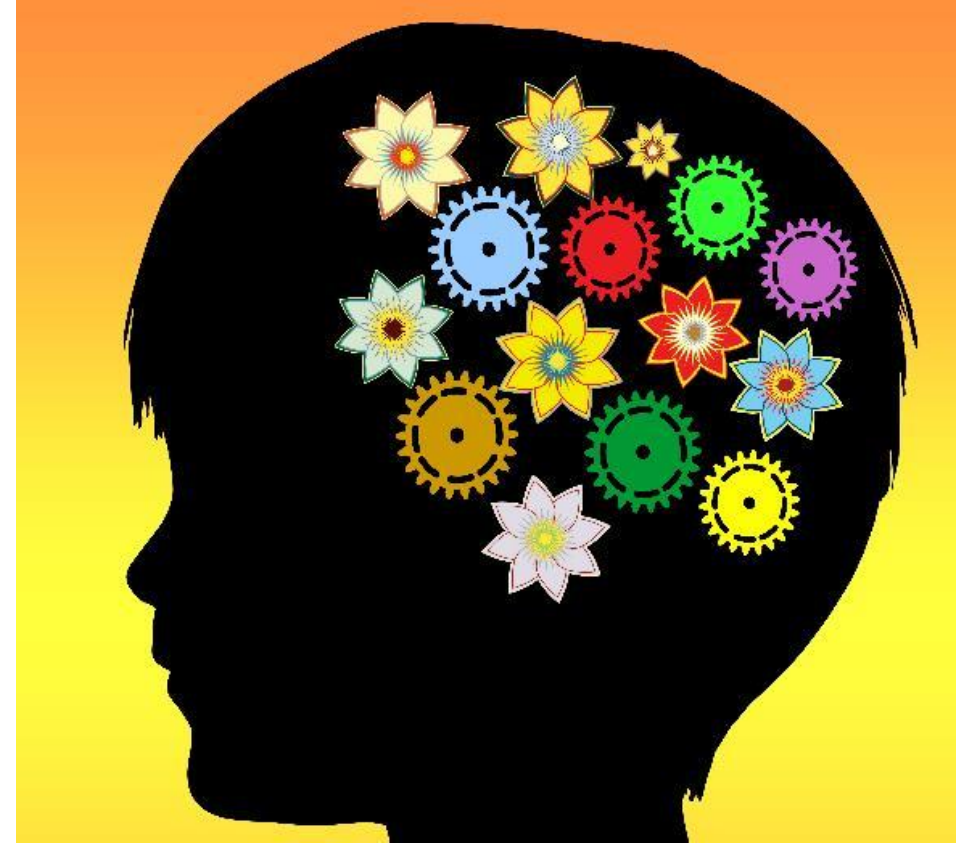


- Get plugged in with the National CACFP Association
- Explore how CCR&Rs can help reduce administrative burden on the providers
- Look at whether [CCAoA](#) has mapped CACFP data in your state
 - If so, ensure you are [maximizing this resource](#)
 - If not, reach out to them to request they map your state
- Provider Cost of Quality Calculator





State Sharing Time





Think about potential program partners...



What are you most interested in learning about partner programs?





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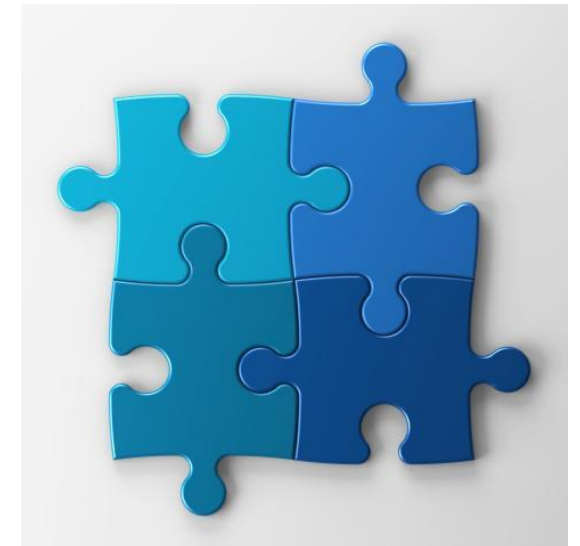
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Let's Go Deeper

- Raise awareness of the need for partnerships to support healthy, thriving families.
- Highlight points of connection within states, territories, and Tribal agencies and programs to maximize efficiency and use of funds.
- Inspire shared understanding, planning, and action





Early Learning

- Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)
- Early intervention programs (IDEA Part B & C)
- Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five
- Head Start and Early Head Start
- Head Start Collaboration Office
- 21st Century Community Learning Centers
- Family child care networks
- State professional development registries
- Departments of education
- McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act
- Title IV





Health

- Health insurance programs
- Nutrition programs
- Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Program
- Health providers
- Infant/early childhood mental health
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Milestone Tracker app
- Title V
- Medicaid
- Early Childhood Comprehensive Grant





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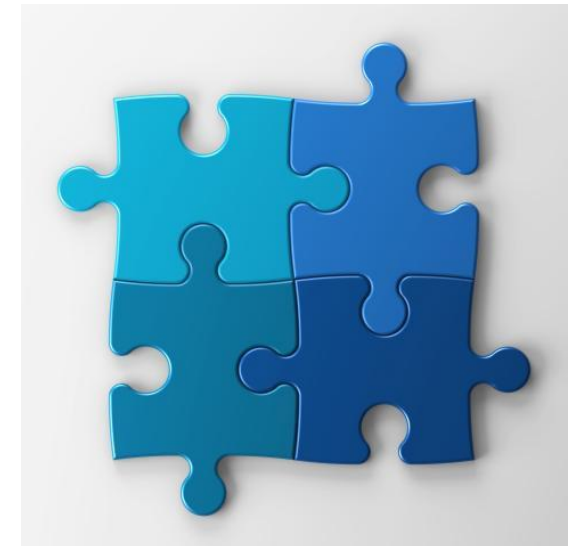
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Community

- Chambers of commerce
- Philanthropy
- Community development institutions
- Business community
- Housing
- Community Services Block Grants (CSBG)
- Social Services Block Grants (SSBG)





Other Related Services

- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Higher education
- Departments of labor
- Developmental Disabilities Coordinator





Thank you!

**For additional information please feel
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