



*A National Platform for the Child and Adult Care Food Program Community*

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Subject: Support Sec. 180002 Emergency Costs for Child Nutrition Programs in The Heroes Act

Your help is needed!

Please support Sec. 180002 Emergency Costs for Child Nutrition Programs During COVID-19 Pandemic as outlined in The Heroes Act.

The Child and Adult Care Food Program community serves to ensure that over 4.6 million children and 115,000 adults in day care have access to healthy food and operators have been financially impacted significantly by the Coronavirus Pandemic. In some cases, doors that have been closed will not be able to reopen without your action.

Under the Heroes Act, CACFP child care centers, family and group child care homes, and sponsoring organizations of family and group child care homes will receive emergency relief funds in the form of supplemental payments on top of their regular meal reimbursements (if there are any at all) while sponsors of unaffiliated centers will receive a percentage of the payments received by the center (up to 15 percent based on their agreement with the center) for the months of March, April, May, and June 2020.

Emergency funds received under this legislation may be used for any costs incurred by the CACFP program during the COVID-19 public health emergency related to the ongoing operation, modified operation, or temporary suspension of operation (including administrative costs). Funds may not be used to pay for expenses that are already being reimbursed by another federal grant.

Child and adult care workers are essential employees and vital to a strong America. Please help us manage the devastating financial impact that COVID-19 has had on me and the more than 200,000 CACFP organizations trying to make ends meet.

Thank you for your service.