Licensing & Health Requirements

Federal law does not require licensing for centers participating in the at-risk afterschool meals component of CACFP. However, Alabama requires licensing for centers that keep children for more than four hours. Afterschool care programs must meet State or local health and safety standards.

Schools that participate in the NSLP or School Breakfast Program (SBP) do not have to meet any additional health and safety requirements to participate in the at-risk afterschool meals component of CACFP [CACFP15-2012,Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP): Health and Safety Standards for Outside-School-Hours Care Centers (OSHCCs) and At-Risk Afterschool Care Centers, May 9, 2012]. However, all sponsors are required to submit documentation of current health inspection.