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Celebrating Growth, Honoring Legacy, and Stepping Boldly into FY26

For 45 years, T & T Tutor World, Inc. has proudly stood on the front lines sponsoring day care homes and centers through the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) and advocating for stronger nutrition in early childhood.

Fiscal Year 2025 was truly one to remember. It was a year of transition, a year of reflection, and a year of incredible momentum. We honored the retirement of several long time day care home providers, pillars in the childcare world, as well as one of our beloved monitors who served our network for over two decades. Their dedication and impact will always be a part of the T & T legacy.

We've also welcomed exciting growth with new child care centers and home providers joining our sponsorship family every month. Thanks to the innovation and drive of our management team, we expanded our outreach, boosted our visibility online, and strengthened our presence in communities across the states we serve. We could not have done it without our phenomenal onboarding team who work tirelessly to support and enroll our new partners. You truly make the dream work.

As we step into Fiscal Year 2026, our mission remains crystal clear:

To support more centers and homes so that more children have access to healthy, nutritious meals every day. Together, we are tackling food insecurity and childhood obesity head on, one meal, one provider, and one child at a time.

Thank you to our T & T team, our day care home providers, our center owners, and every partner who helped make FY25 a success. We are proud of how far we've come, and we are even more excited for what's ahead.

Here's to a bigger, bolder, and more impactful year in 2026!

Lillian Kelley, CEO









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Fall Fun in Action

A special shoutout to the daycare that shared photos of their fun fall activities! Your creativity and dedication to providing engaging experiences for the children truly shine through.

We would love to showcase more providers in our upcoming newsletters! If you're doing classroom crafts, decorating for the season, preparing fun snacks, or hosting special activities, send us your pictures so we can feature your program next month.

Please remember to leave child faces out of the photos and include your daycare name when you send them.

Let's fill our next newsletter with the amazing things happening in your classrooms!



Events and Training Reminders

Provider Connection Meeting

Date: October 16, 2025 Time: 1 PM Eastern Location: Zoom



Join us as we share updates, reminders, and answer your questions. All providers are

encouraged to attend!

Upcoming FY26 Trainings

All trainings are conducted via Zoom and begin at 1 PM EST.

- Meal Pattern Requirements –
 January 28, 2026
- Recordkeeping February 25, 2026
- Civil Rights & Serious Deficiency
 Process March 25, 2026
- Reminder: Annual training is required for all participating providers and centers. Don't miss out on important updates and program expectations.

Great things are done by a series of small things brought together.

– Vincent Van Gogh







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Compliance Corner

Use the NEW FY26 Forms (DC/NC)

Make sure you're using the current **FY26 forms.** Last year's forms are officially retired.

Take a moment to visit our <u>website</u> to download the most up-to-date forms and keep your files in top shape.

Need a little help? Reach out anytime and we'll make sure you have exactly what you need to stay on track!

Your Files Should Be Binder Ready

All sites must maintain two organized binders:

- Food Program Binder with permanent files, monthly claims, enrollments, trainings, and reviews
- Menu Documentation Binder with CN labels, product labels, and recipes

If we visited you today, would your binders be ready to show off?

Food Cost Reminder for Daycare Centers

Your monthly CACFP reimbursement is a powerful tool to help you serve high quality meals and nourish the children in your care. While the minimum requirement is to spend at least 50 percent of your reimbursement on food and milk, our goal is bigger than the bare minimum.

We encourage all centers to aim to use the full reimbursement to invest in nutritious food and beverages. When you maximize your funds, your children benefit, your menus improve, and your program stays strong and compliant.

If your food spending falls below the 50 percent mark, our team will reach out to request documentation and offer support to get you back on track.

Program Resources

USDA Non Discrimination Statement

<u>Choose Breakfast Cereals That Are Lower in</u>

<u>Added Sugars in the CACFP</u>

<u>Choose Yogurt That Is Lower in Added Sugars in</u>
<u>the Child and Adult Care Food Program</u>







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Application Updates



Welcome New Homes & Centers

We are thrilled to welcome the following homes and centers to the T & T Tutor World family! Your commitment to serving children nutritious meals and quality care makes our mission even stronger.

Centers:

Ready 4 Adventure, Lots of Loven



Homes:

Diane Brothers, Keturah Perry



FY 26 Renewal Applications

All FY26 renewal applications have been submitted, and we are currently awaiting approval from the state agencies.

So far, South Carolina center applications have been approved, and several South Carolina home applications have also been cleared. We are thrilled to see the progress and appreciate everyone's patience during the review process.

We expect to have a more complete update for all state applications within the next month or so. Thank you to every provider and center who worked hard to submit your renewal documents on time. Your dedication keeps our program running smoothly and compliant year after year!

Program Resources

CACFP Infant Meal Pattern

CACFP Breakfast Meal Pattern

CACFP Lunch and Supper Meal Pattern

CACFP Snack Meal Pattern

Current CACFP Reimbursement Rates







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Featured Recipe

Cottage Cheese & Fruit Bowls

Fresh fruit, creamy cottage cheese, and a sprinkle of whole grain granola. This colorful bowl is a fun and nutritious option for breakfast or snack time.

For Daycare Homes (6 Servings)

Cottage Cheese & Fruit Bowls for ages 3–5

Cottage Cheese & Fruit Bowls for ages 6–18

For Daycare Centers (25–50 Servings)

<u>Cottage Cheese & Fruit Bowls for ages</u> 3–5

<u>Cottage Cheese & Fruit Bowls for ages</u> 6–18

Each version includes ingredients, step-by-step directions, CACFP crediting info, and portion sizes.

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All children should have the basic nutrition they need to learn and grow and to pursue their dreams, because, in the end, nothing is more important than the health and well-being of our children.

Michelle Obama

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Program Resources

Crediting Handbook for CACFP

<u>Feeding Infants in the Child and Adult Care</u> <u>Food Program</u>

Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition

Programs

