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## **Identifying Barriers to Participation in the Child and Adult Care Food Program**

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The Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) is a federally funded entitlement program, offering eligible adult and child day care programs the opportunity to receive reimbursement for properly prepared meals. Currently, CACFP is not serving all eligible child and adult care centers in New York State, and is therefore not meeting its mission. In order to identify reasons why child and adult care centers do not participate in the program, CACFP is conducting several focus groups throughout New York State. Personal opinions about the program will be collected and will serve as a tool to identify barriers to participation.