

CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM PUBLIC MEDIA RELEASE - FISCAL YEAR 2027

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Media Release sent to: LEADS' Social Media – Facebook, Agency Website

Date: 9/24/2026

The LEADS Head Start agency announces sponsorship of the USDA-funded CACFP.

Participating Sites include:

Newark Center – 986 East Main Street, Newark, OH 43055
Utica Center – 308 North Main Street, Utica, OH 43080
Pataskala Center – 12536 Adams Lane SW, Pataskala, OH 43062
Marysville Center – 111 Morey Drive, Marysville, OH 43040
Delaware Center – 607 Sunbury Road, Delaware, OH 43015

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The following Income Eligibility Guidelines for free and reduced price meals are effective
July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	FREE					REDUCED				
	ANNUAL	MONTHLY	TWICE PER MONTH	EVERY TWO WEEKS	WEEKLY	ANNUAL	MONTHLY	TWICE PER MONTH	EVERY TWO WEEKS	WEEKLY
1	\$20,748	1,729	865	798	399	\$29,526	2,461	1,231	1,136	568
2	\$28,132	2,345	1,173	1,082	541	\$40,034	3,337	1,669	1,540	770
3	\$35,516	2,960	1,480	1,366	683	\$50,542	4,212	2,106	1,944	972
4	\$42,900	3,575	1,788	1,650	825	\$61,050	5,088	2,544	2,349	1,175
5	\$50,284	4,191	2,096	1,934	967	\$71,558	5,964	2,982	2,753	1,377
6	\$57,668	4,806	2,403	2,218	1,109	\$82,066	6,839	3,420	3,157	1,579
7	\$65,052	5,421	2,771	2,502	1,251	\$92,574	7,715	3,858	3,561	1,781
8	\$72,436	6,037	3,019	2,786	1,393	\$103,082	8,591	4,296	3,965	1,983
Each Additional Member Add	\$7,384	616	308	284	142	\$10,508	876	438	405	203

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