

See INSTRUCTIONS on reverse.

**CHILD CARE CENTER NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

Print the name of the child(ren) enrolled in this child care center:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_

**DIRECTIONS:**

**Complete SECTION A if anyone in your household:**

1. Receives Food Stamps
2. Receives Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)
3. Participates in the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) OR
4. If any of the children enrolled in this child care center are foster children

**Complete SECTION B if no one in your household** receives Food Stamps, TANF, FDPIR or if none of the children enrolled in the child care center is a foster child.

<b>SECTION A</b>
Food Stamp Case Number _____
TANF Number _____
FDPIR Number _____
Names of Foster Children _____
<p><b>An adult household member must sign the application before it can be approved.</b> After reading the following statement and the statement on the back, sign below.</p> <p>I certify that the above information is true. I understand that the center will get Federal funds based on the information I give.</p> <p>Signature: _____</p> <p>Date: _____</p>
<b>FOR SPONSOR USE ONLY</b>
Sponsor Agreement Number _____
Total Household Members _____ (including foster children, if applicable)
Total Income \$ _____
Free _____ Reduced _____ Paid _____
Date Determined ____ / ____ / ____
Signature of Center Staff _____

<b>SECTION B</b>	
List all household members below. Include yourself and all adults and children NOT listed above, even if they do not receive income. Then list all income received <b>last month</b> in your household in the column to the right. Gross income includes: earnings from work, pensions, retirement, Social Security, child support, foster child's personal income and any other sources of income.	
Name of Household Members	Monthly Gross Income
1. _____	\$ _____
2. _____	\$ _____
3. _____	\$ _____
4. _____	\$ _____
5. _____	\$ _____
6. _____	\$ _____
<p><b>An adult household member must sign the application before it can be approved.</b> After reading the following statement and the statement on the back, sign below.</p> <p>I certify that the above information is true and that all income is reported. I understand that the center will get Federal funds based on the information I give.</p> <p>Signature: _____</p> <p>Print Name: _____</p> <p>SS# <b>XXX-XX-</b> _____ Date: _____</p>	

**Privacy Act Statement:** The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires the information on this form. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not, we cannot approve the participant for free or reduced-price meals. You must include the last four digits of the Social Security Number of the adult household member who signs the form. The Social Security Number is not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a Food Stamps, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) number for the participant or other (FDPIR) identifier or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the form does not have a Social Security Number. We will use your information to determine if the center is eligible for free or reduced-price meal reimbursement and for administration and enforcement of the Program.

### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING DOH-3688**

#### **Definition of Income**

*Income* means income before deductions for income taxes, social security taxes, insurance premiums, charitable contributions, and bonds, etc. It includes the following: (1) monetary compensation for services, including wages, salary, commissions or fees; (2) net income from non-farm self-employment; (3) net income from farm self-employment; (4) Social Security payments; (5) dividends or interest on savings or bonds, income from estates or trusts or net rental income; (6) unemployment compensation; (7) government civilian employee or military retirement, or pensions or veteran's payments; (8) private pensions or annuities; (9) alimony or child support payments; (10) regular contributions from persons not living in the household; (11) net royalties; (12) military benefits received in cash, such as housing allowance except if you are in the Military Housing Privatization Initiative; and (13) any other cash income.

#### **Definition of Household**

Household means *family* as defined in Section 226.2. *Family* means a group of related or non-related individuals who are not residents of an institution or boarding house, but who are living as one economic unit.

#### **Instructions for Parents or Guardians:**

Write in the name of the child care center in the space provided.

Print the name of each child in your household who attends this child care center.

**Section A:** If anyone in your household receives Food Stamps, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or participates in the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), complete Section A only. Write down the Food Stamp, TANF or FDPIR number (do not use your ACS or DSS child care subsidy number). Then sign and date the form and return it to the day care center.

**Foster children:** If your household includes a foster child who is in child care, write in the names of the foster children.

**Section B:** Complete this section if you did not complete Section A. Write in your name and the names of all other adults and children living in the household, including unrelated people, even if they do not have any income. Do not include the children in child care who are listed at the top of the form.

Enter the amount of income each person received **last month**, before taxes or anything else was taken out. Refer to the Definition of Income and the Definition of Household, above. If any amount last month was more or less than the usual, write in that person's usual income.

The last four digits of the Social Security Number of the adult signing the certification is required. If you do not have a Social Security Number, write *none*. The form must be signed by an adult member of the household.

#### **Instructions for Centers and Sponsors:**

**The For Sponsor Use Only section is to be completed, signed and dated by center or sponsor staff.** The sponsor/center representative must review the income eligibility form and ensure that it is completed as indicated in the instructions above. Then indicate the following:

#### **The Sponsor Agreement Number.**

**Total Household Members** – This item does not have to be completed if the parent completed Section A. Add those indicated in Section B (if completed) to the children enrolled in child care and the number of foster children, if applicable.

**Total Income** – This item does not need to be completed if the parent completed Section A. Indicate the total monthly income as calculated from Section B. If the parent chooses not to disclose income, the form must be categorized as *paid*.

**Free, Reduced or Paid** – Compare the total household income and the total number of household members with the current year's Income Eligibility Guidelines (CACFP-3687) to determine if the household should be categorized as **Free, Reduced** or **Paid**. Use the appropriate column on the CACFP-3687 to categorize their income. For example, if the parent indicated biweekly income, multiply this amount by 26 to determine yearly income.

Incomplete forms (missing signatures, income information, or Food Stamp, TANF or FDPIR numbers) are categorized in the paid category.

**The income eligibility form is valid until the last day of the month one calendar year from the date it is signed by the household member.** For example, a form signed on May 12, 2011 is valid until May 31, 2012.