

Enroll Head Start Centers

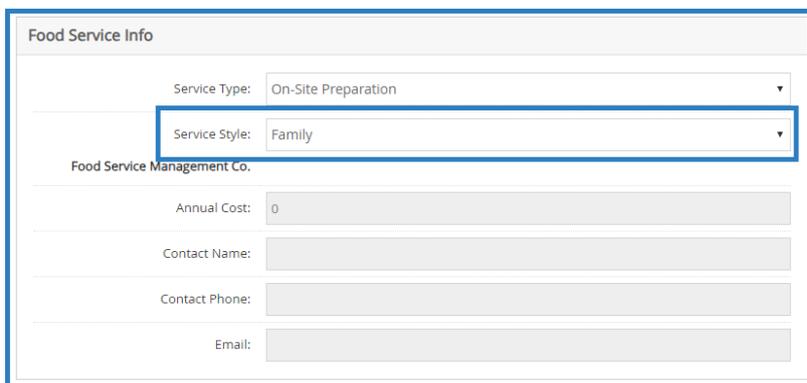
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1. From the menu to the left, click **Center Management**.
2. Click **Enroll Center**. The Enroll Center page opens.
3. Begin setting the center up as you normally would. For details, see [Enroll Centers](#).
4. In the **General** tab, **Set the Service Style** drop-down menu to **Family**.



Food Service Info

Service Type: On-Site Preparation

Service Style: Family

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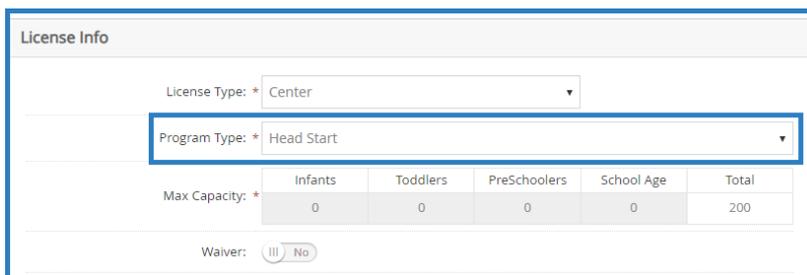
Annual Cost: 0

Contact Name:

Contact Phone:

Email:

5. In the **License/Schedule** tab, click the **Program Type** drop-down menu and select **Head Start**.



License Info

License Type: * Center

Program Type: * Head Start

Max Capacity: *	Infants	Toddlers	PreSchoolers	School Age	Total
	0	0	0	0	200

Waiver: Yes No

6. Finish enrolling the center as you usually would.

Enrolling Children in Head Start Centers

All children enrolled at a Head Start center are reimbursed at the Free rate. If you use eForms, children should default to Free based on the income information their parents provide once you approve and renew their forms.

If you are manually enrolling children for a Head Start center, set the **Reimbursement Level** drop-down menu in the **Manage Child Information Oversight** tab to **Free** and provide the supporting income information from the paper income eligibility form.

Note that children enrolled in Head Start programs may also have varied schedules. This could be morning

attendance two days and afternoon attendance three days, or some children may only be present for a few months of the year. You can use the Child and Attendance reports to track attendance for these children.

Foods & Menus for Head Start Centers

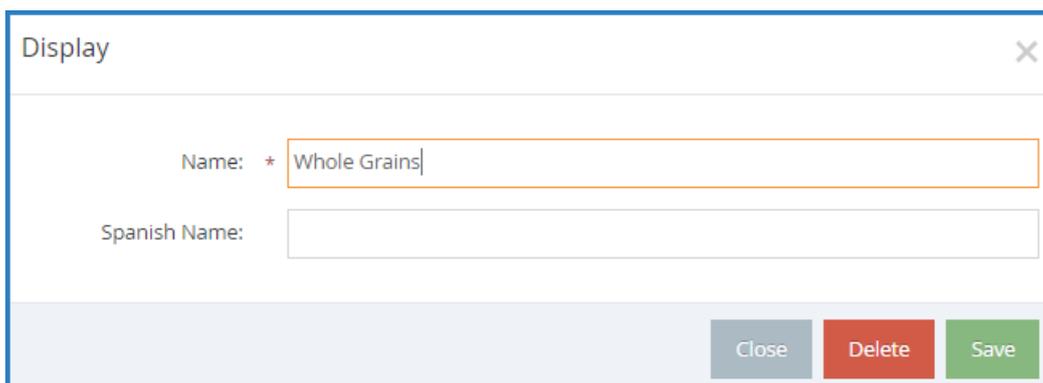
While Head Start sites are subject to the rules of the CACFP, some sites may serve specialty foods or fresher foods than is typical. You can customize your food list, categories, and rules to accommodate the variations in foods offered. Determine what works best for your business and your sites.

Include Child Nutrition (CN) Label Numbers in Food Names

When adding foods to your food list, you can include the CN label number somewhere in the food name. This lets the State and your sites know that the food is a CN-labeled product being offered at meal service. The CN label details should be stored on-location.

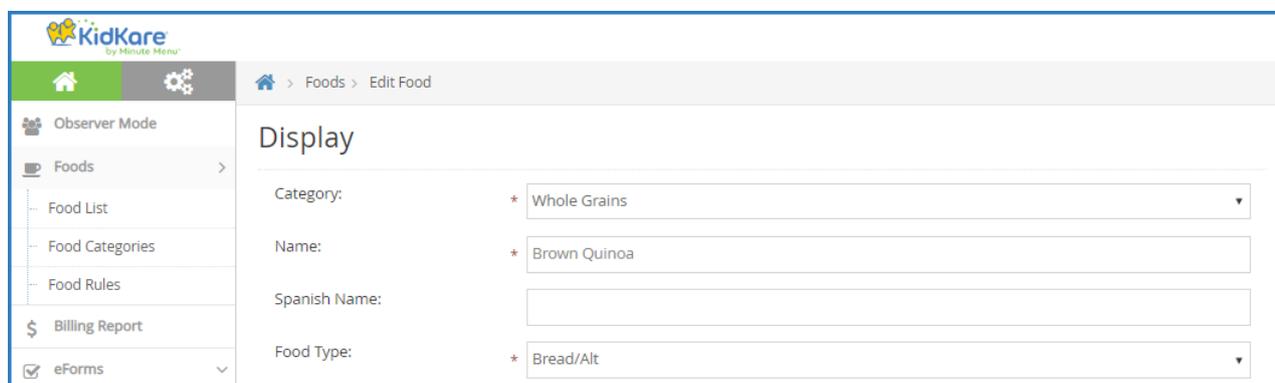
Create Custom Food Categories

Create custom categories to track specific food types. For example, you could create a Whole Grains category to which you assign whole grain-rich foods. Your sites can then quickly find these foods when recording daily menus. You can also filter your food list and the food list export by these custom categories to easily manage your food list and track any specialty food items.



The screenshot shows a 'Display' dialog box with a close button (X) in the top right corner. It contains two input fields: 'Name: *' with the text 'Whole Grains' and 'Spanish Name:'. At the bottom right, there are three buttons: 'Close' (grey), 'Delete' (red), and 'Save' (green).

Note that these custom categories still exist under the broader meal component categories—they do not supersede them. For example, a site would see the Whole Grain category when selecting a Bread/Alternate. When adding a food in KidKare, this is the Food Type you select.



The screenshot shows the KidKare interface. The top left has the KidKare logo and a navigation menu with 'Observer Mode', 'Foods', 'Food List', 'Food Categories', 'Food Rules', 'Billing Report', and 'eForms'. The main area is titled 'Foods > Edit Food' and 'Display'. It contains four fields: 'Category: *' with a dropdown menu showing 'Whole Grains', 'Name: *' with the text 'Brown Quinoa', 'Spanish Name:' with an empty input field, and 'Food Type: *' with a dropdown menu showing 'Bread/Alt'.

Create Food Rules

Food rules allow you to control what foods your sites can serve. There are two types of food rules:

- **Food Frequency Rules:** These rules control how often a food can be served in a day, week, or month. For example, this type of food could be useful for limiting high-calorie and high-fat foods, such as nut butters.
- **Food Combination Rules:** These rules dictate what foods cannot be served together. You can also set a food combination rule that prevents any food included in the rule from being served. For example, you can set up a rule that prevents two starchy foods from being served at one meal.

When you create a food rule, you can also specify how it is handled during claims processing. You can apply the rule by child or by meal and determine whether the meal/child is warned or disallowed. For more information about setting up food rules, see [Food Rules](#).

