



FISCAL YEAR 2011 PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

1st Cerebral Palsy of NJ, Inc. announced today that meals/milk will be available to all children enrolled, and will be provided free or at a reduced price to children from households whose gross incomes are at or below those shown on the federal income eligibility guidelines. Applications are sent to households of all enrolled children that have not been directly certified. Foster children may be eligible for free or reduced price meals and/or free milk.

Application forms are available at your child's school and application can be made at any time during the school year. If a household member becomes unemployed or the household size or income changes during the school year, parents should contact the school so that all children receive the proper benefits.

For the school officials to determine eligibility, the household must provide the following information listed on the application: names of all household members; household income listed monthly by the amount received by each household member and the type of income it is; the signature and social security number of an adult household member certifying that the information provided is correct.

For the school officials to determine eligibility, the household must provide the following information listed on the application: names of all household members; household income received by each household member; type of income; frequency of income such as weekly, every two weeks, twice a month, monthly or annually; and the signature and social security number of an adult household member certifying that the information provided is correct.

Households receiving assistance under the Food Stamp Program or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) for their children will be notified of their eligibility for free benefits unless the household notifies the school that it chooses to decline benefits. Households receiving assistance under Food Stamps or TANF should only submit an application if they are not notified of their eligibility by a specified date determined by the school.

The information provided by parents on the application will be kept confidential and will be used only for the purpose of determining eligibility. Also, the names of those receiving free or reduced price meals will be kept private. Children who receive free or reduced price meal benefits are treated the same as children who pay for meals.

The school will advise parents of their child's eligibility within 10 working days of receipt of the application. Any parent dissatisfied with the eligibility determination may contact the school to request an informal conference or may appeal the decision by requesting a formal hearing. A hearing can be arranged by calling or writing to Joan Krotenberg at 7 Sanford Avenue, Belleville, NJ 07109 (973)751-0200. Ext. 209

Parents may call Joan Krotenberg at 973-751-0200 Ext. 209 for further information on the program.

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