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Food Program

February 2022 Monthly Newsletter

Events, Trainings and Resources

CACFP Farm Fresh Challenge is Almost Here!

The Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) is hosting the Farm Fresh Challenge for all TDA contracting entities (CE) in the Child and Adult Food Care Program (CACFP). The Challenge is a fun and engaging way for nutrition professionals to gain recognition for their efforts to bring local foods and garden-based activities to program participants.



MegaCon Save the Date

Join TDA for this multi-program mega conference in Austin, May 2-6. You'll get updates on regulations and guidance, interact with peers and TDA staff, attend interactive training sessions, and find new ways to achieve program success!

Join Us for CACFP Live!

View upcoming sessions and registration information for [CACFP LIVE!](#) February Topic is "CACFP MAKES IT RIGHT - MEALS FOR CHILDREN" presented on February 9, 2022. March Topic is "IMPROVE YOUR SERVE: MANAGING FOOD EXPENSES" presented on March 9, 2022.

National CACFP Week is Coming Soon!

It's nearly time to celebrate National CACFP Week held March 13-19.

New feature alert for the Food Buying Guide Interactive Mobile App

Team Nutrition is excited to announce that users can now view the meal pattern requirements per meal component for a selected Program and age/grade group while using the FBG Calculator on both the Web Tool and Mobile App. This feature allows for easy access to helpful meal pattern guidance to assist in creating shopping lists.

Food Safety

Many child and adult nutrition programs prepare food at one site and transport it to another site for service. Transporting adds time to holding foods and to the complexity of a school nutrition program creating another step in the foodservice process that must be performed correctly to ensure temperature maintenance and to minimize cross contamination.

Update Resource for Parent Pick-Up of Meals for SY2021-2022

USDA's Team Nutrition initiative has updated the Child Nutrition Program Meal Service During Coronavirus (COVID-19): Best Practices for Parent Pick-Up of Meals and Snacks publication.

New Standardized Recipes to Try!

Team Nutrition released 10 new lunch/supper recipes for CACFP.

CACFP Inspire Awards Nominations

The National CACFP Sponsors Association wants to recognize those who overcame the challenges and went above and beyond expectations to provide for those they serve.

New! Team Nutrition Older Adult Nutrition Web Quiz

USDA's Team Nutrition initiative is excited to announce the release of the Older Adult Nutrition web quiz, now available at fns.usda.gov/tn/quizzes/older-adult-nutrition. This quiz focuses on nutrition for older adults, including those served in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP).

Deadlines

Review This Month's Program Calendar Due Dates!

For upcoming deadlines, see the Program Year Calendar.

Claim Deadline Reminder

December claims are due by March 1st. Don't delay, submit claims timely!

Reminder of the User Access Manager Transition

TDA will begin a full transition to the User Access Manager for all entities and will retire the FND-101 form in Spring of 2022.



USDA Seeks Input for the 2023 Family Day Care Home Participation Study

Current and former CACFP-participating daycare homes are asked to provide feedback to the USDA.

Policy Updates and Compliance Reminders

Maximum Approvable Average Daily Participation (ADP)

Returning Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Contracting Entities (CEs) for SFSP program year 2022 may enter in the site applications no more than the amount listed on the Maximum Approvable ADP list. The Maximum ADP list found on www.SquareMeals.org under Summer News provides the maximum approvable ADP for the site by meal type for SFSP 2022.



CACFP Meal Pattern Revisions - Correcting Amendments

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has published a correcting amendment in the Federal Register to amend Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) and National School Lunch Program (NSLP) regulations. This amendment corrects previously published errors in three meal pattern tables.

Preparing a Corrective Action Document

Preparing an acceptable corrective action document requires three steps, and the CE has access to subject matter experts who can provide guidance and assistance.

Grain Servings in Ounce Equivalents for CACFP

Grains are to be counted in ounce equivalents. [CACFP Worksheet.PDF](#)

Managing Virtual Monitoring and Supply Chain Disruptions

Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) has released a Fact Sheet to assist Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) program operators to help navigate the coming year. The Fact Sheet will clarify existing flexibilities available to TDA and local program operators in meeting the unique needs of their communities.

Make sure you read every monthly newsletter for

important information, opportunities and events!



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