March 2022 Monthly Newsletter

Events, Trainings and Resources

Monthly Newsletter Survey. We Want to Hear Your Feedback!

Please take some time to participate in our TDA Monthly Newsletter survey. We would like to gain insight into your experience when reading and receiving the newsletter(s) so we can make any needed improvements. We appreciate your participation!

Deadline for Monthly Registration Application

Join TDA for this February registration deadline. Complete our February 2022 Application Form and register online for the TDA Monthly Newsletter Survey. This will help us identify areas of improvement and make changes that will benefit our members.

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The TDA Newsletter is available online. To view the newsletter, simply visit the TDA website and click on the "Newsletters" section.

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Deadline for MegaCon Registration Approaching

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! The deadline for registration is April 27th, 2022!

Upcoming CACFP LIVE! Sessions

ESCs offer monthly training for CEs through CACFP Live. Upcoming CACFP LIVE! Sessions include:

- **ENROLLIN’ DOWN THE RIVER!** Enrollment and Eligibility Documents in the DRP May 11, 2022.
- **WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?** June 8, 2022.

More details about the sessions and registration information can be found by clicking the title links.

Transitional Standards Webinar Recordings Now Available!

The Transitional Standards Webinar is now available online. To view the webinar recordings, simply visit the TDA website and click on the "Webinars" section.

Four Steps to Food Safety: Clean, Separate, Cook and Chill

- **Clean:** Wash hands and surfaces often.
  - Wash hands with warm water and soap for 20 seconds. Tip: Sing the "Happy Birthday" song twice.
  - Clean and sanitize food preparation surfaces, chopping boards and kitchen utensils.
  - Rinse produce under running water. Wash fruits and vegetables even if you are going to peel them. If you cut unwashed produce, bacteria on the surface can get inside.
  - Download the **CLEAN** factsheet and share with staff.

Pledge now to participate in the CACFP Farm Fresh Challenge!

In March of each year, the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) hosts 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 to recognize the efforts of nutrition professionals to bring local foods to program participants.

- **Click here to Pledge!**

Policy Updates and Compliance Reminders

Administrative Reviews Notification

Effective June 1, 2022, TDA F&N will no longer consider Administrative Reviews (ARs) due for review based on the program cycle and program requirements for cancelation/postponement due to COVID impacts. Please contact your local Education Service Center representative for technical assistance; you may also email community.ops@Texasagriculture.gov to request technical assistance.

Monthly Highlights

Turnip the Beet 2021 Texas Award Recipients

Congratulations to the 2021 Turnip the Beet winners! These sponsors have earned USDA’s award for going the extra mile in 2021 to provide nutritious and appealing summer meals.

Make sure you read every monthly newsletter for important information, opportunities and events!