

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE



# CHILD AND ADULT CARE

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## Food Program

## January 2022 Monthly Newsletter

### Events, Trainings and Resources

#### Menu Seasonal Winter Produce

Check out these winter fruits and veggies that are abundant in the winter months. Consider adding new veggies to the menu to change it up, reduce costs and support local. SNAP-Ed Connections has tips, info and recipes for 28 kinds of produce to add to your winter meals.



#### MegaCon 2022 - Registration Coming Soon!

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!

#### New CACFP Materials for a New Year!

Here are free CACFP materials for use in training, activities, and education.

#### National CACFP Week is Coming Soon!

Save the date! National CACFP Week is March 13-19! This week is a chance to celebrate the importance of the nutrition program for participants and highlights the efforts of providers. If you ordered materials in December, be on the lookout for those now until mid February, If you'd like to be featured during National CACFP Week, please remember to send photos to [Nutrition@texasagriculture.gov](mailto:Nutrition@texasagriculture.gov)

#### New feature alert for the Food Buying Guide Interactive Web-based Tool

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. This feature allows for easy access to helpful meal pattern guidance to assist in creating shopping lists.

## **2022 National Child Nutrition Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana**

The annual National Child Nutrition Conference will be April 18-22 and is held in person with a virtual option this year. Early registration ends January 31st.

### **Food Safety**

Proper storing of food will help maintain food quality and safety. Employees who store food play an important role in a child or adult care facility nutrition program by following proper storing practices.

### **Take the Spring CACFP Farm Fresh Challenge**

The Texas Department of Agriculture has opened registration for the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Farm Fresh Challenge, this March! Pledge your participation in the Farm Fresh Challenge by February 14th to receive promotional materials such as static clings, buttons, and stickers.

### **New Team Nutrition Milk in the CACFP Quiz**

USDA's Team Nutrition initiative is proud to announce the release of the Milk in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) web quiz. This quiz focuses on milk requirements in the CACFP. The complete web quiz collection is now available on USDA's website.

### **New Limited English Proficiency (LEP) tool**

The U.S. Department of Justice's Federal Title VI Interagency Working Group (IWG) – Limited English Proficiency Committee has developed a new tool to improve access to websites and digital platforms for individuals with limited English proficiency (LEP): Improving Access to Public Websites and Digital Services for Limited English Proficient (LEP) Persons.

### **New Team Nutrition Meal Components Web Quiz**

USDA's Team Nutrition initiative is excited to announce the release of the Meal Components web quiz. This quiz is now available and focuses on meal components and meal pattern requirements for all Child Nutrition Programs.

### **Scholarship to attend the National Child Nutrition Conference due January 10**

The The National CACFP Sponsors Association is offering a scholarship to attend the 2022 National Child Nutrition Conference in April.

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## **Deadlines**

### **Review This Month's Program Calendar Due Dates!**

For upcoming deadlines, see the Program Year Calendar.

### **Claim Deadline Reminder**

November claims are due by January 29th. Don't delay, submit claims timely!

### **Transitioning to the User Access Manager**



## Policy Updates and Compliance Reminders

### [Upcoming Texas Administrative Code rule review](#)

This is a preliminary notice that TDA will be conducting an official routine review of the Texas Administrative Code, Title 4 Appeal Procedures, CACFP and SFSP rules. Notice of these rule reviews will be posted in the Texas Register, and TDA will be requesting comments from the public.



### [Responding to a Notice of Finding](#)

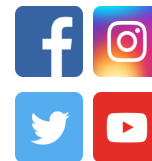
Responding to a request in a Notice of Finding for a CAD isn't a complex activity. There are three required elements in a CAD that must be completed in order for a CAD to be accepted. Help is also available at no cost from regional Education Service Centers.

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



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