

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE



CHILD AND ADULT CARE

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Food Program

August 2022 Monthly Newsletter

Events, Trainings and Resources

[Child Nutrition Photo Collection Access](#)

Update your training materials or media campaigns with professional photos from Team Nutrition's photo albums.

Team Nutrition's photo collection now includes 350 original photographs that can be used in nutrition education and training materials for CACFP operators. Photo albums that might be especially useful for the CACFP include Food Portions, Child Care Recipes, Handwashing, and Infant Nutrition. For school nutrition programs there are albums for school breakfast, school lunch and smart snacks.



[Fun Summer Activity](#)

Summer months mean summer heat. Make sure your participants are getting enough water to drink with this fun craft that will let them drink like an elephant! Click the title above and print these out and encourage children to drink more, especially during the summer months.

[CACFP Administrative Review Lessons Learned](#)

An updated version of the SFSP Administrative Review Lessons Learned is posted to SquareMeals. Click the title to view. Click the title to view.

[Updated brochures now available from Team Nutrition!](#)

Three Team Nutrition brochures have been updated and are now available online, including the Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs (FBG) brochure, the Professional Standards for School

Nutrition Professionals brochure, and the Professional Standards Training Tracker Tool (PSTTT) brochure.

CACFP Training Resources

Get ready for the upcoming year by training with USDA resources!

Now Available! Tip Sheet on Crediting Meats/Meat Alternates in Child Nutrition Programs!

This handy reference for Program operators across all Child Nutrition Programs (CNP) is a simple and easy-to-use resource that highlights the basics of crediting for the meats/meat alternates component.

New Resources for the Child and Adult Care Food Program

The USDA's Team Nutrition initiative is proud to announce the availability of several new resources for the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), including the CACFP Trainer's Tool: Milk Aide, Milk in the CACFP Web Quiz in Spanish, and multiple printed CACFP Meal Pattern Training Worksheets.

Deadlines

Review This Month's Program Calendar Due Dates!

For upcoming deadlines, see the Program Year Calendar.

Claim Deadline Reminder

June and July claims are due. Claim deadline for June is August 29th. Don't delay, submit claims timely!



Application Deadlines

If you wish to participate in the CACFP for PY 2023 you MUST SUBMIT AN APPLICATION (only complete applications that have no errors will be approved for renewal) FOR RENEWAL via TX-UNPS NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 30, 2022.

Open Enrollment

The enrollment period to sponsor new sites is currently open.

Policy Updates and

Compliance Reminders

[RELEASE: New Resource for Collecting Ethnic/Racial Data at Open Sites](#)

TDA has developed a new resource to collect racial/ethnic data of Program participants at open sites. This new resource aligns with the best practices and guidance provided by USDA in recent guidance and provided in TDA's Frequently Asked Questions documents.



[New Reimbursement Rates for 2022-2023 Released](#)

New CACFP reimbursement rates have been posted to the CACFP Reimbursement Rates page on SquareMeals.org. The rates include the temporary supplemental \$0.10 per meal/snack provided by the Keep Kids Fed Act.

[Program Updates](#)

Click on the title above for program updates.

[RELEASE: Multiple updated CACFP Forms](#)

TDA has revised multiple forms on the CACFP Administration/Forms page on SquareMeals.org.

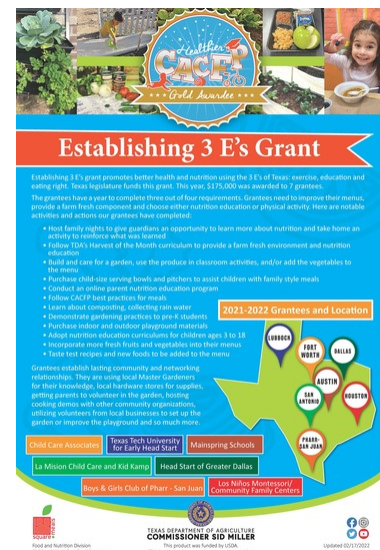
[Civil Rights Training Migrating to ICN](#)

Effective May 15, 2022, the annual Civil Rights training that meets USDA Child Nutrition Program requirements as mandated in FNS Instruction 113-1 will be provided through the Institute of Child Nutrition (ICN) rather than TDA. New users must register with ICN, and ICN will issue completion certificates. Starting May 15, links to the online training and instructions for taking ICN classes can be found [here](#).

Monthly Highlights

[2022 Turnip the Beet Recognition Award](#)

The Turnip the Beet Award recognizes outstanding Summer Meal Program sponsors across the nation who work hard to offer high quality meals to children that are appetizing, appealing, and nutritious during the summer months. For more resources, including 2022 Nomination Form, Turnip the Beet Resource Guide, and deadlines, visit TDA's Turnip the Beet page.

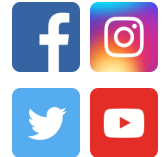


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