

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

# CHILD AND ADULT CARE

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## Food Program

## July 2022 Monthly Newsletter

### Events, Trainings and Resources



#### CACFP LIVE Training Sessions

Take the down time in the summer to brush up on your CACFP knowledge. CACFP LIVE is for any provider who would like to attend a free, virtual, interactive training on CACFP topics. Register for LIVE Sessions through your local ESC CACFP Specialist. Training schedule can be found on SquareMeals.org by clicking the title link above.

The next training is on July 13th at 10:30AM-- "Stars, Stripes & Applications": Oh say can you see... the fireworks sizzle as you prepare your Application Renewal in TX-UNPS! America was born to sparkle, and so was your application! Join us as we review the Management Plan, Budgets and Checklist items in the application. Be ready to declare your Independence from the procurement blues as we take you through the proper procedures! We salute you and your dedication to the CACFP!

#### **Learn to Safely Serve Picnic-Style Meals**

The National CACFP Sponsors Association has a 30-minute webinar on how to create and serve picnic-style CACFP Meals on July 14, 2022 during two times.

- To register for this free 30-minute session on [July 14, at 12PM click here.](#)
- To register for the [6PM session click here.](#)

#### **USDA's Team Nutrition Training Available Only 30 minutes!**

On Thursday, July 21, 2022, USDA's Team Nutrition initiative will present a CACFP Halftime: Thirty on Thursdays webinar on "Breakfast Basics." This webinar is also available in Spanish and will show program operators how to plan nutritious and appealing breakfasts that meet CACFP meal pattern requirements.

- [English Registration click here.](#)
- [Spanish Registration click here \(Para español, registre aqui\).](#)

## **USDA Provides Infant Formula Information for CACFP**

The ongoing infant formula shortage due to supply chain issues, which worsened due to a major formula recall in February 2022, has left many Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) operators concerned about access to formula and their options for safely feeding infants in their care. USDA has provided additional guidance to support CACFP operators dealing with this issue.

## **New! Food Buying Guide Mobile App Training Videos!**

Team Nutrition is excited to announce that training videos on navigating the Food Buying Guide (FBG) Mobile App are now available. These short videos are broken into four chapters to provide users with step-by-step instructions on using the Mobile App and its different components.

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## **Deadlines**

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

For upcoming deadlines, see the Program Year Calendar.

### **Claim Deadline Reminder**

May and June claims are due. Claim deadline for May is July 30th. Don't delay, submit claims timely!!!



## **Policy Updates and Compliance Reminders**

### **Flexibilities in the Keep Kids Fed Act for CACFP Operators**

The Keep Kids Fed Act passed on June 27, 2022, will allow higher reimbursements for meals and waive area eligibility requirements for Tier II Day Care Home Providers.



### **New Guidance on the Collection of Racial/Ethnic Data**

Based on guidance from USDA, TDA has developed Questions and Answers pertaining to the collection of racial and ethnic data at open Summer and At-risk sites now that visual observation is no longer an allowable option for collecting this data. These questions and answers will be included in the

SFSP and CACFP FAQs located on SquareMeals.org and will eventually be included in the Program handbooks. The FAQs are located [here](#).

## **CACFP Program Year 2022-2023**

The program year for CACFP is set to default to PY23. Please take note of the program year in which you are updating the application packet to ensure that the correct program year is being updated. When initially enrolling the PY23 application, all data from the last approved forms in PY22 will roll to the PY23 application.

Any subsequent updates made to PY22 once the PY23 application packet has been enrolled will need to be manually copied and entered into the PY23 application. Amendments made to site applications in PY22 will reflect in PY23. Therefore, please ensure that only one program year application is submitted at a time to avert any confusion as to which program year the sites should be processed.

## **Program Updates**

TDA will conduct unannounced meal observations/site visits for PY22 SFSP administrative reviews. All TDA employees will identify themselves with a TDA/State of Texas issued identification.

## **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

## **Now Accepting 2022 Turnip the Beet Recognition Award Nominations**

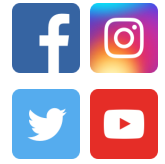
The Turnip the Beet Award recognizes outstanding Summer Meal Program sponsors serving appetizing, appealing, and nutritious meals. For more resources, including 2022 Nomination Form, Turnip the Beet Resource Guide, and deadlines, visit TDA's Turnip the Beet page.



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