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Food Program

May 2022 Monthly Newsletter

Events, Trainings and Resources



Upcoming CACFP LIVE! Sessions

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

Now Available! Updated Crediting Handbook for the Child and Adult Care Food Programs

Team Nutrition has just released the updated Crediting Handbook for the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). This updated resource is an important supplemental companion to the Food Buying Guide for CACFP operators for crediting and meal planning.

Let's Make a Snack! CACFP Snack Menu Planner for Children 3 Through 18 Years of Age

USDA's Team Nutrition initiative is excited to announce the availability of its Let's Make a Snack! Child and Adult Care Food Program Snack Menu Planner for Children 3 Through 18 Years of Age. This menu planner is an excellent training resource for CACFP operators and covers creditable and non-creditable foods at snack, interactive snack meal planning activities, sample snack menus, and 20 easy snack recipes.

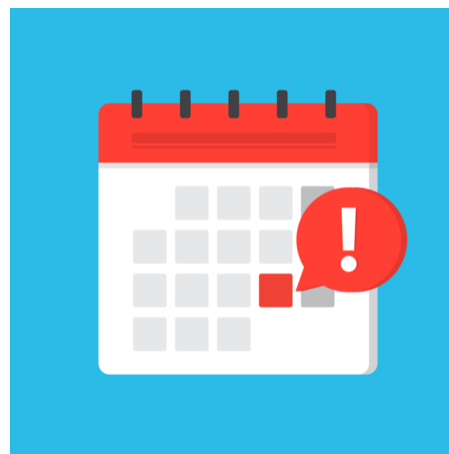
New Resources Available on SquareMeals!

There is a new resource to help you menu plan under CACFP's Meal Appeal webpage. If you're looking for ways to revamp your menu and make it appealing to children, take a look at this resource [here](#). This toolkit and other resources will be available in print at MegaCon at the Meal Appeal Expo Booth. Come say hi!

Deadlines

Review This Month's Program Calendar Due Dates!

For upcoming deadlines, see the Program Year Calendar.



Claim Deadline Reminder

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

Security Form FND-101 has been removed from SquareMeals

TDA has fully transitioned to the User Access Manager for all entities and has removed the FND-101 form on SquareMeals..

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 cancellation/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.

USDA Approves Four "Traditional" Summer Waivers

Overview of USDA Waivers - USDA has approved TDA's requests to waive first week site visits for experienced SFSP sponsors, waive mealtime restrictions for SFSP and SSO, allow closed enrolled SFSP and SSO sites to use area eligibility to establish site eligibility, and allow SFSP non-SFAs to operate Offer vs. Serve (OVS) meal service. These waivers and flexibilities are traditionally available each summer for these programs. More information on how to implement these waivers is available on the SquareMeals Summer Waivers page via the title link.

CACFP Program Reminders

A printable document that touches on the USDA Four "Traditional" Summer Waivers, Administrative Review Notices, USDA - Food Buying Guide resource and the TX-UNPS Multiple Document Upload feature for contracting entities (CEs) can be found [here](#).

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](#).

TDA to Request Waivers for Summer 2022 and SY 2022-2023

Given that many nationwide waivers are set to expire in June or soon after the declared end of the Public Health Emergency, TDA is requesting from USDA the discretion to implement waivers this summer and next school year. If approved, these waivers are only expected to be used in cases where COVID-19 has affected operations; they are not meant to be used as part of standard operations throughout the Program Year.

Monthly Highlights

2022 Turnip the Beet Recognition Awards

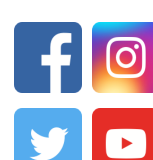
The Turnip the Beet Award recognizes outstanding Summer Meal Program sponsors across the nation who work hard to offer high quality meals to children that are appetizing, appealing, and nutritious during the summer months. For more resources, including 2022 Nomination Form, Turnip the Beet Resource Guide,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



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