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F&N Training Branding Transition

Food and Nutrition Division Training Branding

TDA F&N Training Materials will be transitioning to a new branding. Over the coming year, F&N training materials and related resources will gradually transition from the current F&N University to the new F&N Learning Institute. You may temporarily see both brandings used across training documents, presentations, job aids, and other educational materials. This visual update does not affect the content, guidance, or processes referenced in these materials. Resources will be updated as they are revised or reissued.

NEW Appeals Resources - Archived Handbooks

TDA has created a new page on SquareMeals that contains archived complete Program handbooks dating back to Program Year 2023. These resources will allow Program operators in the appeal process to access the handbooks that were current for the review period in question. Note that archived handbooks are meant for informational use only - they must not be used to guide current program operation. Current handbooks are available on the applicable Program Policy/Handbook page.

The Appeals Resources page can be accessed from the left-side menu of each Program page or directly **on this page**.

Farm Fresh Challenge Pledge Open Now!

Pledge today and find resources like the Success Guide, coloring pages, word games, and more in the Resources section of the Farm Fresh Challenge page on **Square Meals**. Please use your pledge form to indicate days when you would like TDA to visit a site to observe your celebrations.

Supplemental Guidance for the Child and Adult Care Food Program

TDA has published Supplemental Guidance for CACFP on the CACFP Policy/Handbook page (see last entry on the table containing the CACFP Handbook). This document acts as a placeholder for policy guidance communicated between annual releases of the CACFP Handbook.

Click the headline title to view the **full article**.

On-Demand CACFP Halftime Webinar Serving Meats and Meat Alternates at Breakfast in CACFP

USDA's Team Nutrition is excited to announce the release of an on-demand CACFP Halftime Thirty on Thursdays webinar. Also released are CACFP meal pattern training slides and a worksheet titled Serving Meats and Meat Alternates at Breakfast in the Child and Adult Care Food Program. These resources highlight current CACFP meal pattern requirements and demonstrate how these standards align with the recently released Dietary Guidelines for Americans, 2025-2030 and the accompanying Real Food Pyramid.

Click the headline title to view the **full article**.

RELEASE: 2026-2027 CACFP Reimbursement Rates Published

TDA has published the 2026-2027 CACFP Reimbursement rates, including the cash-in-value value of USDA Foods, on the CACFP reimbursement rates page of **SquareMeals**.

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