

June 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.

Program Updates - Below are some program highlights.

TDA conducted a Community Webinar on April 28, 2022. The call includes many updates. The link to the meeting is TDA Community Webinar. Some key highlights can be found here.

Edible School Gardens

Webinars are available if you're looking to start a garden. Also subscribe to The Dirt, a newsletter from USDA FNS's Farm to School Program.

Deadlines

Review This Month's Program Calendar Due Dates!

For upcoming deadlines, see the Program Year Calendar.

Claim Deadline Reminder

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



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



cancelation/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.

Updated Nondiscrimination Statement

The Nondiscrimination Statement required on all public-facing Program materials has recently been updated to account for a recent court decision determining that the prohibition of discrimination based on sex in Title IX and the Food and Nutrition Act includes gender identity and sexual orientation.

Availability of COVID-19 Response Waivers

TDA has been authorized to approve non-congregate, meal service time, parent pick-up, and offsite monitoring waivers on a case-by-case basis in instances when a COVID-19 outbreak in or around the area of a site is affecting food service operations.

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.

<u>Updated School Data Report and New Area Eligibility Flexibilities</u>

TDA has updated the 2021-2022 School Data Report for Area Eligibility to account for new flexibilities available to Contracting Entities that operated the Seamless Summer Option during SY 2021-2022.

Monthly Highlights

Congrats to our Establishing 3E's grantees

Establishing 3E's grant recipients attended MegaCon to showcase their projects. <u>Click here</u> for an image of all out great grantee representatives at 2022 MegaCon.



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