

Monthly Update

Child and Adult Care Food Program



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USDA Child and Adult Care Food Program: Managing Virtual Monitoring and Supply Chain Disruptions

USDA Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) has released a Fact Sheet to assist Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) program operators. The Fact Sheet clarifies existing flexibilities available to local program operators in meeting the unique needs of their communities. Access the fact sheet at: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/managing-virtual-monitoring-and-supply-chain-disruptions>.

Using WIC Food Lists to Identify Grains for the CACFP

Sponsors and providers can use ANY State's WIC list to choose grain items that can be counted toward a reimbursable meal or snack in the CACFP.

- **Whole Grains:** All grain products, other than cereals, on WIC lists are treated as whole grains and can be used to meet the CACFP whole grain-rich requirement. Not all cereals on the WIC lists are whole grains.
- **Breakfast Cereals:** All cereals on WIC lists meet the CACFP sugar limit of no more than 6 grams of sugar per dry ounce. However, not all cereals listed on WIC lists are whole grain-rich. If you intend to serve the cereal as a whole grain-rich food, make sure the WIC list indicates that the cereal is a whole grain. You can serve enriched or fortified cereals listed on WIC lists as a grain item that is not whole grain-rich in the CACFP.
- **Non-Grain Foods:** WIC lists cannot be used to determine if non-grain foods can be served in the CACFP!

Want to learn more? USDA Team Nutrition has a helpful resource found at https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/CACFWorksheetWIC_List.pdf.

Enrollment Form Reminder

CACFP enrollment forms expire one year from the date they are signed by the parent. A suggested best practice is to choose an annual designated time or month during the year to update all enrollment forms. July and August are often used because revised income categories are effective July 1 and new participants are enrolling for the fall. Missing or expired enrollment forms cause claim adjustments when consultants or auditors are on site for reviews. That is less likely to happen if all enrollment forms are updated and correctly determined during the established time frame. As a reminder, enrollment forms are not required for After School Care Sites (At-Risk), Outside School Care Sites, and Emergency Shelters.

Request to Use Electronic Transactions in Child Nutrition Programs

Sponsors who wish to use an online Enrollment & Income Eligibility Form or electronic signatures must complete the Request to Use Electronic Transactions in Child Nutrition Programs form (will be located on the checklist tab in KN-CLAIM). A webinar explaining the review process will be held in early March. The date and link will be provided in the February Update.



Celebrate the New Year with New Recipes from USDA's Team Nutrition

Team Nutrition just added 10 new Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) recipes for lunch and supper to the Institute of Child Nutrition's Child Nutrition Recipe Box. These quick-and-easy recipes are standardized by age group and designed to help make menu planning easier by providing the minimum required amount of at least one meal component at lunch and supper. The recipes come in yields of 6, 25, and 50 servings and include tasty new offerings such as Baked Tofu Bites, Barbecue Beef Sliders, and more!

New Feature Alert for the Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs Mobile App!

A new feature is now available on the Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs (FBG) Mobile App. Team Nutrition appreciates receiving your comments on the FBG and works continuously to enhance the user experience. Team Nutrition is excited to announce that users can now view the meal pattern requirements per meal component for a selected Program and age/grade group while using the FBG Calculator on both the Web Tool and Mobile App. This feature allows for easy access to helpful meal pattern guidance to assist in creating shopping lists.

CACFP Week is Brought to You by the Letters...C-A-C-F-P!

CACFP Week is right around the corner, March 13-19, 2022. The National CACFP Sponsors Association has partnered with Sesame Street in Communities for a week-long education and information campaign. The campaign is designed to raise awareness of how the USDA's Child and Adult Care Food Program works to combat hunger. The CACFP brings healthy foods to tables across the country for children in child care centers, homes, and afterschool programs as well as adults in day care. For more information visit the CACFP Week Campaign webpage:

<https://www.cacfp.org/campaign/>

Save the Date: The Rural Child Hunger Virtual Summit – April 27-28, 2022

The goal of the 2022 Rural Child Hunger Summit presented by No Kid Hungry and Save the Children is to highlight the resiliency of rural communities through their innovative and adaptive programs. The Summit will identify promising practices and policy levers that amplify the impact of nutrition assistance programs and reduce rural child hunger. More information to come on session details and how to register for this free event

National CACFP Association – Inspire Awards – Nominations Now Open!

The National CACFP Association wants to recognize those who overcame the challenges and went above and beyond expectations to provide for those they serve during the COVID-19 Pandemic. The CACFP Inspire awards will celebrate the incredible individuals and organizations who have reimagined and executed the CACFP during the pandemic. That includes state agencies, sponsoring organizations, and all program operators! Nominate yourself, an individual or organization by February 15, 2022 at [cacfp.org/inspire](https://www.cacfp.org/inspire).

2022 National CACFP Conference

The National CACFP Sponsors Association (NCA) serves as a national platform that provides education, support, and resources to organizations who administer the CACFP. This year's conference will be held in New Orleans April 18-22. There is also a virtual option. For information go to: www.cacfp.org/conference/



Training Opportunities

Don't miss any of the amazing upcoming training opportunities. Go to www.kn-eat.org, CNW Calendar to view all scheduled classes – class descriptions, dates, times and ZOOM links.

Celebrate Kansas' 161st birthday by learning more about sorghum! Kansas is the nation's leading producer of sorghum. Join CNW for the February Culinary Corner: Going Gluten-Free with Sorghum on February 23rd at 2 pm to learn about gluten-free menu options using sorghum flour and whole sorghum grain. <https://ksde.zoom.us/j/88298247075?pwd=ZU8zZGhoSVEvRjJBM3FpeTBNOWIFQT09>

Wondering what sorghum is? Make sure to watch the January Quick Bite featuring sorghum. View the January Quick Bite and all other CNW Quick Bites at:

https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLd_2hYclboc_QUbcjw6GfQP7i2Zv2MHM

Online Professional Development – Classes and Tutorials

CNW staff continue to develop new interactive online training classes and tutorials that can be accessed free of charge 24/7 via the KSDE Training Portal. Create an account now at <https://learning.ksde.org> and see the entire list of classes and tutorials available. For detailed instructions on creating an account and accessing the training, go to www.kn-eat.org, Child & Adult Care Food Program, Training. New to the online portal this month: Meal Modifications.

Healthier CACFP Award Application

The Healthier CACFP Award criteria and application were recently updated. The Healthier CACFP Award is a recognition system that supports the wellness efforts of child care providers, day care center staff, and home providers participating in the CACFP. Caregivers going above and beyond the Program requirements by taking steps to improve the menus, physical activity, professional development, nutrition, and wellness environment and/or infant care can apply for an award in one or more of these categories. Three award levels are offered: Honors, High Honors and Highest Honors. For more information and to access the application and resource book visit www.kn-eat.org, CACFP, Recognition, Healthier CACFP Award or email Karen Seymour at kseymour@ksde.org.

Happy Birthday Kansas!

January 29, 2021 is the 161st birthday of our great state. Kansas farmers produce many food products that can be tasty menu items in the CACFP. Milk from Kansas dairies, beef, pork and eggs from Kansas farms, fruits and vegetables in season and grain products made from Kansas wheat and sorghum are just a few of the many possibilities. To learn more about how to increase local foods on the plates in the CACFP, contact Barb Depew, Farm to Plate Project Director, at bdepew@ksde.org. Be sure to showcase your Kansas Day Celebrations at #FuelingKSKids.

As always, if you have questions or if we can assist in any way, please call or email your area Child Nutrition Consultant or the Topeka office staff.

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