

Monthly Update

Child and Adult Care Food Program



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Child Nutrition Program Emergency Operating Costs During COVID-19 (CACFP 05-2021)

USDA has provided implementation guidance for state agencies pursuant to the statutory requirements outlined in Sec. 722 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021. This guidance details instructions and administrative procedures for participation in the reimbursement program which makes funding available via state agencies to program operators for the purpose of covering emergency operating costs incurred during the public health emergency. To learn more about this program, join the Town Hall Tuesday on February 2nd at 2:00 pm at <https://ksde.zoom.us/j/93001580396?pwd=ZlIiMTVuemh3d0VoVU80aGVQcmhuZz09>.

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

CACFP Week is right around the corner, March 14-20, 2021. The National CACFP Sponsors Association has a number of free resources to help with planning at <https://www.cacfp.org/news-events-conferences/national-cacfp-week/#:~:text=National%20CACFP%20Week%20is%20March%2014%2D%20%2C%202021>

2021 Virtual 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. The NCA hosts an annual conference that is designed for CACFP sponsors, state agency staff, federal agency staff, Headstart, Afterschool/At-Risk, and Summer Feeding staff. This year's virtual conference will be held April 20-22. For information go to: <https://www.cacfp.org/news-events-conferences/national-cacfp-sponsors-association-conference/>.

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 must complete the Request to Use Electronic Transactions in Child Nutrition Programs form (found 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.



Training Opportunities

Virtual training abounds in 2021. The CNW Calendar has the class announcements, dates, times, and ZOOM links. Locate the calendar at www.kn-eat.org, CNW Calendar. There is no preregistration for Zoom classes. Training scheduled through Zoom in February includes:

- **CACFP Jump Start for Centers** – February 10, 9:00 am-4:00 pm. Join at <https://ksde.zoom.us/j/92157536433?pwd=ODRBUzgzS000RjdBaURpa29lNFFlZDZ09>
- **Food Safety Basics** – February 17, 2:00 pm-5:00 pm. Join at <https://ksde.zoom.us/j/94099394145?pwd=eE9aVzk4b1NpdGNwVnBWM2dqQzZFdz09>

Mealtimes with Toddlers Training – Live Virtual Training, February 24

Join KSDE for a 2-hour training entitled Mealtimes with Toddlers on February 24 from 1-3 p.m. This training will identify and review toddler developmental milestones, discuss ways to prepare and serve toddler friendly meals, review provider responsibilities prior to and during meal times as well as strategies and tips for encouraging toddlers to try new foods. Access this training via zoom at the following link: <https://ksde.zoom.us/j/94657785158?pwd=Rzd0cEdVT214WDZxNlVnbDR1ckZpdz09>. Participants that complete the training will receive a certificate of attendance that will count for 2 hours of KDHE approved training.

Make Every Bite Count with the Dietary Guidelines for Americans 2020-2025 – Live Virtual Training, March 3

Kick off National Nutrition Month by joining KSDE on March 3 from 1:30-2:30 p.m. for a 1-hour training on the newly released Dietary Guidelines for Americans. Participants will be provided with an update on the 2020-2025 Dietary Guidelines, including recommendations for infants and toddlers which were included in the guidelines for the very first time. Learn how child care programs and schools can apply the 2020-2025 guidelines within their programs and about nutrition education resources that can be used in child care and school settings. Access this training via zoom at the following link: <https://ksde.zoom.us/j/92986695492?pwd=eTNoVmtGTnl3ZW05MGVkdjhEcjVDUT09>. CACFP participants that complete the training will receive a certificate of attendance that will count for 1 hour of KDHE approved training.

Using the Online USDA Food Buying Guide Tutorial – Now Available!

Sponsors can now access the 20-minute Using the Online USDA Food Buying Guide (FBG) tutorial through the KSDE Training Portal. This tutorial demonstrates how to access the online FBG and use the web-based tool's key functions. Access the tutorial at <https://learning.ksde.org/>, Child Nutrition & Wellness, Child Nutrition Programs (General Information).

CACFP Trainers' Circle Webinar: Training Program Operators to use Grains Ounce Equivalents

On February 10, 2021, at 1:30 p.m., USDA's Team Nutrition initiative will host a Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Trainers' Circle Webinar on "Training Program Operators to Use Grains Ounce Equivalents." This webinar will help CACFP sponsoring organizations and independent centers provide training on using ounce equivalents instead of "servings" to determine amounts of grains. CACFP operators are required to use ounce equivalents for grains by October 1, 2021. Registration for this free webinar is now available via the Team Nutrition website: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/trainers-circle-cacfp-webinars>. Webinar participants will learn about existing training tools and strategies available on grains ounce equivalents.



New CACFP Meal Pattern Training Slides

The USDA's Team Nutrition initiative is excited to announce new meal pattern training slide presentations for the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). These ready-to-go presentation slides may be used by State agencies, sponsoring organizations, child care centers, and others to train providers, operators, and menu planners. The three new slide presentations include:

- Mealtimes with Toddlers in the CACFP
- Serving Vegetables in the CACFP
- Using the WIC Food Lists to Identify Grains for the CACFP

The slide presentations are free to download at <https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/meal-pattern-training-slides-cacfp>. Team Nutrition also provides training resources to accompany the above slide presentations. These training resources are available at:

- Mealtimes with Toddlers in the CACFP
<https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/mealtimes-toddlers-cacfp>
- Serving Vegetables in the CACFP
<https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/serving-vegetables-cacfp>
- Using the WIC Food Lists to Identify Grains for the CACFP
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For questions or assistance with these new Team Nutrition resources, please contact TeamNutrition@USDA.gov.

Healthier CACFP Awards

Congratulations to **Spengler's Little Wonders** (Home Sponsor – Nutrition Plus, Inc.) and **Adventure Time Child Care** for their dedication and exceptional efforts in creating healthier child care environments. KSDE Child Nutrition & Wellness joins the USDA Mountain Plain's Regional Office in recognizing their outstanding efforts with the Healthier CACFP Award.

Happy Birthday Kansas!

January 29, 2021 is the 160th 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 to are just a few of the many possibilities. How can you put our state on the plate of CACFP participants in 2021? Thank you for all you do to fuel Kansas kids through the CACFP! It is our goal to support your efforts in ensuring all children have access to healthy and nutritious food. Please use the **#FuelingKSKids** hashtag to showcase the great things that are happening as a part of your CACFP Sponsorship- photos, media articles and more to promote Child Nutrition Programs and share the positive impact on Kansas children.

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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