Reply to  
Attn. of:  CACFP-412

Subject: Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Integrity Initiative

To: STATE AGENCY DIRECTORS - Colorado DH, Iowa, [Redacted], Missouri DH,  
(Child Nutrition Programs) Montana DHES, Nebraska ED, North Dakota,  
South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming

The purpose of this memo is to let you know that our National Office is  
planning to pursue a major program improvement initiative for the CACFP.  
Plans call for this initiative to be a collaborative Child Nutrition Division,  
Regional Office and State Agency effort.

Although still in the early planning stages, we believe the initiative will  
encumber close to a two-year timeframe. The framework of the project calls  
for a Task Force approach involving Regional Office and Headquarters staff  
initially and then being expanded to a second stage that will involve separate  
work groups composed of a State Agency representative from each Region working  
along with the Regional and Child Nutrition Division staff. Attached for your  
information is a broad outline of the process and a very preliminary time  
line.

At this time, we would appreciate any input you might like to give on  
suggestions for the initiative. In addition, if any of you have developed any  
materials particularly earmarked to managing and improving CACFP integrity, we  
would appreciate receiving copies so that we may forward them to our National  
Office for their information. We would appreciate receiving these suggestions  
and/or materials by December 9.

If you have any questions on the above, please call Mary Nielsen at  
(303) 844-0359.

[Signature]

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Attachments
CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM (CACFP) INITIATIVE

0 EVALUATE THE NEED FOR CACFP IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING:

0 approval standards
0 sponsor monitoring
0 termination procedures
0 delivery of benefits

0 THE EVALUATION PROCESS WILL INVOLVE TWO STAGES:

0 initial task force composed of Regional and Child Nutrition Division staff
0 second stage involving separate work groups for each general area composed of State agency, Regional and Child Nutrition Division staff

0 OUTCOMES FOR EACH GENERAL AREA:

0 policy/operational materials
0 proposed regulatory changes
0 proposal for legislative change