



CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM
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To: CACFP Sponsors and Institutions

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Sponsoring organizations and institutions are required, by regulation, to keep Bulletins, Instructions, and USDA Policy Memorandums for reference and to apply immediately the appropriate instruction to agency programs. Contact Child Nutrition Programs if you need further clarification.

USDA Policy Memos that have been posted on the CNP Database Welcome Page:

- CACFP 04-2021 Q&A Relating to the Nationwide Waiver to Allow SFSP and Seamless Summer Option Operations during School Year 2020-2021 – Q&As #4

Additional Topics

- CACFP Halftime: Thirty on Thursdays Webinar on Using the Nutritional Facts Labels in the CACFP January 21st at 10:00 a.m.
- USDA Trainers' Circle Webinar: "Training Program Operators to Use Grains Ounce Equivalents" February 10th at 10:30 am.
- 2021 Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Information
- New USDA Team Nutrition Videos for Mealtimes with Toddlers in the CACFP
- Survey participation related to CACFP and COVID from School of Public health at the University of Illinois at Chicago
- FY2021 Reviews – Reminders to Sponsors and Institutions receiving reviews this year
- NEW Alaska Cycle Menu Template with Quantities – start using in FY2021

Resources

- REMINDER: USDA Building for the Future flyers need to be posted in each facility
- State of Alaska up to date COVID-19
- CACFP Resources from Team Nutrition
- FREE online training videos for ServSafe Take Out & ServSafe Delivery COVID-19 Precautions
- COVID-19 Resources for Child Care
- USDA CACFP Crediting Webinar Recordings
- USDA Halftime: Thirty on Thursdays Webinar
- CACFP Operational Resources Education (CORE) online training
- Institute of Child Nutrition (ICN) - Mealtime Memo, eLearning Portal
- WIC Breastfeeding Support Learn Together. Grow Together
- USDA Meal Pattern Training Worksheets

- Institute of Child Nutrition (ICN) Meal Pattern on one sheet
- Updated Food Buying Guide
- Alaska Child Nutrition Programs Listserv

USDA Policy, Information & Implementation Memos

- **CACFP 04-2021 Q&A Relating to the Nationwide Waiver to Allow SFSP and Seamless Summer Option Operations during School Year 2020-2021 – Q&As #4**
This policy memorandum includes answers to a few CACFP questions regarding donation of leftover food, at-risk attendance during non-congregate feeding, and how to deal with income eligibility when participants receive stimulus payments and increased unemployment. It also addresses the Paycheck Protection Program and allowable costs.

Additional Topics

- **CACFP Halftime: Thirty on Thursdays Webinar on Using the Nutritional Facts Labels in the CACFP January 21st at 10:00 a.m.**
 - 10-10:30 a.m. ET **English Webinar** [[Register Now](#)]
 - 11-11:30 a.m. ET **Spanish Webinar**: [[Register Now](#)]

Registration links are also available from <https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/halftime-cacfp-thirty-thursdays-training-webinar-series>.

This upcoming webinar will show Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) operators how to use the information on the Nutrition Facts label to identify foods that can be served as part of reimbursable meals and snacks. Attendees will have the opportunity to submit questions to the presenters and to check their knowledge through interactive polling questions. FNS Regional Offices, State agencies, sponsoring organizations, and CACFP program operators are invited to participate.

Team Nutrition will provide certificates of participation to individuals who attend the entire thirty-minute webinar. The National CACFP Sponsors Association (NCA) is also offering webinar participants the opportunity to submit and track continuing education credits. Additional information on this opportunity is available from NCA at: <https://www.cacfp.org/resources/thirty-thursdays>. The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Commission on Dietetic Registration has also approved this webinar for 0.5 hours of Continuing Professional Education Units (CPEUs).

- **USDA Trainers’ Circle Webinar: “Training Program Operators to Use Grains Ounce Equivalents” February 10th at 10:30 am**
On February 10, 2021, at 2:30 p.m. ET, 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 State agencies, 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 (“Delayed

Implementation of Grains Ounce Equivalents in the Child and Adult Care Food Program Final Rule” <https://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/fr-092519>).

- 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 (<https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/grains-ounce-equivalents-resources-cacfp>) and strategies available on grains ounce equivalents. Additionally, Oregon’s Department of Education will share how they used virtual training techniques to provide training for CACFP operators.
- Team Nutrition will provide certificates of participation to individuals who attend the entire webinar. The National CACFP Sponsors Association (NCA) is also offering webinar participants the opportunity to submit and track continuing education credits. Also, Continuing Professional Educations Units (CPEUs) have been approved from the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics’ Commission on Dietetic Registration.

- **2021 Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Information**

Too many children who rely on school meals do not have access to meals in the summer. Are there children in your community who will go hungry this summer? DEED’s Child Nutrition Programs (DEED/CNP) is looking for school districts, parks and recreation departments, non-profit organizations, and churches to operate Summer Food Service Program feeding sites for children and youth in low-income areas in Alaska.

Purpose - The SFSP was established to ensure that low-income children continue to receive nutritious meals when school is not in session. Free meals that meet Federal nutrition guidelines are provided to all children at approved SFSP sites in areas with significant concentrations of low-income children.

Eligibility Criteria – A sponsoring organization must be a public or private non-profit school food authority (SFA); a public or private non-profit college or university; a public or private non-profit residential summer camp; a unit of local, county, municipal, State, or Federal Government; or any other type of private non-profit organization. All sponsors must be tax exempt and demonstrate the administrative and financial ability to manage a food service effectively. Most sponsors must provide a year-round public service to the area in which they intend to provide the SFSP.

Schools do not need to have an accredited summer school program to sponsor SFSP. School districts are well positioned to provide meals that complement learning and recreation opportunities for children and earn money for the school food service account. A school may:

- ✓ Serve as a sponsor and prepare its own meals
- ✓ Serve as a sponsor and purchase meals from a vendor
- ✓ Host a site for another sponsor, or
- ✓ Serve as a vendor for another sponsor

Availability – The DEED/CNP invites any eligible sponsoring organization to participate in the 2021 SFSP and the SFSP is available to implement statewide. Sponsors located in rural areas and Alaska Native tribes are encouraged to apply.

All sponsors receive training and technical assistance from DEED/CNP prior to starting their Summer Food Service Program, and throughout the program’s duration. Completed applications are due by April 15, 2021. For questions or to register for training contact jennifer.cherian@alaska.gov or (907) 465-4969.

- **Distance Delivery for All New and Returning Sponsors:**
March 31st, 2021 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM
- **Distance Delivery for New and Returning School Food Authorities Only**
April 1st, 2021 1:00 PM to 4:30 PM

School districts may attend either training but are not required to attend both sessions.

Non-school district sponsors must attend the March 31st session.

Distance-delivery login, dial in information and training materials will be sent via email to all registered participants prior to training dates.

- **New USDA Team Nutrition Videos for Mealtimes with Toddlers in the CACFP**

Learn more about providing meals and snacks for toddlers by watching these new videos from USDA's Team Nutrition initiative. The 2-3 minute videos are available in English and Spanish on the following hot topics:

- Assist Children in Learning How to Feed Themselves
- Encourage Children to Try New Foods
- Choose the Right Type of Milk to Serve Children in the CACFP
- View the videos and learn more about Team Nutrition's other Mealtimes with Toddlers resources at: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/mealtimes-toddlers-cacfp>

- **Survey participation related to CACFP and COVID**

Jamie F. Chriqui, PhD, MHS and the group at the School of Public health at the University of Illinois at Chicago will be contacting center directors to participate in a survey regarding COVID. The goal of the survey is to identify technical assistance and training needs for COVID in 2021 and for future pandemics and natural disasters they are offering respondents a chance to win a \$100 gift card for participating. A report will then be provided at the end of the project. Agency contact information was provided to Jamie F. Chriqui.

- **FY2021 Reviews – Reminders to Sponsors and Institutions receiving reviews this year**

- CN Resources is the contractor conducting many reviews in FY2021 and they will be communicating with agencies to set up a review date. They will give you a specified date to submit documents for review. If you do not submit within the time frame it will be noted as if you did not have documents available for review in the past and may cause a finding to be noted.
- 5 Day Reconciliation is required when monitoring facilities so be sure to complete this section on your monitoring form and addendum found on the CNP Checklist tab. If you need more information, please read the attached CACFP Policy Memo 10-2018 Q&A.
- Timeliness of document submission to State agency or Contractor
- Day of review should be blocked on your calendar as it would be for in-person reviews

- **NEW Alaska Cycle Menu Template with Quantities is required for all programs being reviewed in FY2021**

There are two examples included that outline how to complete the form if you have a single age group or multiple age groups. The actual serving size should be listed – especially for items that include two or more items such as chili.

Noting if items are homemade (HM) and if they are USDA recipes (USDA) is still required. Reviewers will ask for all recipes to ensure you are meeting the meal pattern.

Resources

- **REMINDER: USDA Building for the Future flyers need to be posted in each facility**
USDA has updated their Building for the Future flyers and each sponsor should type in their name of agency and contact information, then print and post at each center/site. Contact us if you need a copy of the word version.
- **State of Alaska up to date COVID-19** <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Epi/id/Pages/COVID-19/default.aspx>
- **CACFP Resources from Team Nutrition – now in Spanish as well!**
USDA’s Team Nutrition initiative recently released seven new resources for the CACFP. All resources are now available for download and viewing at <https://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp-training-tools>.
- **FREE online training videos from ServSafe**
ServSafe is offering FREE online training videos to assist food preparation/delivery operators during the COVID-19 emergency. You can access these videos and resources on their website:
<https://www.servsafe.com/Landing-Pages/Free-Courses>
 - ServSafe Conflict De-escalation: COVID-19 Precautions
 - ServSafe Reopening Guidance: COVID-19 Precautions
 - ServSafe Delivery: COVID-19 Precautions
 - ServSafe Takeout: COVID-19 Precautions
- **COVID-19 Resources for Child Care**
COVID-19 recommendations change very quickly so it’s important to continually check the recommendations for updates. Two good websites for child care providers are the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/guidance-for-childcare.html> and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) at <https://services.aap.org/en/pages/2019-novel-coronavirus-covid-19-infections/guidance-related-to-childcare-during-covid-19/>.
- **USDA CACFP Crediting Webinar Recordings: [Be in the Know! Webinar Series](#)**
 - [Guidance on Dried Meat Products](#)
 - [Additional Meat/Meat Alternate Options – Tempeh and Surimi:](#)
 - [Crediting Vegetable Noodles and Coconut](#)
 - [Crediting Popcorn, Hominy, Corn Masa and Masa Harina in the CNPs](#)
- **USDA Halftime: Thirty on Thursdays Webinar**
 - [Link to USDA Halftime Thirty on Thursdays Webinar Recordings](#)

- January 21, 2021: Using the Nutrition Facts Label in the CACFP
- March 18, 2021: Crediting Store-Bought Combination Foods in the CACFP
- June 17, 2021: Serving Snacks in the CACFP
- **CACFP Operational Resources Education (CORE) online training**
 CORE is funded by USDA and they have three trainings that are now available online for sponsors' viewing pleasure! Subjects are Monitoring and Oversight, Financial Viability, and Serious Deficiency. Encourage your sponsors to view and learn! It's a great time to get extra training in while working from home!
<http://www.core-cacfp.com/online-training/>
- **[Institute of Child Nutrition Resources](#)** This site has CACFP Meal Pattern resources, eLearning Trainings, Educational Resources, and a searchable database for CACFP related research articles.
- **Updated Food Buying Guide** USDA has released the updated Food Buying Guide to help nutrition staff understand number of portions when purchasing foods. You can download the [Food Buying Guide](#) on the USDA site.
- **Alaska Child Nutrition Programs Listserv- Did You Know?** Alaska Child Nutrition Programs has a listserv. The purpose of the listserv is to provide information and updates on the USDA Child Nutrition Programs, including the National School Lunch Program, the Child and Adult Care Food Program, and the Summer Food Service Program. To receive all of the hottest news and updates from Alaska Child Nutrition Programs, subscribe at [Alaska Child Nutrition Programs ListServ](#). You will receive a confirmation link via email, and you should click to complete your subscription.

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Commonly Used Acronyms

CACFP – Child and Adult Care Food Program
 CNP – Child Nutrition Programs
 FNS – Food & Nutrition Services
 FNSRO – Food & Nut Reg. Office
 USDA – US Department of Agriculture
 LEA – Local Education Authority
 DEC – Dept. of Environmental Conservation

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