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Minute Menu has informed us that after their next Major Update Scantron Forms will be phased out. We encourage everyone still claiming on forms to have a look at KidKare (The online claiming utility). You can claim on any device that connects to the internet and has a web browser. There are no apps to install. We will be sending a KidKare Handbook with your Username and Password next time you order more forms or you can call the Austin Office at 1-800-369-9082 and request it today! Download the Handbook Here

Dear Providers,

Happy Spring! Easter is right around the corner! We hope everyone has a Safe and Happy Holiday. Here are your Notes for April:

1) Proposed Rule: Revisions to Meal Patterns

The USDA released a document (Read More) with **proposed** revisions to Child Nutrition Programs' meal patterns in order to be consistent with the 2020 dietary guidelines for Americans. Key proposed changes that affect CACFP include:

- New "added sugar" standards for breakfast cereals and yogurts
- Flavored milk restrictions, dependent on age-group, in future rulemaking
- Vegetables can be substituted for grains in programs that primarily serve American Indian or Alaska Native children
- Nuts and seeds may credit for the full meat/meat alternate component
- Terminology Changes

The proposed rule will be phased, with the first changes taking effect in Fall 2024 and final updates would be complete by Fall 2029.

Comments Requested – Revisions to Meal Patterns Consistent with the 2020 DGAs: Based on feedback from our members, NCA has developed the following model comments to help you provide feedback to USDA about the <u>Proposed Rule</u>. <u>Click Here</u> to comment by April 10th.

2) Bill to Extend Additional 10 Cent Reimbursement

Earlier this month, a bill called the Helping Schools Feed Kids Act of 2023 was introduced to the House of Representatives to extend the additional 10 cent reimbursement in the CACFP through school year 2023-2024. If this bill is passed, the additional 10 cent reimbursement would be implemented through June 30, 2024. (Read More)

3) The Crediting Handbook and other resources

The Crediting Handbook for the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) reflects the updated CACFP meal pattern requirements, which became effective October 2017. The handbook plays an important role in helping CACFP program operators to improve the health and nutrition of children and adults in the program, while promoting the development of good eating habits through nutrition education. Additionally, this handbook is a supplementary resource to the Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs and contains additional information on creditable foods served in child and adult care centers, which may be located in a variety of settings. Click Here to download it today!

How do I access my 2022 Tax Reports?

If you claim on Paper Forms your Tax Report was mailed with your December payment in January. If you claim on KidKare you can download it by Clicking Reports, then Claim Statements and then Tax Report, Select Year then hit Run. If you need a physical copy emailed or mailed to you call the Austin office at 1-800-369-9082 or email info@swhuman.org

2023 NCA (cacfp.org) Calendar is available to Order!

This years theme is Counting Animals! Each month highlights CACFP meal patterns, best practices, snack suggestions as well as healthy recipes, nutrition tips, and table and physical activities. In addition to this valuable nutrition education resource, each month's calendar page has oversized squares for recording important events. The Nutrition Calendar & Record-Keeping System has additional pages each month for business recordkeeping. Click Here to order yours today! | Click Here for the 2023 Calendar Training Module.

Covid-19 Resource Page
Covid-19 Vaccination Hub

Food Program Resources:

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CACFP Crediting Handbook

CACFP Reimbursement Rates

Income Standards For Determining Program Eligibility

WIC Eligibility Information

Annual Training - Online Portal

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Ounce Equivalents for Grains (Infants)

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Provider Handbook (Español) | Annual Training Packet (Español)

Getting Started with Kidkare
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Click here for Upcoming Workshops

Due to Covid-19 all Workshops have been cancelled until further notice. In order to complete your training visit our <u>Online Training Portal</u> or ask your monitor for over the phone training!

News From Cacfp.org:

Today is "National Something on a Stick Day" and we've got a great recipe on a stick for you! Try out our pizza kebab for a fun, portable and <u>#CACFPCreditable</u> twist on pizza! Get the recipe at <u>cacfp.org/pizza-kebab</u>

Now is the time to **TAKE ACTION!** Submit your comments on USDA's proposed revisions to the <u>#CACFP</u> and <u>#SFSP</u> meal patterns by April 10. To learn more about the proposed rule and model comments for you to use, <u>check out our blog.</u>

The spring season started on Monday - looking for springtime activities and recipes? Check out our new blog post at cacfp.org/spring-has-sprung

We loved seeing all your <u>#CACFPCreditable</u> snacks last week! This year's winner is Browns Childcare with a fresh fruit rainbow and vanilla yogurt clouds. To see more of this year's entries, head over to <u>cacfp.org/social-media-challenge!</u>

Latest from the Tom Copeland Blog:

How to handle a 1099-G form – and a request for help!

Ask Civitas: Reader Questions Answered!

IRS Mileage Rate Information for 2023

It's not too late - three ways you can cut your 2022 taxes in 2023

Free Tax Tools from NAFCC

Squaremeals.org:

<u>Click Here</u> for the latest CACFP Insight Newsletter from Squaremeals.org. (Published Periodically)

Team Nutrition:

Team Nutrition is an initiative of the USDA Food and Nutrition Service to support the child nutrition programs through training and technical assistance for food service, nutrition education for children and their caregivers, and school and community support for healthy eating and physical activity.

Team Nutrition Resources for Child Care

Institute of Child Nutrition:

Mealtime Memo:

Mealtime Memo for Child Care offers information for child care providers participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program, focused on good nutrition for young children.

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