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A Reminder: We provide a blanket exemption for all kids during summer vacation so there's no need to note school excuses for June-Aug.

Dear Providers,

Southwest would like to Congratulate our Provider Keri Michael for winning the 2020 Readers Choice BEST Preschool/Daycare Teacher of Fayette County!!

Here are your notes for August:

1) The New Reimbursement Rates are Out!

Starting with your July 2020 claim - Tier 1 Breakfast will go up .6 cents, Tier 1 Lunch and Supper will go up .12 cents and Tier 1 Snack will go up .4 cents. Tier 2 Breakfast will go up .2 cents, Tier 2 Lunch and Supper will go up .8 cents and Tier 2 Snack will go up .1 cent. [Click Here](#) for the updated rates. [Download the Full Reimbursement Rate Notice Here](#)

2) 2021 Calendars are now Available!

From Cacfp.org: We've got your 2021 training covered with our Life in 3D: Play, Art, and Nutrition materials.

- 5-hour training
- Daily meal pattern and best practices reminder
- Monthly newsletter templates
- Dedicated web page with year-round support
- Motivation posters
- Monthly Activity Pages

The 5-Hour Training Module, 12 Monthly Parent Provider Connection Newsletters, activity pages, motivational moments, and other training program

materials will be made available by PDF via a micropage site. [Click Here to Order yours Online!](#)

3) Covid Impact on the CACFP

The Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) community recognizes and appreciates the efforts of Congress and the USDA in support of feeding children. Waivers have been an important tool in response to the pandemic. CACFP operators are in overwhelming need of direct and significant financial aid outside of current program funding. Child care and the CACFP community are on the brink of collapse and facing imminent threat of shutting down... [Click Here to Read More](#)

4) Governor Abbott, HHSC Announce Extension of Automatic SNAP Renewals During COVID-19 Pandemic

AUSTIN – Governor Greg Abbott today announced that the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) has received federal authority to extend certifications by six months for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) recipients whose benefits are up for renewal in July and August. HHSC received federal approval from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to also waive interview requirements for new and current households.

"The State of Texas is committed to ensuring families have access to nutritious food throughout the COVID-19 pandemic," said Governor Abbott. "By extending automatic SNAP renewals and temporarily waiving interview requirements, we will ensure more Texans have healthy meals for their families. I thank our federal partners for their continuous support as we respond to COVID-19."

"As we continue to fight against COVID-19, these automatic renewals provide food security and peace of mind to families in need during this unprecedented time," said Texas HHS Access and Eligibility Services Deputy Executive Commissioner Wayne Salter. "Waiving interviews also reinforces that it is important to stay home when possible to minimize potential exposure to COVID-19."

The interview waiver applies to new applicants as well as those whose benefits are up for renewal, and HHSC can process applications as they are received and make eligibility determinations faster.

The automatic renewals will extend the benefits of approximately 276,000 households who have not yet turned in their renewal information for July and

August. This extension is the latest change to SNAP since the onset of COVID-19. Other initiatives include the SNAP Online Purchasing Pilot, Pandemic EBT, and allowing the maximum, allowable amount of SNAP benefits by household size.

Administered by HHSC, SNAP is a federal program that provides food assistance to approximately 1.4 million eligible low-income families and individuals in Texas. Texans in need can apply for benefits, including SNAP and Medicaid, at YourTexasBenefits.com or use the Your Texas Benefits mobile app to manage their benefits.

Non-Congregate Meal Service has been extended until August 31st

[Click Here for the Non-Congregate Meal Service Survey if you want to participate in Grab and Go and/or Home Delivery.](#)

Covid-19 Links

[Governor Abbott Announces Phase One To Open Texas](#)

[Governors Report to Open Texas \(Full Report - PDF\)](#)

[CDC Guidance for Child Care](#)

[CACFP Social Distancing Webinar](#)

[FNS Response to COVID-19](#)

[Texas Health and Human Services Covid-19 Page](#)

[Coronavirus Loans for Small Business](#)

[Texas Workforce Commission Covid-19 info page](#)

[Covid-19 Food Safety Resources](#)

[No Kid Hungry Best Practices](#)

[The Institute of Child Nutrition Covid-19 Prevention Page](#)

[Tom Copeland Blog: An Update on the Financial Impact of the COVID-19 on Family Child Care Providers](#)

Food Program Resources:

[CACFP Crediting Handbook](#)

[CACFP Reimbursement Rates](#)

[Income Standards For Determining Program Eligibility](#)

[WIC Eligibility Information](#)

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[Provider Handbook \(Español\)](#) | [Annual Training Packet \(Español\)](#)

[Help with Scantron Forms](#)

Kidkare is now offering eForms! Enroll kids and have the parents sign and activate them all online! If you are interested email the Austin office at info@swhuman.org or call us at 1-800-369-9082 to enable your account! [Click Here](#) to learn more about eForms.

[Click here for Upcoming Workshops](#)

Upcoming Workshop Dates: Due to Covid-19 all Workshops have been cancelled until further notice. In order to complete your training visit our [Online Training Portal](#)

News From Cacfp.org:

An Anti-Racist Approach to Supporting Child Care Through COVID-19 and Beyond

In a new report, the Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP) examines how the pandemic has exacerbated existing racial and ethnic inequities for parents, children, and workers in the child care system. The report offers local, state, and federal policy recommendations for meeting the challenge of the current public health and economic crises while rebuilding a stronger, more equitable system.

[Read Report](#)

Guide to Seasonal Fruits & Vegetables

Every fruit and vegetable tastes best when harvested in season. This calendar will tell you when certain vegetables and fruit are fresh from the farm.

[Get the Harvest Calendar](#)

Play this timed game from

[Common Threads](#)

testing knowledge on certain fruits and vegetables benefits. Test yourself or sit down with your pre-k and elementary aged kids to see who can get a perfect score! bit.ly/39y9qfx

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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. 030510

[Team Nutrition Resources for Child Care](#)

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.

[Click here for the latest issue!](#)

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