Southwest eNews

Click Here for your August Training Module

If you use a yahoo email address please send all correspondence and forms to swhumandev@gmail.com

On vacation this summer? Let your monitor know or email us at info@swhuman.org with your closure dates! Remember there is a blanket Summer Exemption in place that covers AM Snack and Lunch excuses. All kids will display "No School" next to their name in Kidkare.

Dear Providers,

Summer is almost over so get your Annual Training into the office! If you haven't completed your Annual Training please do so by logging into our <u>Online Portal</u> or by downloading the Training Packet <u>Here</u>. New Reimbursement rates are available <u>Here</u>. Reminder: All homes will be receiving Tier 1 rates Starting with their July Claims for at least one year. This does not include when claiming your own kids. You will still need to apply for T1 by income as usual. New Eligibility Standards to apply for Tier 1 can be found <u>Here</u>. Here are your Notes for August:

1) Child Care Relief Fund Resources

Child care businesses are critical employers throughout Texas and the services they provide are crucial to growing the economy. However, almost all child care businesses were hit hard during the COVID-19 pandemic, with many going out of business or operating now, on the edge of solvency.

To help our child care businesses recover from the Pandemic, the Texas Workforce Commission is launching a Child Care Relief Fund and providing FREE business coaching starting June 1, 2021. Click Here to read more!

2) Tom Copeland - What You Need to Know About the Child Care Stabilization Grants

States have now started to release grants to family child care providers under the new Child Care Stabilization grant program. If your state hasn't already opened grant applications, they will do so over the coming months.

All family child care providers should take advantage of these grants. This is a grant, not a loan. You don't have to pay it back. It can help you recover from losses you may have suffered as a result of COVID-19.

On June 26th I hosted a webinar "Help is on the Way! What the Child Care Stabilization Grants Mean to You." In this webinar, I discussed how to apply for the grants, what they can be used for and what the tax implications are for these grants. <u>Click Here</u> to read more!

3) Audit Techniques Guides (ATG for Child Care Providers)

These Audit Techniques Guides (ATGs) help IRS examiners during audits by providing insight into issues and accounting methods unique to specific industries. While ATGs are designed to provide guidance for IRS employees, they're also useful to small business owners and tax professionals who prepare returns.

ATGs explain industry-specific examination techniques and include common, as well as, unique industry issues, business practices and terminology. Guidance is also provided on the examination of income, interview techniques and evaluation of evidence. So they may be helpful for business and tax planning purposes. To find out more about how these guides may be helpful to you, watch this short video. The ATG for Child Care Providers is available Here

We are completely out of 2021 Calendars! 2022 Calendars Coming Soon! 080569

<u>Covid-19 Resource Page</u> <u>COVID-19 Vaccination Hub Providers page</u>

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

Infant Feeding Guide Order Form or Click Here to view PDF. Your Local Rep

can also drop one off at your next visit!

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

Help with Scantron Forms

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 Online Training Portal

News From Cacfp.org:

Here's a free activity page for <u>#InternationalFriendshipDay!</u> Download the page here: <u>https://bit.ly/3rI2QMw</u>

What are some ways that you teach the importance of friendship and sharing?

Increase your knowlege and stay up to date with the CACFP. Join Bridgette Laviscount and apply for your <u>#CACFPProfessional</u> Certification today: <u>bit.ly/CACFPcertification</u>

A weekend of friendship is coming up, with <u>#InternationalFriendshipDay</u> celebrated tomorrow and <u>#NationalFriendshipDay</u> on Sunday! If you're an NCA

member, you can download, print and share our Friendship Day activity page for free! Find more activity pages - both members-only and free - at cacfp.org/activity-pages

July 31 is <u>#NationalAvocadoDay!</u> What's your favorite way to serve avocado? If you're looking for a new recipe, try out this delicious Avocado Breakfast Bruschetta from <u>MyPlate</u>:

1 ripe avocado

2 medium tomatoes

1 green onion

1/2 cup fresh basil

4 eggs, hard boiled

12 slices whole-wheat baguette bread

1/4 cup ricotta cheese, reduced fat

pepper to taste

Dice avocado, tomatoes and green onion. Peel and chop hard-boiled eggs. Gently toss vegetables, egg and basil, and add pepper to taste. Toast baguette slices and smear with ricotta cheese, then top with avocado mix. Pair with a glass of milk for a #CACFPCreditable breakfast.

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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Virtual Instructor-Led Trainings (VILTs):

Register to attend free, live, interactive training sessions for child nutrition professionals. These sessions feature individual lessons led by ICN's expert trainers on great back-to-school topics. Next session starts in the Fall. <u>Bookmark this Page!</u>

Mystery provider: Every Month there will be a provider ID hidden in this email somewhere. If you find your 6 digit ID call or email us and we will send you a prize!!

Yahoo Email Users:

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