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Dear Providers,

Southwest would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and Happy Kwanzaa this Holiday Season! Everyone deserves to enjoy a great holiday meal. [Click Here](#) to donate to your local Texas Food Bank or if you need help this Holiday find the resources you need. Here are your notes for December:

### **1) Out with the Old and in with the New!**

Just a reminder that we are phasing out paper checks starting February 1st 2024. If you are still receiving Paper Checks please [Click Here](#) to download our Direct Deposit Form. Its an agreement between Southwest and the Provider so anyone on the account must Sign and Date it and also submit a voided check or bank statement that has your Account and Routing numbers so they can be verified.

Also if you are still claiming on Scantron paper forms we are down to only 2 reams of forms left and once we run out that's it. KidKare is no longer producing the forms and future support for scanning will be dropped entirely in a future update. Ready to dive in? [Getting Started with KidKare](#).

### **2) 2024 cacfp.org Calendars are Available! (Order Now before the New Year!!)**

This years theme is "Exploring our National Parks". 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!

### **3) cacfp.org - Untapped Potential: License-Exempt Home-Based Child care Providers**

A study was published in October 2023 by the Urban Institute to identify major gaps in the CACFP's coverage and ability to reach children. The study specifically focused on CACFP eligibility for small home-based child care providers who are legally exempt from their state's child care licensing requirements. [Read More](#)

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#### **Food Program Resources:**

Visit our Website at [www.swhuman.org](http://www.swhuman.org)

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[CACFP Crediting Handbook](#)

[CACFP Reimbursement Rates](#)

[Income Standards For Determining Program Eligibility](#)

[WIC Eligibility Information](#)

[Annual Training Portal](#)

[Infant Feeding Guide Order Form](#) or [Click Here](#) to view PDF.

[Ounce Equivalents for Grains](#)

[Ounce Equivalents for Grains \(Infants\)](#)

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

[Getting Started with KidKare](#)

#### **Direct Deposit Form**

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### **Click here for Upcoming Workshops**

1/13/24 - Mesquite TX

3/2/24 - Lewisville TX

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### Latest From [Cacfp.org](https://cacfp.org):

The first day of December means an NCA tradition - our 12 Days of Holidays [#BookGiveaway](#)! The first book we're giving away is *The First Day of Winter* by **Denise Fleming**. For a chance to win this book, let us know what your favorite winter activity is in the comments - bonus points for pictures! [Click Here](#) to comment.

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Out with the old and in with the new! We're dishing out new recipe ideas to kickstart the new year on Thursday, December 14 with our free webinar. Get the Scoop on Emerging [#CACFP](#) Food Trends by registering today: [bit.ly/40LX7qu](https://bit.ly/40LX7qu)

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Today is [#GivingTuesday](#)! If you are able and would like to help support ensuring healthy meals and snacks, consider donating to the National Child Nutrition Foundation at [cacfp.org/foundation/donate](https://cacfp.org/foundation/donate)

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[#MotivationMonday](#) We hope you found time over the holiday to reflect on why you're grateful. We are so grateful for the work you do every day and are amazed by the kindness and compassion that you bring to the [#CACFP](#).

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Want to help spread the word about the [#CACFP](#)? This resource shows what a typical day of eating might look like. It's perfect to hand out to prospective parents or forward to providers that you know who are not yet on the food program. Download it in English and Spanish at [cacfp.org/assets/pdf/CACFP+-+Day+in+CACFP+EN-SP+cacfp.org](https://cacfp.org/assets/pdf/CACFP+-+Day+in+CACFP+EN-SP+cacfp.org)

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### Last Five Posts from the [Tom Copeland Blog](#):

[The IRS Delays New 1099-K Reporting Threshold Until 2024](#)  
[Ask Civitas: October 2023 Reader Questions Answered!](#)

[Unlock Your Child Care Business's Potential with the NEW #DECALThrivingBusinessAcademy!](#)  
[Ask Civitas: September Reader Questions Answered!](#)  
[Ask Civitas: August Reader Questions Answered!](#)

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## **Squaremeals.org:**

[CACFP News](#)

[COVID-19 Page on SquareMeals.org Retired](#)

[Click Here](#) for the latest CACFP Insight Newsletter from Squaremeals.org. (Published Periodically)

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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.

[Team Nutrition Resources for Child Care](#)

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## **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.

[Click here for the latest issue](#)

### **Virtual Training:**

The *Institute of Child Nutrition (ICN)* offers free virtual group training on a broad range of topics for child nutrition professionals working in school nutrition and child care settings. In

addition to training sessions at the Institute's headquarters at The University of Mississippi, Virtual training may be requested free-of-charge.

### [Virtual Training Sessions Currently Offered](#)

#### **Child Nutrition Recipe Box:**

Your resource for USDA Standardized Recipes for Child Nutrition Programs.

### [Child Nutrition Recipe Box](#)

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