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On vacation this summer? Let your monitor know or email us at info@swhuman.org with your closure dates!

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

Dear Providers,

We hope everyone has a Happy and Safe 4th of July! If you haven't done so already go ahead and wrap up that Annual Training! If you haven't completed your Annual Training please do so by logging into our [Online Portal](#) or by downloading the Training Packet [Here](#). We have great news to announce this month. The Keep Kids Fed Act was signed into law on June 25th by President Joe Biden! Read more about it below:

1)What is the Keep Kids Fed Act?

Provisions in The Keep Kids Fed Act are:

- Extends the Area Eligibility waiver allowing family childcare homes to receive the higher Tier 1 reimbursements through the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). Streamlines access to healthy meals for children in family childcare homes by extending the area eligibility test waiver. This year, one of the most pressing problems is that schools do not have the income data needed to establish area eligibility. In addition, this test is not an effective mechanism, it misses many providers serving low-income children, especially in rural and suburban areas.

- Increases CACFP Reimbursements by 10 cents for each meal and snack for childcare providers and afterschool programs. This will help to stem participation declines, support good nutrition, and provide relief for struggling childcare to cope with supply chain and cost issues. These enhanced reimbursements will make it more affordable to provide the healthy foods required by CACFP. These healthy CACFP meals and snacks for young children in childcare are essential to supporting good health and development.
- Extends USDA's authority to issue Summer Nutrition waivers through September 30, 2022; meal pattern waivers through June 30, 2022, and non-cost nationwide waivers through school year 2022-2023.
- Increases the school breakfast reimbursement by 15 cents and the school lunch reimbursement by 40 cents. Allows children eligible for reduced-price school meals to receive free school meals.

2) Questions and Answers Regarding the 2022 Infant Formula Shortage

The ongoing infant formula shortage due to supply chain issues, which worsened due to a major formula recall in February 2022, has left many CACFP operators concerned about access to formula and their options for safely feeding infants in their care. Food and Nutrition Service has developed the following Questions and Answers to support CACFP operators and their families during the infant formula shortage. [Click Here](#) for more info from cacfp.org. [Click Here](#) for the official UDSA Policy Memo.

3) Washington Post Article - In Texas, child-care providers are returning to a broken system

STAMFORD, Tex. — A few minutes before the mayor arrived, BriTanya Bays [A Provider with Southwest] ducked into the bathroom. She had crumbs on her blouse and a light stain she couldn't diagnose, but hey, she told herself: That was the uniform when you worked with children.

She reached to the back of a drawer, pulled out a bottle of foundation she hadn't used in a year and smeared a dab of cocoa-shaded L'Oreal across her cheeks.

"I don't know what I'm trying to do with this look," she said, sighing. "I just really want things to feel better this time."

She'd advertised this morning, a Friday in late February, as the official unveiling of Our Loving Village, a licensed child-care program she planned to run out of her home. Technically, it was a reopening. Bays had started the business years earlier. She'd never earned much, but her revenue dwindled to nothing during the pandemic, and at the end of 2021, she'd decided to shut down... [Continue Reading](#)

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News From [Cacfp.org](#):

STEM in early childcare can seem daunting, but we all know it's pretty important. Check out our 3-2-1 Blastoff! activity inspiration on the blog for a fun activity and some easy STEM ideas! [Click Here](#)

You asked, and we've got you covered: Can peanuts, tree nuts, seeds or soy nuts be served to meet the full meat/meat alternate for a meal? Check out [#mealpatternminute](#) 4 for all information you need. [Click Here](#)
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Pulling together some 4th of July fun at your childcare site? We've got you covered with crafts, recipes, printables, activities, songs, and books. Don't miss this comprehensive list! [Click Here](#)

Chicken and Cheese Snack Cup

This CACFP creditable snack is the perfect on-the-go option for outdoor

snacking on the 4th of July!

Layer the bottom of a 6oz resealable container or cup with 1 tbsp of rotisserie chicken and 1 tbsp of Colby cheese, both diced to 1/4". Then, top with 1/2 cup of sliced grapes. If grapes are a concern simply swap out the halved grapes for halved strawberries, cubed melon, or match stick cucumber!

Latest from [Tom Copeland](#):

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[Second Quarter Estimated Taxes Due June 15](#)

Squaremeals.org:

[Click Here](#) 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. 060108

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