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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](#)

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Dear Providers,

We hope everyone had a Happy Memorial Day! It's June and that means we need to start wrapping up the [Annual Training!](#) Get yours submitted to the [Austin office](#) as soon as you can. Are you on vacation this summer? Let your monitor know or email us at [info@swhuman.org](mailto: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 claims. We are also completely out of 2023 calendars. Here are your notes for June:

**1) Effective July 1, 2023, the Tier One rates to Tier Two Homes will cease and revert to Tier Two (the lower rate of reimbursement).**

In April 2021, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced a nationwide child nutrition waiver for the 2021-2022 school year for area eligibility. The waiver - effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 - enabled family child care providers to receive the Tier One meal reimbursement rates, regardless of income or school eligibility amid the ongoing impacts of COVID-19. Effective July 1st 2022, the waiver was extended by Congress to Tier Two homes through June 30, 2023 is now set to Expire. If you believe you may qualify for Tier

One rates based on household income of your family, you can apply for Tier One benefits by completing an income eligibility application ([Eligibility Form](#) | [Full Packet with Worksheets](#)). If your personal household does not qualify but you serve children who you believe may qualify, these non-resident households can apply for Tier One rates based on their own household income. ([Eligibility Form](#) | [Instructions for Parents](#))

## **2) 2023 TDA Audit Roundup**

Earlier this year The Texas Department of Agriculture visited some of our homes. Just like when you get reviewed by your Monitor as a CACFP contractor Southwest gets reviewed every other year to make sure we are also in compliance. Here are some tips to keep your daycare in Tip-Top shape:

- Make sure you have your [Building for the Future Poster](#) on Full Display. If you would like a cardstock version mailed to you email us at [forms@swhuman.org](mailto:forms@swhuman.org)
- Ensure that Parents receive the latest [WIC letter](#) and a [Parent Letter](#) with each enrollment. The Parent Letter is the same as the Building for the Future Poster except that it contains additional information for the parents on the back.
- Keep a photocopy of all Enrollment and Re-enrollment Packets for 3 years and 90 days.
- Serve the correct Milks. One year old children should be served Whole Milk until they turn Two. After that 1% or Non-Fat (Skim) Milk should be served. Flavored Milks are not reimbursable.
- Maintain your Licensing Capacity. If you need to setup a Split-Shift for a Meal contact your Program Coordinator.
- Record your Menus, Attendance and Meal Counts before Midnight each day.

## **3) What is the Affordable Connectivity Program?**

The Affordable Connectivity Program is an FCC benefit program that helps ensure that households can afford the broadband they need for work, school, healthcare and more.

The benefit provides a discount of up to \$30 per month toward internet service for eligible households and up to \$75 per month for households on qualifying Tribal lands. Eligible households can also receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers if they contribute more than \$10 and less than \$50 toward the purchase price. 060106

The Affordable Connectivity Program is limited to one monthly service discount and one device discount per household. Who Is Eligible for the Affordable Connectivity Program? [Click Here](#) for more info.

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### **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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### News From [Cacfp.org](#):

August is a great time to invite your elected official to witness the [#CACFP](#) in action, as every congressional representative will be back in their home state. Want to learn how to host a successful site visit? Check out our upcoming webinar! [Click Here to Register](#)

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May 28th was [#NationalVeggieBurgerDay](#)! Check out our recipe for bean patties for a plant-forward option.

Get the [#CACFPCreditable](#) recipe at [cacfp.org/bean-patties](#)

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The USDA wants to hear from you! Last December, Congress took a major step to ensure that kids don't go hungry over the summer months. We invite you to attend this webinar and provide feedback on rural, non-congregate SFSP meal service. [Click Here to Register](#)

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Here's a [#CACFPCreditable](#) recipe that you can enjoy over the weekend or with your participants! Get the recipe at [bit.ly/36OQdpu](#)

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No kitchen? No problem! Check out our webinar on June 8 to learn how to plan a menu with shelf-stable and fresh foods that require assembly only. Can't make it live? [Watch it on demand through July 5.](#)

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### Latest from the [Tom Copeland Blog](#):

[Ask Civitas: May Reader Questions Answered!](#)  
[The Retirement Account We Don't Suggest](#)

[Spring Cleaning for Your Records!](#)

[Ask Civitas: April Reader Questions Answered!](#)

[Retirement Plans: What You Need to Know](#)

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## **Squaremeals.org:**

[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.

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send the new address to [emailupdate@swhuman.org](mailto:emailupdate@swhuman.org)

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