Southwest eNews

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Please DO NOT call 9-1-1 for information on COVID-19. <u>Click Here</u> for the latest from Texas DSHS. You can contact DSHS directly by dialing 2-1-1 (option 6), from 7 a.m. – 8 p.m. daily, or by emailing them at coronavirus@dshs.texas.gov

Dear Child Care Providers,

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Southwest Human Development Services would like to help child care providers (open or currently closed) supply nutritious meals to children through the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP).

Providers that are still open can continue to claim meals for children of essential workers and child care homes that have closed for the pandemic may continue to serve meals on site to the children of essential service workers without any special approval by the State. If your home is currently closed, but you would like to serve as a feeding site, parents are able to come to the home to pick up your meals.

Program eligibility through USDA National waivers now allow homes still open to serve congregate meals and also in a non-congregate method to other enrolled children through Grab and Go or Home Delivery methods. This waiver enables approved homes to allow meals to be taken away from the site and consumed elsewhere, thereby allowing for social distancing. A non-congregate meal is a meal not served in the child care facility to an enrolled child through Grab and Go or Home Delivery. If you choose to use home delivery, parents are required to sign an acknowledgement form.

Once qualified for non-congregate meal service, your home will be able to immediately begin serving meals to the families of children enrolled in your home that are not in care. This method is optional for you and the waiver only extends to June 30, 2020, or until expiration of the federally declared public health emergency, whichever is earlier.

May I serve non-congregate meals if my day care home is still open?

Yes. The day care home does not have to be closed to its enrolled participants due to the COVID-19 public health emergency in order to provide non-congregate meals or use the meal service time flexibilities under these nationwide waivers. Under these waivers, day care homes that are still open may provide meal service on site to participants in attendance. They can also arrange meal service pick-ups (grab-and-go) and/or provide meal delivery for participants temporarily not in attendance. Please note that you may provide meal delivery only to enrolled children, due to confidentiality and logistical requirements. Childcare homes that have closed for the pandemic may continue to serve meals on site to the children of essential service workers.

If you want to operate both a congregate and non-congregate meal service, please click on the link below to submit information for separate site application for the non-congregate meal service. We will submit your application to the State. Your home must receive prior approval from the Texas Department of Agriculture. We will be processing applications for a start date of May 1st and beyond.

Click Here for Non-Congregate Meal Service Survey

Governor Abbott Announces Phase One To Open Texas

<u>Tom Copeland Blog: An Update on the Financial Impact of the COVID-19 on Family Child Care Providers</u>

Covid-19 Links

<u>Governors Report to Open Texas (Full Report - PDF)</u>

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

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How do I access my 2019 Tax Report?: If you claim on Paper Forms you were mailed your Tax Report with your December payment. If you claim on KidKare you can download it by Clicking Reports, then Claim Statements and then Tax Report. If you need a physical copy mailed to you call the Austin office at 1-800-369-9082.

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

Click here for Upcoming Workshops

Upcoming Workshop Dates: All Workshops have been cancelled until the end of May.

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 foodservice, nutrition education for children and their caregivers, and school and community support for healthy eating and physical activity.

Team Nutrition Resources for Child Care

News From Cacfp.org:

Our #CACFPally,

Child Care Aware of America

has resources available to help Child Care Providers and Child Care Resource & Referral. Check out their resources.

Is your local park open for access?

National Recreation and Park Association

is working with many communities during the pandemic to make sure you can safely get air and exercise in a healthy environment at your local park. See their recommendations for park and trail use where there are no restrictions on access, and let us know if your community space is open! #CACFPally

Click Here for this Months Parent Provider Connection Letter!

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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