



BULLETIN:

Child and Adult Care Food Program

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Program changes as a result of USDA Policy Memos and Technical Assistance Memos are to be implemented immediately. Please file this bulletin for reference, guidance and compliance with the Child and Adult Care Food Program. Feel free to call the Child Nutrition Programs office if you need further clarification.

Bulletin Topics

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1. Farm to Summer Meal Site Initiative – Mini Grants (Round 2)– available for Alaska Child Nutrition Programs

If you missed the first chance for submitting a simple application for a mini-grant to build a healthier nutrition environment at your program then here's your 2nd chance! Deadline for submission is April 22, 2016. Please see the information with this bulletin that can be found at the CACFP Bulletin's page: <https://education.alaska.gov/tls/cnp/CACFP4.html>.

The Farm to Summer Meal Sites project will support Alaska children with hands-on experiential learning, nutrition education, and exercise with the added benefit to revising attitudes towards new and healthy foods through agency sub-grants.

2. USDA Proposed Integrity Regulation

USDA is proposing a new regulation pertaining to the National School Lunch, School Breakfast, Special Milk, Summer Food Service, and the Child and Adult Care Food Programs. The proposed regulation addresses:

- Termination and disqualification in SFSP;
- State agency/sponsor review requirements for CACFP;
- State Liability payments to aggrieved child care institutions;
- CACFP Audit Funding;
- Disqualified Schools, Institutions, and Individuals
- Fines for violating program requirements;

You can read the entire proposed regulation and submit a formal comment at:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2016/03/29/2016-06801/child-nutrition-program-integrity>.

It's very important for you to provide comment if you feel strongly about any part of the proposed rule. It is very easy to provide comments by going to the above listed website – reading the proposed rule, and noting what you do and don't like along with any information that will help the readers understand your point of view. **Public Comments must be received on or before May 31, 2016.**

3. Reducing Paperwork in the CACFP

FNS has released the report, *Reducing Paperwork in the Child and Adult Care Food Program*. A Work Group of CACFP stakeholders produced this report with recommendations to Congress, USDA, and States to streamline administrative processes and remove barriers to participation, while protecting Program integrity. The report is highlighted in the new Paperwork Reduction Resource Center. FNS has designed this resource center to promote policies and share ideas for reducing paperwork and increasing CACFP efficiency. Check it out at:

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/paperwork-reduction-resource-center>

4. Healthy Lunchtime Challenge

The First Lady is once again teaming up with PBS flagship station WGBH Boston, the U.S. Department of Education, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture to host the fifth annual [Healthy Lunchtime Challenge](#) to promote cooking and healthy eating among young people across the nation.

The challenge invites kids ages 8-12, in collaboration with a parent or guardian, to create an original recipe that is healthy, affordable, and delicious. One winner from each U.S. state, territory, and the District of Columbia will win the opportunity to be flown to Washington, DC and the opportunity to attend the 2016 [Kids' "State Dinner"](#) here at the White House, where a selection of the winning recipes will be served. Kids will also have the opportunity to learn from television personality and member of the President's Council on Fitness, Sports and Nutrition Rachael Ray.

Go to the following link for more information:: <http://www.ed.gov/content/2016-healthy-lunchtime-challenge-here>

5. Permanent Agreement Reminder

Last month the new Permanent Agreement was included with the Bulletin with the request that you sign, date and submit to our office by April 15, 2016. Please be sure to have your authorized representative (typically this is the Executive Director, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Superintendent or owner) sign this form. It will replace the existing permanent agreement that is on file for your agency.

A copy will be sent back to you via e-mail and you are required to keep this document in a secure location where it will not be archived or destroyed. This documentation showing your agency and the state agency are agreeing to the terms within.

6. Mealtime Memo – Preparing Foods with Limited Time

A busy day in a child care setting may call for many things beyond caring for children, such as greeting parents, answering phones, purchasing food, etc. Occasionally, the long list of tasks can limit the time for preparing food. Therefore, this memo will provide you with some basic strategies for preparing foods with limited time. You can access the Mealtime Memo with this bulletin at: <https://education.alaska.gov/tls/cnp/CACFP4.html>.

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Commonly Used Acronyms

CACFP – Child and Adult Care Food Program
CNP – Child Nutrition Programs
FNS – Food & Nutrition Services
FNSRO-Food & Nut Services Reg. Office
USDA – U.S. Department of Agriculture
LEA – Local Education Authority
DEC – Department of Conservation

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