



BULLETIN:

Child and Adult Care Food Program

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Sponsors of Family Day Care Homes**
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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.

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1. NEW – CACFP Participant Enrollment Forms

CACFP Child Care Centers, Adult Day Care Centers, Head Start Programs, and Family Day Care Home Providers are required to have all of their participants enrolled in the CACFP. The Sponsoring Organizations of Family Day Care Homes are already meeting this requirement, but now all other types of centers (with the exception of Emergency Shelters, Outside School Hours Care Centers, and At-Risk Afterschool Meals Programs) must get their participants enrolled in CACFP in order to be in compliance.

Last month I attached the new CACFP Enrollment Form to the Bulletin. This is a new requirement and must be implemented by October, 2014. The form (you can find with the 2014-05 Bulletin) is an easy way to get this information but you are also able to take the required fields and include in an enrollment form you may already have.

If you have your families complete a new enrollment form annually then you may include the CACFP fields. The documentation of enrollment must be updated annually, signed by a parent, legal guardian or adult participant, and include information on each participant's normal days and hours of care and the meals normally received while in care.

If you do not have families/participants complete an annually enrollment form then you will need to use the form we provided to you via the Bulletin in March. Please contact Ann-Marie if you have questions.

2. State of Alaska Vendor Electronic Payment Inquiry System

There have been some inquiries regarding payments lately as our finance division has had some staff shortages so payments are a little slower. Use the link below to check on your own payments.

Remember, the state will combine all state payments that are in the system together on the same day, so the CACFP amount may be part of a HSS payment and you may not recognize it. Go to:

https://dof.doa.alaska.gov/edi_inquiry/

You just need to enter your vendor number, which you should have on file. If you need it please e-mail Alexis and she will provide it to you to keep on file. When you enter your vendor number it will show all combined payments by date. You can click on the date and see the breakout between DEED (Department of Education – where your CACFP payments come from) and any other payments from HSS.

3. Team Nutrition Resources for School Age Children

USDA's Team Nutrition has a site called Celebrating Challenges and Competitions. There are two links that are resources for the teachers to help implement nutrition education in your programs (Make a Snack of Champions and Climb Produce Peak) and two links that are fun interactive sites for the children to test their knowledge on good nutrition. They are geared towards kids with lots of characters and sound.



Celebrating Challenges and Competitions

- [Make a Snack of Champions](#)
- [Blast Off to Planet Power](#)
- [Take the Track and Field Fuel Up Challenge](#)
- [Climb Produce Peak](#)
- [Find Fitness](#)



Visit the Team Nutrition Web Site: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/team-nutrition>

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4. Nutrition Through the Season – SNAP Ed Connection

Use this really great website resource for ideas on including nutrition in your centers as part of your education component. You can even coordinate with the kitchen staff to learn about foods in the classroom and then offer it on the menu the same week.



There is a link for Holiday Observances for health and nutrition.

<http://snap.nal.usda.gov/nutrition-through-seasons/holiday-observances#may>

Here is a listing for May:



May

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[Click here for resources for each Day, Week or Month.](#)  *University of Nebraska-Lincoln Cooperative Extension.*

National Food Days

- Orange Juice Day (May 4). [Learn about Oranges in Nutrition Through the Seasons.](#)
- No Diet Day (May 6). [Information about Overweight and Obesity Prevention.](#)
- Shrimp Day (May 10).
- Quiche Lorraine Day (May 20). [Quiche recipes from the Recipe Finder.](#) 
- Brown-Bag-It Day (May 25). [Eat Right When Money's Tight.](#)

National Food Weeks

- Herb Week (first week of May). [Information about Food Preparation and Cooking including Cooking with Fresh Herbs.](#)
- Women's Health Week (second week of May, varies).
- Food Allergy Week (second week of May, varies).
- Frozen Yogurt Week (fourth week of May, varies).

National Food Months

- Asparagus Month. [Learn about Asparagus in Nutrition Through the Seasons.](#)
- Barbecue Month. [Grilling and Summer Food Safety resources in Nutrition Through the Seasons.](#)
- Beef Month. [Recipes with Beef in the Recipe Finder.](#) 
- Celiac Awareness Month.
- Egg Month. [Egg recipes in the Recipe Finder.](#) 
- Hamburger Month. [Beef recipes in the Recipe Finder.](#) 
- High Blood Pressure Education Month. [High Blood Pressure Education Program.](#)  *DHHS. National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute.*
- Mediterranean Diet Month.
- Osteoporosis Prevention Month. [Information about Osteoporosis Prevention.](#)
- Physical Fitness and Sports Month. [Useful Resources.](#)  *DHHS. President's Council on Fitness, Sports & Nutrition.*
- Salad Month. [Salad recipes in the Recipe Finder.](#) 
- Salsa Month. [Salsa recipes in the Recipe Finder.](#) 
- Strawberry Month. [Learn about Strawberries in Nutrition Through the Seasons.](#)

5. Recipes for Healthy Kids Cookbooks available in print



United States Department of Agriculture



The top 30 kid-tested, kid-approved recipes from the Recipes for Healthy Kids Competition sponsored by USDA in support of First Lady Michelle Obama's Let's Move! Initiative are available in print. Cookbooks are available for family day care homes (recipes for 6 servings) for child care centers (recipes for 25 and 50 servings) and for schools (recipes for 50 and 100 servings). Please read the flyer for information and order yours at www.teamnutrition.usda.gov.

6. Mealtime Memo for Child Care: Healthy Meals on a Budget and Vegetable Subgroups

Child care providers can be influential in introducing healthy foods and habits to the children in care and to their families. The Mealtime Memos have information on cycle menus and providing food on a budget, as well as outlining the vegetable subgroups. These subgroups may come into play with our new meal patterns so it's a good idea to start introducing potential new foods to the children now. You can find the memo in English and Spanish at the following website:

<http://www.nfsmi.org/ResourceOverview.aspx?ID=87>

You can also find the PDF included with this bulletin on the Child Nutrition Program website:

<http://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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