



**BULLETIN:**  
**Child and Adult Care Food  
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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.

**USDA Policy, Information and Implementation Memos**

1. [USDA Policy Memo CACFP 05-2012 Guidance on the Food Donation Program in Child Nutrition Programs](#)
2. [USDA Policy Memo CACFP 06-2012 Guidance on Income Eligibility Determinations and Duration](#)
3. [USDA Policy Memo CACFP 08-2012 The At-Risk Afterschool Meals Component of the Child and Adult Care Food Program, Questions and Answers](#)

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1. [USDA Policy Memo CACFP 05-2012 Guidance on the Food Donation Program in Child Nutrition Programs](#)

This policy memo reminds programs that they may donate leftover food to a local non-profit or food bank to prevent hunger and be responsible for the Federal dollars you are receiving. If you find that you have repeated quantities of leftovers you must amend your production practices to reduce leftovers as this is a requirement under CACFP. Documenting your leftovers and what you do with them is a good practice and as a reminder, the leftovers are not to go home with staff. You may have a sharing table for leftovers so food may be consumed on site by the hungry children.

2. [USDA Policy Memo CACFP 06-2012 Guidance on Income Eligibility Determinations and Duration](#)

This policy memo clarifies that the Confidential Income Statements are valid for 12 months regardless of any change in household income. Households are not required to report income changes after they have been categorized as free or reduced price or tier I benefits, even if their income increases by any amount, or their family size decreases.

3. [USDA Policy Memo CACFP 08-2012 The At-Risk Afterschool Meals Component of the Child and Adult Care Food Program, Questions and Answers](#)

This policy memo is a follow-up to the December 17, 2010 policy memo and consolidates and updates previous guidance relating to the at-risk afterschool meals component of CACFP.

4. [Save the Date: Certified Food Protection Manager Training & Cooks Training Registration](#)

We are very excited to be offering these two trainings in Anchorage, Fairbanks and Sitka in May. Participants in the full-day ServSafe training will take the Certified Food Protection Manager's test at the conclusion. If your program needs a CFPM (check the State of Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation's website or if in Anchorage, the Municipality of Anchorage website) this is a great opportunity to get the required training at minimal cost. Child Nutrition Programs will cover the cost of training and test and your agency must purchase the required manual prior to training.

DEC website: <http://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/training/training.html>

MUNI website: <http://www.muni.org/Departments/health/environment/FSS/Pages/fssfood.aspx>

**ServSafe (Certified Food Protection Manager) Training 8:00 am - 4:30 pm Wednesday**

Anchorage: May 9<sup>th</sup>

Fairbanks: May 16<sup>th</sup>

Sitka: May 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Cook's Training (2 day hands on training) 8:00 am - 4:30 pm Thursday & Friday**

Anchorage: May 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>

Fairbanks: May 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>

Sitka: May 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>

There will be limited space available. Registration forms are attached to this bulletin.

**5. Wellness in Alaska Child Care Grant Opportunities**

We are very excited to be able to offer additional grant opportunities to Alaska CACFP agencies through our state Wellness in Alaska Child Care (WIACC) grant from USDA. All CACFP agencies are eligible even if you did not participate in past WIACC training or receive a mini-grant.

Application deadline is April 2, 2012 with grant awards posted by April 30, 2012. You may apply for one or both mini-grants and we've reduced the reporting requirements in order for easy access to this funding for all program types.

The two grant opportunities are:

1) [2012 WIACC Farm to Child Care Mini-Grant](#)

Alaska Child Nutrition Programs have partnered with the Division of Agriculture to offer a WIACC Farm to Child Care grants in the amount of \$500-\$1000, depending on program size. This grant will assist programs to increase Alaska children and youth in understanding about how food

gets from its original source to the plate, promote healthy food choices, and encourage a preference for food grown and harvested in Alaska.

2) **2012 WIACC Additional Resources Mini-grant**

One of the biggest obstacles to family style dining is lack of equipment so we have a solution to this problem. Mini-grants are now available to purchase of family style dining equipment (set of 8 serving dishes, set of 6 pitchers, serving utensil sets) with gift certificates you'll receive upon approval of your grant application. We also have designated books that coincide with the More Than Mud Pies resource we've provided programs over the years. Resource books can be purchased with gift certificates you'll receive after approval of your grant application. If you would like another copy of the More Than Mud Pies please contact our office. There are minimal reporting requirements for this grant.

**6. Milk Substitution Update**

There is now a third milk substitute on the market that qualifies under the USDA Child Nutrition Programs new nutrition requirements for milk substitutes. The manufacturer of Pearl Organic Smart Soymilk Creamy Vanilla or Chocolate has changed their ingredients to become creditable under USDA guidelines. As a reminder, the other two products that are creditable as a milk substitute are Pacific Ultra Soy Milk and 8<sup>th</sup> Continent Soy Milk.

**7. USDA Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Webinar & State of Alaska SFSP Training**

USDA is outreaching to programs across the country to increase summer feeding sites this summer. They are holding public webinar sessions in March so if you're interested please see the attached flyer. Please share this information with programs in your community that are offering summer activities for children and youth.

Alaska SFSP training will be conducting distance training for new programs or staff on March 6<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Hannah Barril if you wish to attend this training or have specific questions regarding the SFSP at (907) 465-4788. Some CACFP sponsors move to the SFSP in the summer when their programs significantly change to incorporate school age children during the summer break. If you think this may apply to your program please contact either Hannah Barril or Ann-Marie Martin with Alaska Child Nutrition Programs.

**8. Local Products for Food Service**

During the Alaska School Nutrition Association Conference there were several presenters from different sectors of Alaska agriculture and there has been a big interest in how to obtain these products in various parts of Alaska. For Alaska grown produce, all distributors have the ability to obtain Alaska grown products upon request – most of the large distributors such as DiTomasos, Food Services of America, and Charlie's Produce all have access to locally grown produce.

Johanna Herron, with the Farm-to-School Program, is trying to assess the interest in Southeast Alaska for Alaska grown carrots for next school year. If you have an interest in working through a cooperative of sorts for next year, please contact Johanna at [Johanna.herron@Alaska.gov](mailto:Johanna.herron@Alaska.gov) with an estimate on how many pounds your agency would use weekly.

Also in Juneau, Cooperative Extension is looking into bringing down barley flour from the Alaska Flour Company. The cost is \$1.00 per pound plus \$.035 per pound shipping. If you are interested in this product, please contact Darren Snyder at [dgsnyder@alaska.edu](mailto:dgsnyder@alaska.edu).

**9. Head Start Body Start resources:**

Please check out the Head Start Body Start from the National Center for Physical Development and Outdoor Play’s website at: <http://www.aahperd.org/headstartbodystart/>. You’ll find free resources such as the Activity Calendar that is attached to this bulletin. This website offer resources on play spaces, online learning modules, grant opportunities, etc.

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**Commonly Used Acronyms**

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

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