



Child Nutrition & Wellness

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CACFP UPDATE December 22, 2017

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As posted to www.kn-eat.org, Child and Adult Care Food Program, Updates from CNW

2018 Claim Deadlines for Center Sponsors Posted

Claim Deadlines for 2018 have been posted at www.kn-eat.org, Guidance, CACFP Claim Information. KSDE generally vouchers weekly for center sponsors. **A pending claim will not be paid until it has been certified by checking the box that states all information is correct.** Claims are due 60 days after the end of the claim month, please be aware that 60 days does not always correlate with the last day of the month.

USDA Seeking Input Interim Final Rule

The interim final rule will become effective July 1, 2018. Beginning July 1, 2018, 1% flavored milk will be allowed for children 6 years and older. The USDA is seeking input on the interim final rule. To submit feedback, use the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>. The comment deadline is January 29, 2018.

Child Nutrition Food Crediting

The USDA has issued a public invitation for comments on food crediting. They are especially interested in understanding the possible benefits and negative impacts associated with potential changes to how certain foods may or may not be credited. Submit comments through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>. The comment deadline is February 12, 2018.

USDA Recipe Project

The USDA is embarking on a new recipe project and is looking for breakfast and snack ideas that illustrate the Child and Adult Care Food Program meal patterns that went into effect October 1, 2017. Recipes submitted for consideration should include fruits and vegetables, the use of meat or meat alternates as substitutes for grains at breakfast, and/or as tasty alternatives to grain-based desserts. Ideally, recipes should be easy to prepare, contain five major ingredients or less, and take less than 30 minutes to cook. Please submit recipes by December 31, 2017 to xaviera.davis@fns.usda.gov.

Training Opportunity

Jump Start for Centers is required for all new Authorized Representatives of centers and recommended for new support staff who provide assistance to the Authorized Representative. The classes are repeated through the year. The schedule and registration information is at www.kn-eat.org, CACFP, Training. The next two classes will be on January 9, 2018 in Salina and February 6, 2018 in Overland Park. This free training class includes sessions on CACFP Administrative Integrity and Meals Done Right.

CACFP Nutrition News

The December edition of the CACFP NUTRITION NEWS is now available on-line at www.kn-eat.org, CACFP, Newsletters. The newsletter features information about the importance of fiber in the diet for children, eating healthy during the holidays, a recipe that incorporates beef and whole wheat spaghetti, and several activities for colder days. Share the newsletter with providers and/or families with children in care.

CACFP Halftime: Thirty on Thursdays

The next *CACFP Halftime: Thirty on Thursdays*, will take place on January 18, 2018. The topic for the January webinar will be *Serving Milk in the CACFP* and offered in both English and Spanish. The English webinar will be held from 1:00-1:30 pm CST, and the Spanish webinar will be held from 2:00-3:30 pm CST. The webinars are recorded and made available at a later date on the Team Nutrition website, <https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/team-nutrition>.

Kansas Team Nutrition Sub-grants and Resources

Family Fun, Food and Fitness Event Sub-Grants – Deadline extended!! Childcare centers can now apply for a **\$250 sub-grant** to host a health-centered, family-friendly, center-sponsored event. As part of a Team Nutrition Training Grant, KSDE, CNW plans to award over 50 childcare centers with sub-grant funds and program materials to host a Family Fun, Food and Fitness Event for its children, parents and community members. Past award winners are welcome to participate again. Apply today! **Applications are available at www.kansasteamnutrition.org and are due by January 19th, 2018.** For questions or additional information, contact Tessa Adcock at tadcock@ksde.org or call (785) 296-2276.

Coming Soon! Kansas Local Food & Gardening sub-grants. Available for childcare centers and day care home providers. Additional information and applications will be released in January 2018!

USDA Team Nutrition Sticker Promotion – A CACFP Exclusive!

Team Nutrition is pleased to offer Make Today a Try-Day! Stickers to operators of the USDA's Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) now through March 2018, or while supplies last. The intent is to help providers conduct nutrition education activities and events focused on trying new foods. Stickers come in rolls of 200 and there is a limit of 6 rolls (1,200 stickers) per CACFP operator. For **ordering information**, go to <https://orders.gpo.gov/TNPromotion.aspx>. Enter the following information - User ID: **TNUser1** Password: **Tryday2018**

Updated and Re-Released Training!

The **Healthy Me! Preschoolers Guide to Nutrition and Wellness** has been completely updated with new materials and re-released. This is a good, complete training for sponsors. This is also a training Home Sponsors can take and use for providers trainings. To access the training, go to <http://theicn.org/ResourceOverview.aspx?ID=598>.

National CACFP Conference – April 19-21 in San Antonio, Texas

The National CACFP Sponsors Association (NCA) serves as a national platform that provides education, support, and resources to organizations who administer the CACFP. The NCA hosts an annual conference that is designed for CACFP sponsors, state agency staff, federal agency staff, Headstart, Afterschool/At-Risk, and Summer Feeding staff. This year's conference will take place from April 19-21 in San Antonio, TX. For more information, go to <https://www.cacfp.org/news-events-conferences/national-cacfp-sponsors-association-conference/>. Scholarship opportunities are available through the National Child Nutrition Foundation to attend. The application deadline is January 24, 2018 and can be found at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YKKNK26>.

Updated FAQ Resource

The CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements FAQs developed by CNW has been updated to reflect the guidance in the new USDA policy memos. The updated FAQs are located at www.kn-eat.org, CACFP, Guidance, Menu Planning & Production Records, Updated CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements FAQs. The updated FAQs are indicated with a "****" and are color-coded green. As CNW continues to receive clarifications from USDA, new guidance will be added to the FAQ resource and highlighted in future Monthly Updates.

CACFP Non-Profit Excel Ledger

KSDE Team Nutrition has developed a CACFP Non-Profit Excel Ledger Sponsors can use to assist in recording program expenses. The spreadsheet has tabs for each month of the year with columns to record food service costs, wages, and other costs such as equipment, maintenance and office expenses. A column for Income is also included. The monthly tabs are linked to a Cover Sheet tab that summarizes the expenses and income for the year. This resource can be found at www.kn-eat.org, CACFP, What's New.

Looking Back – Looking Forward

Between the new CACFP meal pattern and an updated KN-CLAIM, 2017 was quite a year for CACFP. Thank you for your partnership as we navigated 2017. For 2018, we look toward continued progress in creating healthier environments for children and communities. We appreciate your commitment to ensuring that children are engaging in healthy eating habits that lead to lifelong health and brighter futures.

Mark & Cheryl