CACFP UPDATE
November 28, 2017

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

2018 Program Certification
Program Certification must be completed and approved before October claims can be filed. Contact KSDE or your Child Nutrition Consultant if you need assistance.

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.

Team Up for CACFP Success Workshop
The Team Up for CACFP Success Workshop was held November 15 in Salina at the Webster Conference Center. Participants spent the day learning about and sharing best practices on food safety and menu planning for CACFP in addition to developing goals and action plans. Partners from the American Heart Association, Child Care Aware, KSU Research & Extension, and the Center of Excellence for Food Safety Research in CNP shared their resources and how they could enhance CACFP. This Team Up Workshop was the first in the nation to focus on CACFP.

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 eating more healthy during the holidays, a recipe that uses pears and apples, and a suggested physical activity that will get children moving indoors during the colder days in December. Share the newsletter with providers and/or families with children in care.

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 December 13 in Topeka and January 9, 2018 in Salina. This free training class includes sessions on CACFP Administrative Integrity and Meals Done Right.
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 2:00-2:30 pm ET, and the Spanish webinar will be held from 3:00-3:30 pm ET. The webinars are recorded and made available at a later date on the Team Nutrition website, https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/team-nutrition.

It's Back! Family Fun, Food & Fitness Sub-Grant from Kansas Team Nutrition
Childcare centers can 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 sub-grant funds and program materials to over 50 childcare centers to host a Family Fun, Food and Fitness Event for children, parents and community members. Past award winners are welcome to participate again. The application is available at www.kansasteamnutrition.org. Applications are due December 29, 2017. For questions or additional information, contact Tessa Adcock at tadcock@ksde.org or call (785) 296-2276.

Healthier CACFP Award
Be one of the first childcare centers in Kansas to be recognized for the Healthier CACFP Award! Are you looking for a way to promote your child care program and stand out from all others? The Healthier Child and Adult Care Food Program Award is a USDA recognition system which supports child care centers taking steps to improve the nutrition, physical activity, nutrition education and/or environment for children in their care. Apply today to win an award! Those who qualify will receive statewide recognition as a Healthier CACFP Award Winner and a certificate to showcase the award at their site. In addition, the first 20 Healthier CACFP Awarded centers in Kansas will receive a $300 monetary award! For more information on the criteria and/or for assistance with applying, contact Emily Brinkman at ebrinkman@ksde.org or (785) 296-2276.

November is National Inspirational Role Models Month
Initiated in 2005, National Inspirational Role Models Month is an opportunity to highlight those individuals in our lives that serve as examples for having a positive impact on society. These role models might be relatives, members of the faith community, educators, community volunteers, and, yes, childcare providers. To all the positive role models, Thank You!

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