



## Child Nutrition & Wellness

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### **CACFP UPDATE** October 30, 2017

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#### **2018 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.

#### **New USDA Policy Memos**

##### **Grain Requirements in the Child and Adult Care Food Program; Questions and Answers (CACFP 01-2018)**

This revision clarifies how to determine if a grain product is creditable and if it meets the whole grain-rich criteria, provides updated guidance on how to document compliance with the grain requirements, includes an updated Exhibit A, and new Questions and Answers. Read the policy at the USDA CACFP Policy webpage that can be found at [www.kn-eat.org](http://www.kn-eat.org), CACFP, Regulations & Statutes, Policy.

##### **Feeding Infants and Meal Pattern Requirements in the Child and Adult Care Food Program; Questions and Answers (CACFP 02-2018)**

This revision clarifies meal documentation requirements related to the infant meal pattern, incorporates updated guidance on providing meal accommodations for participants with disabilities, and includes new Questions and Answers. Read the policy at the USDA CACFP Policy webpage that can be found at [www.kn-eat.org](http://www.kn-eat.org), CACFP, Regulations & Statutes, Policy.

#### **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 at [www.kn-eat.org](http://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.

#### **Department of Child & Families (DCF) Food Assistance Case Numbers**

Case numbers remain 8 digits, but with the updated system being used now at DCF, they may now start with a 0, 1, or 2.

#### **Team Up for CACFP Success Workshop!**

Team Up for CACFP Success is rapidly approaching! The Workshop will be held November 15 in Salina at the Webster Conference Center from 9 am – 3 pm. Attendees will have an opportunity to network with other sponsors, receive customized technical assistance, and participate in sessions highlighting best practices in the areas of CACFP menu planning and food safety. Team Up participants will develop personalized goals, strategies, and an action plan to assist with the administration of Child and Adult Care Food Programs. In addition to all the great resources that mentors will be sharing, there will also be several allied organizations along with Child Nutrition & Wellness staff in attendance to present information. The USDA Team Nutrition Training Grant will provide a \$150 stipend to each Center or Home sponsor who attends the Team Up Workshop. Spaces are filling up, so register online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/S6PWKC8>.

### CACFP Nutrition News

The November edition of the CACFP NUTRITION NEWS is now available on-line at [www.kn-eat.org](http://www.kn-eat.org), CACFP, Newsletters. The newsletter features information about eggs and guidance on how to make the “perfect” hard-boiled eggs, a whole-grain pumpkin muffin recipe and encouragement to get out and enjoy the fall colors. 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](http://www.kn-eat.org), CACFP, Training. The next two classes will be on November 16 in Wichita and December 12 in Topeka. This free training class includes sessions on CACFP Administrative Integrity and Meals Done Right.

### Meal Pattern Comparison Chart

The USDA’s Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is pleased to announce the release of the revised Child Nutrition Programs Meal Pattern Comparison Chart. This document reflects updates in the meal patterns and can be found at [www.kn-eat.org](http://www.kn-eat.org), CACFP, What’s New, How Do They Compare? Child Nutrition Programs’ Meal Pattern Requirements.

### Fiscal Year 2018 CACFP Area Eligibility Data

At the start of every fiscal year, FNS releases a special tabulation of data provided by the Census Bureau for CACFP (Child and Adult Care Food Program) that establishes area eligibility in the CACFP. This data is effective as of Oct. 1, 2017. The FNS mapping tools have also been updated to reflect the new data. More information can be found at <https://www.fns.usda.gov/areaeligibility>.

To learn more about using census data for establishing area eligibility for CACFP Area Eligibility using Census Data, please see the policy memorandum at <https://www.fns.usda.gov/area-eligibility-child-nutrition-programs>.

Qualification for At-Risk Afterschool Meals programs must be determined by school data rather than Area Eligibility Census Data.

### New Interactive Recipe Analysis Workbook (RAW)

A feature of the New Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs Interactive Web-Based Tool. The Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs (FBG) Interactive Web-Based Tool now includes a new component, the Recipe Analysis Workbook (RAW). The RAW helps determine the meal pattern contribution for their recipes! You can now easily search for creditable ingredients, calculate the meal pattern contribution, and print a contribution statement. Features:

- Easily search and navigate food yields,
- Compare food yields, and
- Create and save favorite foods lists.

### Webinar on Accommodating Disabilities in CACFP & SFSP

On August 31, 2017 FNS held a webinar for State agencies on *Modifications to Accommodate Disabilities in the Child and Adult Care Food Program and Summer Food Service Program*. The webinar covers important updates to the requirements related to accommodating children and adults with disabilities receiving meals through the CACFP and the SFSP, per Policy memorandum CACFP 14-2017, SFSP 10-2017, released on June 22. This webinar was closed captioned and is now available at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zB5xS--joo8&index=4&list=PLBccton6gOdqrMh-18\\_R7YbXYI8twgguF](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zB5xS--joo8&index=4&list=PLBccton6gOdqrMh-18_R7YbXYI8twgguF).

**CACFP Halftime: Thirty on Thursdays**

On October 19, 2017, USDA's Team Nutrition initiative will present the first of a series of interactive, skills-building webinars on the updated Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) meal patterns. State agencies, sponsoring organizations, and CACFP program operators, including child care providers, are invited to participate.

The webinar series, entitled *CACFP Halftime: Thirty on Thursdays*, will take place on the third Thursday of each month and will be 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 will be recorded and made available at a later date on the Team Nutrition website, <https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/team-nutrition>.

**Sugar Calculator Resource**

KSDE CNW Team Nutrition staff created a Sugar Calculator to help quickly calculate the amount of sugar per serving in cereals and yogurts. To access the Sugar Calculator, go to [www.kn-eat.org](http://www.kn-eat.org), CACFP, Guidance, Menu Planning & Production Records and look under Menu Planning Resources.

**October is Eat Better, Eat Together Month**

Eat Better, Eat Together Month is an annual designation observed in October. Eating healthy is important. So is spending quality time with family. Eat Better, Eat Together Month encourages people to do both of these things. Make a point to eat healthier meals as a family and use #EatBetter,EatTogetherMonth to post on social media.

**Another CACFP Program Year!**

With the beginning of October, PY2018 begins for CACFP. Thanks to all for your work to implement the Updated CACFP Meal Pattern and the successful transition to the new KN-CLAIM. Healthier meals and a secure claiming and information system are benefits of these updates. We look forward to an outstanding CACFP PY2018!

**Mark & Cheryl**