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CACFP UPDATE

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

CACFP Certification

Program Certification will be available in KN-CLAIM August 1, 2018. Make plans to participate in one of two CACFP Certification Webinars scheduled on August 1. The webinars will be held:

- Wednesday, August 1 from 9:30-11:00 am
To join, go to <https://meet.lync.com/ksde/mathompson/6HNK09Z4>.
- Wednesday, August 1 from 1:30-3:00 pm
To join, go to <https://meet.lync.com/ksde/mathompson/L4K1ZZHC>.

Audio for the webinar can be heard through your computer speakers or call 1-866-620-7326 and enter conference code 7852962276# when prompted. The webinar will be recorded and posted at www.kn-eat.org, CACFP, Program Certification by mid-August once close captioning is completed.

Reimbursement Rates

Reimbursement Rates for FY2019 are posted at www.kn-eat.org, School Nutrition Programs, Key Links.

USDA Updates and Guidance

Purchasing Thresholds

The federal thresholds for micro-purchases has increased to \$10,000 and simplified acquisitions to \$250,000. Kansas statute requires formal purchasing procedures be used for non-food items and services valued at \$20,000 or more.

WIC Program Information

Sponsors must provide information on the importance and benefits of WIC to the parents/guardians of enrolled children. Sponsors can meet this requirement by posting a WIC program fact sheet in the facility, making WIC brochures available, posting a link to the WIC webpage on the sponsors website, Facebook page, newsletter, parent handbook, or providing to families upon initial enrollment. The WIC Program Fact Sheet can be accessed at www.kn-eat.org in the far right column, click on the Kansas WIC logo.

Child Nutrition Program Waiver Request Guidance and Protocol – CACFP 12-2017

This memorandum provides updated guidance for State agencies requesting waivers of Program requirements for the Child Nutrition Programs, including the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). This memorandum provides an overview of statutory waiver authority, the waiver request and review process, and data reporting requirements.

CACFP Nutrition News

The August edition of the CACFP NUTRITION NEWS is now available online at www.kn-eat.org, CACFP, Newsletters. The newsletter features information about selecting and storing watermelon, a recipe for Frosted Watermelon and how to play Sponge Bomb Bucket Toss. Share the newsletter with providers and/or families. **FEEDBACK REQUESTED:** Click on this link to provide feedback about CACFP Nutrition News: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9QH8MJH>.

Training Opportunities

CACFP Administrative Workshop

Sponsors are required to attend one CACFP Administrative Workshop annually. Some Administrative Workshop sessions are scheduled for August. Training dates and registration information is available at www.kn-eat.org, CACFP, Training, Administrative Workshop. Some locations will have limited class size and classes without adequate registrations will be cancelled. Classes will be from 9-11:30 am or 1-3:30 pm. The class will be an overview of CACFP requirements with particular emphasis on the issues that most frequently result in lost revenues or corrective actions. It will also include recent updates from USDA.

CACFP Halftime: Thirty on Thursdays

The next **CACFP Halftime: Thirty on Thursdays** is August 16 at <https://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp-halftime-thirty-thursdays-training-webinar-series>. The topic for the August webinar will be *How to Support Breastfeeding 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 on the Team Nutrition website, <https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/team-nutrition>.

Food Safety Basics – Summer Training Schedule

Who in your facility is trained in Food Safety? Each CACFP sponsor must have at least one trained staff person and training must be renewed every 3 years. Food Safety Basics meets this requirement, is free and will be offered at a location near you this summer. Go to www.kn-eat.org, CACFP, Training to complete a registration form.

Online Classes

Current classes available through KSDE Training Portal: CACFP Child & Adult Meal Patterns and CACFP Infant Meal Pattern, CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Meals, Civil Rights Compliance in Child Nutrition Programs, Food Safety Basics, Confidentiality in Child Nutrition Programs and Sodium Savvy. These classes are available at <https://learning.ksde.org>.

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 class will be held August 21 in Topeka. This free training class includes sessions on CACFP Administrative Integrity and Meals Done Right.

CACFP Statewide Conference: Leading the Way – Healthy Habits for a New Generation

Make plans to attend the Statewide CACFP Conference November 6, 7 and 8 in Salina, KS. CACFP Center and Home Sponsor staff can choose to attend one or multiple days of the conference. Register online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SM2T365>.

- Tuesday, November 6 from 9 am – 3:30 pm KSDE will be offering a pre-conference training entitled “Let’s Talk About It...Grains to Ounce Equivalents” where participants will get hands-on training in determining whole grain-rich products and learn about ounce equivalents that will go into effect October 1, 2019. A \$125 stipend will be provided to each Center or Home Sponsor who attends (contingent upon KSDE receiving funding through a CACFP Training Grant).
- Wednesday, November 7 from 9 am – 3:30 pm, join KSDE as we welcome Katie Wilson with Share Our Strength and other guest presenters who will be discussing leading the way to a healthier generation. Attendees will get hands-on experience at various learning stations and hear from their peers in a best practices and problem solving panel. A \$150 stipend will be provided to each Center or Home Sponsor who attends (contingent upon KSDE receiving funding through a CACFP Training Grant).

- Thursday, November 8 from 9 am – 3 pm, participate in a Team Up for CACFP Success Workshop. 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.

Accommodations: A block of rooms at the Holiday Inn Express located at 755 W Diamond Dr, Salina, Kansas are being held at a special rate of \$93/night. To reserve a room, call 785-404-3300 and ask for the Kansas State Department of Education Room Block. Reservations must be made by October 6 to take advantage of the special rate.

Healthier CACFP Award

Be one of the first child care 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*. This 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) 368-8039.

KN-CLAIM Customer Satisfaction Survey

The Child Nutrition & Wellness Team would greatly appreciate sponsor feedback regarding KN-CLAIM. With the award of a Technology Innovation Grant (TIG) from USDA, CNW is designing updates to KN-CLAIM to increase integrity and reduce program errors across all programs. The goal for Version 3 of KN-CLAIM is to make reviews and monitoring easier for our sponsors. In order to assess the success of this grant, base line customer satisfaction data is needed. Please help our team make V3 of KN-CLAIM the best version yet by filling out this 5-minute survey:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=c6CE4COUcUahq3FLtaSl4_5KabgoFJr_B7A5cxaSJURFNHWIVQNiJDUIc4TIBZWlc3MkJVU0IMSi4u.

Who Are Your Local Food Champions?

Now is a great time to identify Local Food champions in your community. Recruit a team that is willing to help generate enthusiasm for Farm to Plate initiatives. Consider putting together a team of community members, local farmers, staff, and parents to set goals for nutrition education and adding local products in CACFP meals and snacks to create awareness of where food comes from and healthy eating habits. Consider promotional activities – farm field trips, featuring a local product one day a week, such as Farm Fresh Fridays or plan an entire “in-season” meal and have a local farmer come to eat with the children. Watch for a Farm Fresh Friday resource with a planning guide and suggested menus coming soon!

As always, if you have questions or need technical assistance, please contact your Child Nutrition Consultant or the Topeka office.