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CACFP UPDATE October 31, 2018

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2019 Certification

Thank you to the 288 Sponsors who have completed Program Certification! **Program Certification must be completed by October 31** and approved before October claims can be filed. Contact KSDE or your Child Nutrition Consultant if you need assistance. If program certification is not submitted in KN-CLAIM by October 31, 2018 then Sponsors may not be eligible to receive October reimbursement and may be terminated from the CACFP. For any Sponsors that are terminated from the CACFP, in order to participate in the program again, organizations will have to go through the New Sponsor approval process which is more in-depth than completing annual certification.

New USDA Guidance

CACFP 01-2019: Guidance for FY 2019 - Updated Child and Adult Care Food Program Meal Patterns and Updated National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program Infant and Preschool Meal Patterns provides guidance to State agencies on handling instances where the CACFP and Pre-K meal pattern requirements are not being met, now that the transition year for providing technical assistance in lieu of fiscal action has ended. The memorandum strongly encourages State agencies to use the flexibilities available to them under 7 CFR 210.18(l)(2) and 226.14(b) going forward when responding to certain meal pattern violations and outlines training and technical assistance resources for State agencies to use in educating program operators. For Fiscal Year 2019, Sponsors must be making a good faith effort to comply with the updated CACFP and Pre-K meal pattern requirements; however, if violations are observed technical assistance and/or corrective action may be provided in lieu of fiscal action, but immediate fiscal action must be taken if a meal is completely missing one or more of the required food components.

Fiscal Year 2019 CACFP Area Eligibility Data

At the beginning of the fiscal year, USDA releases a special tabulation of data provided by the United States Census Bureau for the CACFP (Child and Adult Care Food Program) and SFSP (Summer Food Service Program). This data set can be used to establish area eligibility in both CACFP and SFSP. The USDA mapping tools have been updated to reflect the October 1, 2018 changes. To explore the area eligibility map, click this [link](#). To learn more about using census data for establishing area eligibility for CACFP and SFSP, please review the [policy memorandum](#) from 2017. **Note: Qualification for At-Risk Afterschool Meals must be determined by school data rather than Area Eligibility Census Data.**

Increasing Flexibility for Verification of For-Profit Center Eligibility in the Child and Adult Care Food Program

In a [Federal Register](#) notice published on October 4, 2018, USDA [announced](#) a proposed rule that would exempt for-profit centers from monthly verification if they annually demonstrate that at least 50 percent of children or adults served are eligible under relevant statutory provisions. Comments must be received on or before December 4, 2018.

KN-CLAIM Update

For those who may have experienced technical difficulties when submitting a claim in KN-CLAIM, the issue has been resolved. Please contact Julie Henry at jhenry@ksde.org if you experience technical difficulties.

CACFP Statewide Conference: Leading the Way – Healthy Habits for a New Generation – Last Chance to Register

Join KSDE and other child care centers and home sponsors at a Statewide Conference in Salina November 6-8 to learn about creating healthier child care environments. **Sub-grants are available for sponsors who attend and lunch will be provided each day.**

Sponsors can choose to attend one or multiple days of the conference:

- Tuesday, November 6 from 9 am – 3:30 pm. **Let's Talk About It....Grains to Ounce Equivalents.** Learn about identifying whole grains and how to calculate ounce equivalents, effective October 1, 2019, through hands-on practice and instruction. A **\$125 stipend** will be provided to each Sponsor who attends.
- Wednesday, November 7 from 9 am – 3:30 pm. **Leading the Way – Healthy Habits for a New Generation.** Participate in leadership training to elevate and create healthier child care environments. Attendees will get hands-on experience at learning stations of their choice and hear from their peers in a best practices and problem solving panel. Guest presenters include Former Deputy Under Secretary Katie Wilson and Leadell Ediger with Child Care Aware who will present a State of Childcare in Kansas address. A **\$150 stipend** will be provided to each Sponsor who attends.
- Thursday, November 8 from 9 am – 3 pm. **Team Up for CACFP Success Workshop.** Sponsors will participate in peer-to-peer mentoring to develop specific goals and targeted action plans on the topics of menu planning and CACFP administration. The workshop will also feature panel discussions of creative solutions from current CACFP Sponsors and representatives from allied organizations offering free resources to support CACFP meal programs. A **\$150 stipend** will be provided to each Center or Home Sponsor who attends.

Registration: Don't delay and register today at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SM2T365>. Learn and network with your colleagues from around the state.

Training Opportunities

Jump Start for Centers

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 November 15 in Wichita. This free training class includes sessions on CACFP Administrative Integrity and Meals Done Right.

Online Professional Development Classes and Tutorials

CNW staff continue to develop new interactive online training classes and quick train tutorials that can be accessed free of charge 24/7 via the KSDE Training Portal. **CACFP Family Style Meal Service and the PY2019 CACFP Administrative Workshop are now available online.** The professional development classes offer a certificate upon successful completion which can be printed. Quick train tutorials are 5 minutes or less with no quiz and no certificate. Create an account now at <https://learning.ksde.org> and see the entire list of classes and tutorials available. For detailed instructions on creating an account and accessing the training, go to www.kn-eat.org, CACFP, Training.

Power Panther Preschool Sub-Grant Available for CACFP Child Care Centers and Daycare Home Providers!

Power Panther Preschool is a nine-lesson health education program that is designed to motivate preschool children to taste new, healthy foods and be physically active. Child care centers and home providers will have the opportunity to receive the Power Panther Preschool curriculum, nine children's books corresponding with each of the lessons, and sub-grant funds to implement the cooking/tasting activities in the lessons. As part of a Team Nutrition Training Grant, KSDE CNW will award sub-grants in the amount of \$6/child for centers and home providers along with program materials to implement the Power Panther Preschool nutrition education program. Applications are available at www.kansasteamnutrition.org. For questions or additional information, contact Emily Brinkman at ebrinkman@ksde.org or call 785-296-2276.

CACFP Halftime: Thirty on Thursdays

November 15, 2018: Grain-Based Desserts in the CACFP. Register for the webinar in English by clicking on this link: [English \(2 to 2:30 PM ET\)](#). Register for the webinar in Spanish by clicking on this link: [Spanish \(3 to 3:30 PM ET\)](#). For more information, go to <https://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp-halftime-thirty-thursdays-training-webinar-series>.

Farm to Plate

There is still time to submit a description of your Farm to Plate month event for a chance to win a Salad Spinner! Include information about the local menu(s)/ snack(s) offered and/or the gardening or field trip activity. Include sources used, outreach and planning team involved, pictures and any media coverage received. Submit the event story to Barb Depew, Farm to Plate Director, bdepew@ksde.org by November 9, 2018. The winner of the Salad Spinner will be announced in the November Monthly Update.

Farm to Plate Resources Available through Team Nutrition

Do your children in care know where their food comes from? Nutrition Education is very important. The Team Nutrition Resource Catalog has a full listing of materials- school kits, posters, stickers, games and more. If you are not a Team Nutrition member; it is easy to join at <https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/team-nutrition-form>.

Be Recognized for 2018-19 Child Nutrition Program Success

Apply for a Child Nutrition & Wellness Kansans CAN 2018-19 Best Practice Award. The Kansas State Board of Education's vision is: Kansas leads the world in the success of each student. This vision for education calls for a more child focused system that provides support and resources for individual success and will require everyone to work together to make it a reality. The academic achievement and physical well-being of our students in Kansas today will impact the success of our communities, our state and the nation in the future. The good health that results from good nutrition and physical activity, and the learning that is possible as a result, is primary among those tools. The purpose of this program is to encourage and reward outstanding practices in Child Nutrition & Wellness Programs in Kansas that support the Kansans CAN vision. There are many outstanding child nutrition programs in Kansas. We encourage you and your staff to make nominations for outstanding and/or innovative practices for recognition of your efforts.

A nomination entry form is available at www.kn-eat.org, CACFP, What's New. **Nominations are due to the Child Nutrition & Wellness office on or before June 30, 2019.** Winners will be notified by July 31 and presentations will be made at the August State Board of Education meeting. Please do not hesitate to contact the Child Nutrition & Wellness team at (785) 296-2276 if we can be of assistance with this process. We look forward to receiving your nominations and celebrating the Kansans CAN Best Practice Awards with you at the August 2019 State Board of Education Meeting.

Hunger Action Summits – Save the Date!

Nearly 15% of Kansas households lack consistent access to food. To eliminate hunger in our state, Kansans would need an additional \$185,071,000 in their combined household budgets. By helping more Kansas kids participate in Child Nutrition Programs, YOUR actions can reduce hunger in Kansas. Make plans to join Kansas Appleseed on **Monday, December 10 in Hays OR Friday, January 25 in Topeka** for an engaging workshop to learn how you can make an impact in your community. More details coming soon. Contact Joey Hentzler (jhentzler@kansasappleseed.org) at Kansas Appleseed with any questions.

Personnel Update

Linnie Rieger has changed job responsibilities on the CNW team. She had been working as a CACFP Child Nutrition Consultant and is now a Team Nutrition Project Director and Training Specialist. Linnie earned a Master's Degree in Dietetics from Kansas University.

Meredith Slan has also changed job responsibilities on the CNW team and is now a CACFP Child Nutrition Consultant covering the area that Linnie had been assigned. Meredith has a Bachelor's Degree in Nutrition Promotion from Emporia State University.

Karen Seymour has joined the Child Nutrition & Wellness team as a Team Nutrition Project Director and Training Specialist. Karen graduated from Kansas State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Dietetics. Welcome Karen!

As always, if you have questions or concerns please call or email your area Child Nutrition Consultant or any of the Topeka office staff. It is a TREAT to work with each of you to administer the Child and Adult Care Food Program in Kansas!