

Monthly Update

Child & Adult Care Food Program



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2022 Certification

Thank you to the 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, 2021 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.

October Claim Reminder – Centers Only

Centers must report the number of free, reduced price and paid participants on their October claims. The number of participants in each category is reported in the “*Center Income Eligibility Categories*” (IEC) section of the Center Claim. Sponsors are required to upload the IEC summary into KN-CLAIM in October and any other month that reported numbers are changed. An Excel version of Form 12-C is available at www.kn-eat.org, Administrative Handbook, Claiming Reimbursement. Contact your area Child Nutrition Consultant for a recording of the CACFP Determining Eligibility-IEC Summary webinar for a refresher or if you are new to the CACFP.

Fiscal Year 2022 CACFP & SFSP Area Eligibility Data Now Available!

At the start of every fiscal year, FNS releases a special tabulation of data provided by the Census Bureau for CACFP and SFSP that establishes area eligibility in the CACFP and SFSP. The data is effective as of October 1, 2021. The FNS mapping tools have also been updated to reflect the new data. To see the map, click this [link](#). Please note that the map works best when opened in the following browsers: Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox. Waivers to suspend Area Eligibility Requirements for all Eligible Sponsors Operating SSO and SFSP and in the CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Care Component remain in effect through School Year 2021-22.

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CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Meals and Snacks Counting Forms

Sponsors that serve CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Meals and snacks are required to keep the following records related to participation in the CACFP:

- 1) Daily attendance rosters or sign in sheets
- 2) Number of snacks and/or meals prepared or delivered for each meal service
- 3) Daily record of the number of snacks and/or meals served at each snack and/or meal service
- 4) Daily records indicating the number of meals, by type, served to adults performing labor necessary to the food service (adult meals cannot be claimed for reimbursement)

In order to assist sponsors in meeting these requirements KSDE has the following resources available at www.kn-eat.org, CACFP, Resources, At-Risk Afterschool Meals.

- CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Meals - Daily Meal/Snack Count Form
- Daily CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Snack Count Form
- At-Risk Afterschool Meals Daily Attendance and Meal Count Roster
- At-Risk Afterschool Meals Daily Meal/Snack Count Form Examples

Professional Development Opportunities

Virtual professional development will continue this fall. The CNW Calendar has the class announcements, dates, times, and ZOOM links here: www.kn-eat.org, CNW Calendar. There is no need to preregister for the Zoom classes. Upcoming classes through Zoom include: Using Standardized Recipes and Nutrition 101.

Food Safety Basics is also available as an online class in the KSDE Training Portal at: <https://learning.ksde.org>. A recording of the Food Safety Basics in Spanish is available upon request. Contact Kyleen Harris at kharris@ksde.org.

Online Professional Development Classes and Tutorials

Over 30 classes and tutorials can be accessed free of charge 24/7 via the KSDE Training Portal. Create an account at <https://learning.ksde.org>. For detailed instructions on creating an account and accessing the training, go to www.kn-eat.org, CACFP, Training. New to the online training portal this month: Quick Train on Grains, Reducing the Risk of Choking, Responsive Not Defensive Customer Service, and Leading the Team.

CACFP Knife Skills – Culinary Training Kit

All CACFP Sponsors should have or will soon be receiving a CACFP Knife Skills Culinary Training Kit in the mail! This culinary training kit is intended for use in the preparation of CACFP meals and snacks and contains a multi-colored knife set with blade guards, knife sharpener, flexible chopping mats, kitchen shears and a vegetable peeler.

Sponsors are encouraged to use the kit in conjunction with the CACFP Knife Skills Online Training that will be released on the KSDE Training Portal, www.learning.ksde.org, in the near future. Watch for details on how to access the training in the November CACFP Update. The culinary kit and knife skills training are made possible through the FY 2018 CACFP Meal Service Training Grant.



Child Care Sustainability Grants Round 2 – Due November 5th

Child Care Aware of Kansas, in partnership with Kansas Department for Children and Families, is awarding Sustainability Grants – Round 2! These grants aid in continuing operations of child care programs through the COVID-19 pandemic. All Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) licensed child care facilities that demonstrate substantial compliance with KDHE child care licensing are eligible to apply. Grant amounts range from \$5,000 - \$60,000 depending on the number of children the child care facility serves. Applications are available October 1, 2021 – November 5, 2021 through a quick and easy submission process! For more information and to access the application portal visit <https://ks.childcareaware.org/grants/>.

Do You Know Tips for Feeding Toddlers?

Team Nutrition is proud to announce the newest addition to their web quiz collection! This new quiz focuses on toddler nutrition, and is available in English and Spanish. Whether you're a parent, Child Nutrition Program operator, WIC staff, SNAP-Ed educator, or just interested in nutrition for toddlers, this fun and interactive quiz is for you! Take the 10-question quiz today in [English](#) or [Spanish](#). To view additional Team Nutrition quizzes, check out fns.usda.gov/tn/quizzes. Team Nutrition will be releasing web quizzes on other topics soon. Each quiz is also available as a widget, so they can be easily embedded and displayed on other web pages.

Child and Adult Care Food Program Training Worksheets- Now Available in Print!

Five new Team Nutrition training worksheets for the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) are now available in print. Each worksheet is available in English and Spanish, with 25 worksheets per pack. Sponsoring organizations and program operators who participate in one of USDA's child nutrition programs may order these worksheets by visiting the links below. For bulk orders, please email TeamNutrition@USDA.gov.

- [Crediting Single-Serving Packages of Grains in the CACFP](#)
- [Crediting Store-Bought Combination Baby Foods in the CACFP](#)
- [Determining Ounce Equivalents of Grains in CACFP Recipes](#)
- [Feeding Infants Using Ounce Equivalents for Grains in the CACFP](#)
- [Reducing the Risk of Choking in Young Children at Mealtimes](#)

To see Team Nutrition's collection of CACFP training worksheets, please visit: fns.usda.gov/tn/meal-pattern-training-worksheets-cacfp. To see Team Nutrition's collection of CACFP Training Tools, please visit fns.usda.gov/tn/training-tools-cacfp.

Farm to Plate

FY2022 Farm to School Grant Request for Applications (RFA) Now Available

The fiscal year (FY) 2022 Farm to School Grant Program RFA is now available at <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=336252>. The Office of Community Food Systems will host webinars [Monday, November 8th, 2021](#) and [Tuesday, November 9, 2021](#), each at 2:30 pm ET, to help interested applicants learn more about the RFA and put together a grant package, respectively. A Frequently Asked Questions document will also be available through the [Farm to School Grant Applicant Resources Page](#) of the FNS website.

Continuing in FY 2022, institutions operating the Child and Adult Care Food Program and Summer Food Service Program at non-school based sites are included in the definition of eligible schools and may apply for funding.



Did you Hear a CRUNCH?

Almost 50,000 Child Nutrition Program participants participated in the Mountain Plains Apple Crunch Event! Thank you for teaching children about nutrition and where their food comes from. The KSDE Child Nutrition & Wellness team appreciates your work in #FuelingKSKids! Be sure to share your best practices using this hashtag!

Celebrate National Pumpkin Day – October 26th

What perfect timing with fall harvest and Halloween! Pumpkin has a range of health benefits, including a source of beta-carotene, vitamin A, and fiber. Beta-carotene may reduce the risk of developing cancer, offers protection against asthma and heart disease, and helps keep your eyes healthy. Including mandarin or clementine “pumpkins” into your menu is a great way to celebrate National Pumpkin Day. Peel mandarin or clementine oranges and add a piece of celery stalk to the top of the mandarin for the perfect personal-size “pumpkin” for your children to eat. Celebrate by trying these USDA [Pumpkin Muffin Squares](#) or for a quick and simple Pumpkin Parfait recipe idea view the October CNW Quick Bite culinary demonstration at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SYklahu0FQk>

“Trick” with some healthy “treats”! Have a fun and healthy Halloween celebration!

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