

Monthly Update

Child & Adult Care Food Program



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CACFP Certification

Program Certification will be available in KN-CLAIM ON August 2, 2022. CACFP Certification Guides for Centers and Homes will be available at www.kn-eat.org, CACFP, Program Certification.

CACFP Certification Webinar, August 2

Plan now to participate in the CACFP Certification Webinar scheduled for Tuesday, August 2 at 1:30 pm via zoom at: <https://ksde.zoom.us/j/85072053744?pwd=Ui82QVJ6bXkzQ292ZEttK3ZFdjVoQT09>

Note: The Certification webinar is not required and not a replacement for the required Administrative Workshop. You are encouraged to take part to aid in understanding of the Certification process for PY 2022-2023.

CACFP Participation for SY 2022-23

School Nutrition Programs (SNP) Sponsors that did not participate in the CACFP during SY 2021-22 but plan to participate in SY 2022-23 must complete program certification in KN-CLAIM for PY 2022 in order to claim meals/snacks in August and September since the CACFP Program year runs from October – September. SNP Sponsors will also need to complete program certification for PY 2023 in order to claim meals/snacks in October 2022 through September 2023. This guidance is applicable to Sponsors that provide meals/snacks as part of CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Meals as well as for those Sponsors that provide meals and snacks to childcare or preschool age children through the CACFP. If you have questions or need assistance, reach out to your Child Nutrition Consultant or call the Topeka office at 785-296-2276.

New USDA Guidance

Reimbursement Rates

Reimbursement Rates for FY2022-2023 are posted at www.kn-eat.org, Child & Adult Care Food Program, Key Links.

Questions and Answers Regarding the 2022 Infant Formula Shortage - CACFP 10-2022

This guidance is intended to support CACFP operators and the families they serve during the ongoing infant formula shortage. Read the Q&A at: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/qas-2022-infant-formula-shortage>

Implementation of the Keep Kids Fed Act of 2022

USDA understands that Child Nutrition Programs are still facing tremendous challenges caused by supply chain disruptions, cost increases, and labor challenges. The [Keep Kids Fed Act of 2022](#), which President Biden signed into law on June 25, 2022, provides additional support and resources to help Child Nutrition Program operators continue to serve healthy meals to children during this challenging time.



While the Act does not extend the broader waiver authority or the resources that would allow USDA to extend the full range of flexibilities currently in place—most notably the ability to serve all meals for free—it is a critical step forward. Specifically, the Act makes the following changes:

- For school year (SY) 2022-23, provides temporary additional reimbursements of:
 - 10 cents per meal or snack served in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), including afterschool meals.
- Allows Tier II family day care homes participating in the CACFP to qualify for the higher Tier I reimbursement rates for July 2022 through June 2023.
- Allows USDA to issue limited nationwide waivers that do not increase Federal costs during the 2022-23 school year.

KSDE will share additional information as it is available from USDA.

CACFP Statewide Waivers 12(I)

KSDE has applied and been approved for the following statewide waivers for the period of July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023:

- Waiver 20: Non-Congregate Meal Service
- Waiver 21: Parent/Guardian Meal Pick-Up
- Waiver 22: Meal Service Times
- Waiver 24: Sponsoring Organization Onsite Monitoring Visits*

USDA expects that operational flexibilities under these waivers will only be implemented by Program operators when congregation is limited by the COVID-19 pandemic. For Waiver 24, USDA also expects that monitoring flexibilities will only be implemented when pandemic conditions interfere with the ability of sponsoring organizations to conduct reviews onsite.

*Current nationwide waivers of onsite monitoring remain in effect until 30 days after the end of the Public Health Emergency. The end of the Public Health Emergency will be declared by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. As long as the nationwide monitoring waiver is in effect, on-site monitoring is not required and state waiver #24 is not needed.

Since our Kansas governor has declared that Kansas is now in an endemic you may wonder under what conditions will Sponsors be approved to utilize these statewide waivers? Sponsors will have to show that there is a surge in COVID-19 cases in their community such as the county being classified by the CDC as “High” risk or the local school has temporarily closed due to a surge in COVID-19 cases. In these instances, the Sponsor could possibly be approved to utilize these waivers on a temporary basis but only while the county remains in the “High” risk status or the local school is closed. Watch for a future CACFP Update for instructions on how to apply for these waivers in the event there are COVID-19 related reasons that a Sponsor needs to utilize these flexibilities in PY2023.

Spanish USDA Nondiscrimination Statement – Now Available

The www.kn-eat.org web site has been updated to include the Spanish translation of the new USDA Nondiscrimination Statement. Find the Spanish translation at: www.kn-eat.org, USDA Nondiscrimination Statement.



Have You Updated Sponsor Information in KN-CLAIM Lately?

As August/September signal the start of the school year, it's a good time to update all information in KN-CLAIM:

- Inform the Topeka office of any change in the Authorized Representative by completing and mailing the form *"Appointment of a New Authorized Representative"*.
- Update the sponsor application and site applications with the current Authorized Representative, board president, executive director and/or other contact persons if needed.
- If there are sites no longer needed or new sites need to be added, please contact your area Child Nutrition Consultant.
- Update the meal service times and meals offered, if there have been or are going to be changes.
- Check to see if Food Safety Training is needed and update KN-CLAIM if a recent qualifying food safety class has been completed.
- Update Food Service Management Company Vendor Information when a change in contract provider.

New Yields Available in the Food Buying Guide

New yields are now available in the Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs Interactive Web-based (FBG) Tool! New yield data for whole sorghum, pearled sorghum, and sorghum flour have been added to the FBG. This is the first set of new data from phase two of the FBG Yield Study. Check out the [Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs](#) today!

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.

Training Opportunities

Many opportunities for learning are available for CACFP Sponsors. Go to www.kn-eat.org, CNW Calendar to access the class list with dates, times and ZOOM links. Training is also offered through the KSDE Training Portal 24/7. New to the portal: September Culinary Corner: Going Gluten-Free with Sorghum and Using Standardized Recipes in Child Nutrition Programs.

Administrative Workshop

Program Year 2022-2023 CACFP Administrative Workshop was offered via live webinar on Thursday, July 28. Sponsors unable to attend the live webinar training will have the opportunity to take the training through the KSDE Learning Portal at a later date. At least one representative from each Sponsor must complete the CACFP Administrative Workshop training. A CACFP Administrative Workshop for Homes was held on Friday, July 29.

CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Meals Training

As summer break wraps up and the school year begins CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Meals and snacks can again be served to children located in low-income locations. Please note that meals and snacks must be consumed on-site in area eligible locations. Sponsors and sites interested in being reimbursed for a supper and/or snack served after the school day can learn more about CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Meals on Thursday, August 4 from 11:15 am – 12:15 pm. Join at:

<https://ksde.zoom.us/j/89436398830?pwd=Z0ZrS1lWY2twL0ZGUDhEQksvQlNjdz09>



CACFP Determining Eligibility Training

Join KSDE on Thursday, August 11 from 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm to learn about determining eligibility in the CACFP and completing the Income Eligibility Category Summary. Participating in this training can help prevent costly errors found during Administrative Reviews and audits. Join at:

<https://ksde.zoom.us/j/88411296527?pwd=bk1wY2RnVCtxM2hoQWQzT1lwZVhsQT09>

Tip Sheet for Crediting Meats/Meat Alternates in Child Nutrition Programs - Now Available!

This tip sheet is part of a series of seven tip sheets that includes *Crediting Fruits and Crediting Vegetables in Child Nutrition Programs* previously released. This handy reference for Program operators across all Child Nutrition Programs (CNPs) is a simple and easy-to-use resource that highlights the basics of crediting for the meats/meat alternates component. Access today at: *Crediting Meats/Meat Alternates in Child Nutrition Programs*. Printed versions of the tip sheet series will be available at a later date. Stay tuned for tip sheets on crediting milk and grains in Child Nutrition Programs!

Responding When a Parent is having Difficulty with Breastfeeding

Not sure how to respond when a parent shares they are having difficulty with breastfeeding? This can leave the most experienced child care provider with little to say. But you don't have to be a lactation consultant to help a breastfeeding parent. Reassure them that help is out there. Give parents a "Breastfeeding 911" card (English & Spanish) that will take them to the Kansas Local Breastfeeding Resource Directory. This is a searchable directory of peer and clinical breastfeeding support across Kansas.

You can also be prepared with a few words of encouragement and simple strategies to help with common breastfeeding challenges – not making enough milk, baby not gaining weight, etc. These are addressed in the KCCTO course "How to Support the Breastfeeding Mother and Family", offered each month for FREE. The instructor is an experienced lactation consultant with years of experience supporting child care providers. Register at: https://kccto.org/?s=breastfeed&post_type=product

The 4th Annual Mountain Plains Crunch Off – October 2022

This year's registrants are able to crunch on not only apples; but ANY local crunchable produce! Kansas is participating in the Mountain Plains Crunch Off with seven other regional states. The Kansas goal is 50,000 crunches statewide. Our regional goal is 202,200 crunches. Celebrate with local produce on Wednesday, October 12 or pick another day in October to participate in the crunch off. Watch for the registration link at www.kn-eat.org, Farm to School in early August. Make your event plans. Crunchable local produce can be found in many places- school/child care gardens, farmer's market, local distributors or <https://shopkansasfarms.com/map/>. If you have any questions, please contact Barb Depew, Farm to Plate Project Director at bdepew@ksde.org or call 785-296-0062.

USDA FY22 Farm to School Grant Awarded to Quality Care Services, Inc

A Turnkey Edible Garden Grant awarded to Quality Care Services, Inc. (QCS) will offer a CACFP Provider Bundle and a Kansas Corn educational curriculum specifically designed for ages 3-5 to enhance farm to school agricultural education experiences for all of Quality Care's 155 sites, impacting 16,500 children. In addition, QCS will continue to create ongoing partnerships to enhance this experience and show community support. Congratulations Quality Care!!



Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) Awarded USDA State Agency Farm to School Grant

KSDE will help Child Nutrition Programs address supply chain issues by partnering with Kansas Wheat Commission to work with Kansas flour mills to increase access to locally milled whole grain flour. Projects include local procurement, agricultural education efforts, and culinary training to teach food service staff how to bake with local whole grain flour. KSDE will offer sub-grants to child nutrition program sponsors for purchasing equipment and supplies needed to prepare, package and merchandise grain products from scratch.

Staffing Update

Kelly Chanay and Karen Campbell have accepted Assistant Director positions for the Child Nutrition & Wellness team.

Kelly has recently been serving as Acting Assistant Director and has also been a Child Nutrition Consultant and Professional Development Project Director during her 16 years of service at KSDE. She can be reached at kchanay@ksde.org. Karen's most recent position has been Senior Child Nutrition Consultant and has served as a Child Nutrition Consultant for 22 years. She can be reached at kcampbell@ksde.org.

Kelly and Karen have extensive knowledge and experience with Child Nutrition Programs and will provide amazing leadership, technical assistance and training in the Assistant Director positions. Congratulations Kelly and Karen!

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

Cheryl, Kelly and Karen



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