Monthly Update

Child & Adult Care Food Program



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Child Nutrition Programs: Revisions to Meal Patterns Consistent with the 2020 Dietary Guidelines for Americans – Comment Period Extended to May 10th

Did you miss the USDA's overview of the proposed rule? Watch the recorded webinar to learn about the proposed rule and its impact to operators of the CACFP at this link: Webinar Registration - Zoom. The proposed rule would impact these areas of the CACFP meal patterns: Added Sugars, Milk, Whole Grains, Nuts and Seeds, Geographic Preference Options, Menu Planning Options for American Indians and Alaska Native Sites and Terminology Changes.

Comments can be submitted through the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Go to:
 https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2023/02/07/2023-02102/child-nutrition-programs-revisions-to-meal-patterns-consistent-with-the-2020-dietary-guidelines-for and follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Please see Section 16 of the Rule for a summary of the rule and full list of the questions being asked. Comments are due by May 10th.

New USDA Guidance

CACFP 07-2023 Oversight and Monitoring of the Child and Adult Care Food Program – Guidance on On-site and Off-site Strategies and Options

The Department of Health and Human Services recently announced that May 11, 2023, is the planned end date for the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency. Given this expiration date, the FNS-issued nationwide on-site monitoring waivers are set to expire on June 10, 2023, 30 days after the end of the Public Health Emergency. The intent of this memorandum is to provide guidance regarding on-site monitoring and when it is required by regulations. Accompanying this policy memo is an appendix that outlines the review requirements and the on-site and off-site strategies and options applicable to the CACFP. Read the policy memo and find the appendix at: https://www.fns.usda.gov/cn/oversight-monitoring-onsite-offsite-cacfp-guidance

New Food Yields Added to the Food Buying Guide

New yields are now available in the Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs Interactive Webbased (FBG) Tool and FBG Mobile App! New yield data is available for these highly requested foods: apple bananas, chokecherries, taro, and fresh apples. Stay tuned for additional yield data releases coming soon. Explore the Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs today!

Training Opportunities

Don't miss any of the amazing training opportunities. Go to https://cnw.ksde.org, Training, CNW Calendar to view all scheduled classes – class descriptions, dates, times and ZOOM links.

Save the Date!

- CACFP Administrative Workshop July 27, 1-4 pm.
- CACFP Program Renewal August 1, 1:30-2:30 pm.





Online Professional Development - Classes and Tutorials

CNW staff continue to develop new interactive online training classes and tutorials that can be accessed free of charge 24/7 via the KSDE Training Portal. 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 https://cnw.ksde.org, Training. New to the KSDE Training Portal this month: 2023 SFSP Administrative Training and SY 23-24 Online Application.

Sponsors who wish to use an online Enrollment & Income Eligibility Form or electronic signatures must complete the Request to Use Electronic Transactions in Child Nutrition Programs form (will be located on the checklist tab in KN-CLAIM). The online training, SY 23-24 Online Application, is available at https://learning.ksde.org, and provides information on how to complete the request form.

Kansas Nutrition Council Conference

The Kansas Nutrition Council Annual Conference, 2023 will be held April 27 at the Wichita State University Marcus Welcome Center. Register at: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/554882357067. Did you know that KNC offers mini-grants for nutrition-related educational projects? If you or your organization is interested in applying for a mini-grant, email Valerie Donelan at vdonelan@ksde.org to receive an application for submission.

Child Nutrition & Wellness KANSANS CAN 2022-23 Best Practice Awards

We encourage you and your staff to make nominations for outstanding and/or innovative practices for recognition of your heroic efforts this past program year. A simple one-page nomination entry form is available at https://cnw.ksde.org, CACFP, What's New. **Nominations are due to the Child Nutrition & Wellness office on or before June 30, 2023.**

Awardees 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 any Child Nutrition & Wellness team member if we can be of assistance with the application process. We look forward to receiving your nominations and celebrating the Kansans CAN Best Practice Awards with you at the August 2023 State Board of Education Meeting.

Thank you to all CACFP Sponsors for providing essential nutrition to children every day, helping them grow with healthy foods and nurturing healthy habits for a lifetime! You are all GREAT!

As always, if you have questions or need assistance, please contact your local Child Nutrition Consultant or the Topeka Office!

Cheryl, Karen, and Kelly









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