

Monthly Update

Child and Adult Care Food Program



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New Child Nutrition & Wellness Website to Launch February 24th

The Child Nutrition & Wellness team is launching a new website on Friday, February 24. You are invited to attend a **Town Hall meeting on Wednesday February 22 at 1:30** to learn how to navigate the new website to find the resources you need. Join at

<https://ksde.zoom.us/j/87360619263?pwd=SDlzdVhhcUJlUk3RmdG9VNktYeU1RZz09>

Meeting ID: 873 6061 9263 Passcode: 014929. If you are unable to attend the Town Hall, a tutorial has been developed to assist in navigation of the new website and is posted on the KSDE Learning Portal - <https://learning.ksde.org> under Child Nutrition & Wellness, Tutorials, General Information Tutorials. Important Note: There will be a redirect from the kn-eat.org website to the new website, but please update your bookmarks so that you can go directly to **cnw.ksde.org** as of February 24!

Child Nutrition Programs: Revisions to Meal Patterns Consistent with the 2020 Dietary Guidelines for Americans - USDA Webinar on March 1

USDA is excited to announce a new webinar on the **provisions that impact CACFP** in the Proposed Rule: *Child Nutrition Programs: Revision to Meal Patterns Consistent with the 2020 Dietary Guidelines for Americans*.

- **Date:** Wednesday, March 1, 2023
- **Time:** 1:30 PM CST
- **Target audience:** CACFP sponsors/operators
- **To register, please visit:**

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_K97XuQ9ZSqj1oFuuKcdVQ

More information about the proposed rule can be found at: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/cn/proposed-updates-school-nutrition-standards>. Provisions that impact CACFP can be found here in the Federal Register: <https://www.federalregister.gov/d/2023-02102/p-153>

Comments can be submitted through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at:

<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 to see a summary of the rule and full list of the questions being asked.

New USDA Guidance

Pursuant to a February 9, 2023, declaration by the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, the current public health emergency has been extended to May 11, 2023. The Administration has announced that, at present, the plan is for the COVID-19 public health emergency to expire on that date. On February 15, 2023, the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) released two memos related to operations in the Child Nutrition programs after the COVID-19 public health emergency ends:



CACFP 02-2023 Offsite Monitoring of the Child and Adult Care Food Program and School Meal Programs After the Public Health Emergency Ends. This guidance announces the expiration of offsite monitoring for the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) and the School Meal Programs 30 days after the COVID-19 public health emergency ends.

CACFP 03-2023 Reimbursement for Meals and Snacks Served at Child and Adult Care Food Program Emergency Shelters after the Public Health Emergency Ends. This guidance announces that the temporary authorized reimbursement for meals and snacks served to young adults, ages 19 through 24, in emergency shelters participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program is expected to end on May 11, 2023, concurrent with the expiration of the COVID-19 public health emergency.

CACFP Week is Brought to You by the Letters...C-A-C-F-P!

CACFP Week is right around the corner, March 12-18, 2023. The National CACFP Sponsors Association has partnered with Sesame Street in Communities for a week-long education and information campaign. The campaign is designed to raise awareness of how the USDA's Child and Adult Care Food Program works to combat hunger. The CACFP brings healthy foods to tables across the country for children in child care centers, homes, and afterschool programs as well as adults in day care. For more information, visit the CACFP Week Campaign webpage:

<https://www.cacfp.org/campaign/>

Request to Use Electronic Transactions in Child Nutrition Programs

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 located on the checklist tab in KN-CLAIM. A webinar explaining the review process will be held on March 28 from 9:00 am-11:00 am. Join at

<https://ksde.zoom.us/j/86361201646?pwd=eVlPRDd0dVBqUkFwQmZSSXp1UTISUT09> Passcode: 504527

2023 National CACFP Conference

The National CACFP Sponsors Association (NCA) serves as a national platform that provides education, support, and resources to organizations who administer the CACFP. This year's conference will be held in San Diego, April 10-14, 2023. For information go to:

www.cacfp.org/conference/

Healthier CACFP Award Application

The Healthier CACFP Award criteria and application were recently updated. The Healthier CACFP Award is a recognition system that supports the wellness efforts of child care providers, day care center staff, and home providers participating in the CACFP. Caregivers going above and beyond the Program requirements by taking steps to improve the menus, physical activity, professional development, nutrition, and wellness environment and/or infant care can apply for an award in one or more of these categories. Three award levels are offered: Honors, High Honors and Highest Honors. For more information and to access the application and resource book visit www.kn-eat.org, CACFP, Recognition, Healthier CACFP Award or email Karen Seymour at kseymour@ksde.org.



Summer Food Service Program

Organizations that serve At-Risk Afterschool Meals during the school year may become sponsors in the USDA Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) to serve meals year-round. Summer Program eligibility is based on the same criteria as At-Risk Afterschool Meals eligibility. For more information about the SFSP and year-round meal service, contact Kelly Chanay at kchanay@ksde.org or call 785-296-2276.

Training Opportunities

Don't miss any of the amazing upcoming training opportunities. Go to www.kn-eat.org, CNW Calendar to view all scheduled classes – class descriptions, dates, times and ZOOM links.

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 www.kn-eat.org, Child & Adult Care Food Program, Training. New to the portal this month: Exceeding Customer Expectations (3 Hours), Working Safe (6 Hours), and Emergency Preparedness (6 Hours) under Child Nutrition & Wellness, Child Nutrition Programs (General Classes) and the May Culinary Corner: Pep Up Your Menus with Peppers.

Updated Nibbles for Health Newsletters Now Available

USDA's Team Nutrition initiative is pleased to announce the release of two slightly revised Nibbles for Health: Nutrition Newsletters for Parents of Young Children ("Nibbles for Health Newsletters"). The English and Spanish versions of the following newsletters have been updated to replace "servings" with "ounce equivalents":

- "Child Care: What Will My Child Eat?" [English](#) | [Spanish](#)
- "Healthy Snacks with Smiles" [English](#) | [Spanish](#)

To view the full collection of Nibbles for Health Newsletters, visit www.fns.usda.gov/tn/nibbles.

March is National Nutrition Month

National Nutrition Month[®], celebrated each year during March, focuses on the importance of making informed food choices and developing sound eating and physical activity habits. The theme for the 50th Anniversary of National Nutrition Month[®] is *Fuel for the Future*. 50 Ideas to Get Involved in National Nutrition Month is available at: <https://www.eatright.org/health/wellness/awareness-campaigns/50-ideas-to-get-involved-in-national-nutrition-month>. Eating with sustainability in mind is a tasty way to nourish ourselves during every phase of life and protect the environment.

It's Time to Celebrate!

We look forward to seeing how you celebrate National CACFP week and National Nutrition Month! Use the #FuelingKSKids hashtag as you increase **C: Community** **A: Awareness** of the healthy meals and snacks that benefit Kansas **C: Children** because of the **F: Food Program** and encourage others to **P: Participate** to combat hunger!



The KSDE Child Nutrition & Wellness team sincerely appreciates all those who work with the CACFP each day and all you do bring healthy foods to children and adults in care centers, homes, and afterschool programs.

As always, if you have questions or if we can assist in any way, please call or email your area Child Nutrition Consultant or the Topeka office staff.

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