Child Nutrition Programs: Revisions to Meal Patterns Consistent with the 2020 Dietary Guidelines for Americans – Comment by April 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 April 10, 2023.**

New USDA Guidance
CACFP 05-2023 – Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023: Effect on Child Nutrition Programs.
This memorandum provides clarification on how the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023, P.L. 117-328, impacts the CACFP.
Prohibition on the Use of Chicken from China in Section 751, of Division A of the Appropriations Act. Consistent with the terms of the Appropriations Act, this memorandum provides notice to CNP operators that Program funds may not be used to procure raw or processed poultry products from the People’s Republic of China. This legislation extends the existing prohibition through September 30, 2023.

CACFP 06-2023 - Unique Entity Identifier Transition. This memorandum provides guidance to local Program operators as they transition to the use of the Unique Entity Identifier (UEI). OMB directed federal agencies to complete system transitions from use of the Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) to the UEI on April 4, 2022. Obtaining the UEI is necessary as Federal award recipients (e.g., State agencies) may not make a subaward to subrecipients (e.g., CNP institutions, facilities, sponsoring organizations, sponsors, and schools) without the entity obtaining the UEI.

Meal Attendance Reminders. Meal attendance of each individual child must be checked off at the time of the meal service. If a dry erase board or page is used for Point of Sale (POS) accountability with the information being entered later into a spread sheet or the actual POS system, the Sponsor must keep the actual data from the dry erase board or page. This can be done by taking a picture of it or making a copy of the page but must be legible so meals can be counted from the copy.
Staff and preschool teachers should be trained and monitored for compliance. Meals cannot be marked for the entire day at the end of the day, the following day, or the following week. Participants complete names must be listed, and the POS meal attendance must be kept on file to support the meals claimed.

**Outside School Hours Care Center (OSHCC) and Summer Meals – Reminder**

OSHCCs do not require a CACFP enrollment form during the school year but if an OSHCC has school age children in care in the summer, the CACFP enrollment forms are required. CACFP regulations at 7 CFR 226.19 state, “OSHCCs shall be eligible to serve lunches to enrolled children during periods of school vacation.” 7 CFR 226.15(e)(2) outlines the requirement that enrollment forms must be collected for these children for summer care. Please contact your area Child Nutrition Consultant or the Topeka office if you have questions.

**USDA Nondiscrimination Statement (NDS) Update on Sponsors’ Websites**

The USDA Nondiscrimination Statement is no longer available as a separate page on the new Child Nutrition & Wellness website, so sponsors must post the NDS on their own website and not just link to the CNW website main page.

**Updated CACFP Training Slides Now Available**

USDA’s Team Nutrition initiative is pleased to announce the release of two slightly revised PowerPoint (PPT) training slides for “Identifying Whole Grain-Rich Foods for the CACFP Using the Ingredient List”, Parts 1 & 2. The English and Spanish versions of the following training slides have been updated to remove footnotes related to the COVID-19 Pandemic and to include new images.

Identifying Whole Grain-Rich Foods for the CACFP Using the Ingredient List Part 1:
- English PPT
- Spanish PPT

Identifying Whole Grain-Rich Foods for the CACFP Using the Ingredient List Part 2:
- English PPT
- Spanish PPT

To view the full collection of Team Nutrition’s ready-to-go CACFP Meal Pattern Training Slides, visit fns.usda.gov/tn/meal-pattern-training-slides-cacfp.

**Training Opportunities**

Don’t miss any of the amazing upcoming training opportunities. Go to https://cnw.ksde.org, Training, 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 https://cnw.ksde.org, Training. **New to the KSDE Training Portal this month:** Feeding Children with Food Allergies and 2023 Wellness Wednesdays: 2020-2025 Dietary Guidelines for Americans located under General Classes.
New Breakfast Recipes!
In celebration of National Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Week (March 12-18, 2023), Team Nutrition announced the availability of 20 new USDA standardized breakfast recipes and four (4) new instructional cooking videos (identified by *) for the CACFP. These recipes are standardized to meet the minimum serving amount of at least one meal component for children ages 3 through 5 and 6 through 18 years, and are available in 6, 25, and 50 servings. They showcase a variety of foods and flavors, and can help Program operators serve more fruits, vegetables, and whole grains for breakfast. Titles of the new recipes include:

- Berry Medley and Quinoa Breakfast Bake*
- Breakfast Black Beans with Eggs
- Cheesy Cheddar Drop Biscuits
- Cinnamon-Citrus French Toast Squares
- Cottage Cheese and Fruit Bowls
- Easy Overnight Oats and Berries
- Easy Whole-Wheat Drop Biscuits
- Egg and Broccoli Scramble*
- Fruit and Nut Butter Pita Pockets
- Fruit and Yogurt Roll-Ups
- Golden Squash Hotcakes*
- Lemon-Blueberry Corn Muffins
- Orange Cranberry Quick Bread
- Oven Baked Pancakes with Spiced Pears
- Peachy Oatmeal Bake
- Roasted Sweet Potato Hash
- Strawberry and Waffle Kebabs with Maple-Yogurt Dip*
- Turkey Sausage with Sweet Cran-Apple Topping
- Whipped Cream Cheese and Pear Toast

States and CACFP organizations can access these breakfast recipes, along with 40 other lunch/supper and snack recipes through the Institute of Child Nutrition's Child Nutrition Recipe Box. For more recipes, visit the Team Nutrition Recipes webpage.

The Spanish version of these recipes and cooking videos will be released at a later date. Other CACFP recipes are available in Spanish at ICN's La Caja de recetas de nutrición infantil.

Photographs of the prepared recipes are now available on USDA's Flickr account in the Team Nutrition photo collection. These images can be used by operators and partners to communicate information about the availability of the recipes.

SFSP Administrative Training on March 30
Are you planning to offer summer meals through the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) this summer? If so, join KSDE on March 30 from 1:00-4:00 pm for SFSP Administrative Training for Summer 2023. The training will be offered live via zoom. Join at https://ksde.zoom.us/j/84916411910?pwd=Q2lidVeYTVuTjB1WTg0cUdocVp3Zz09. For those unable to make the live training, a recording will be made available on the KSDE Learning Portal at a later date. All new and returning Sponsors must have at least one representative complete administrative training in order to operate the SFSP in Summer 2023.
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 March 28 from 9-11 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, https://cnw.ksde.org, CACFP, USDA Healthier CACFP Award or email Karen Seymour at kseymour@ksde.org.

Shop Kansas Farms Extravaganza – April 29th
The next Shop Kansas Farms Extravaganza will be in Lyons on Saturday, April 29, 2023, 9 am to 3 pm at the Celebration Centre and Bar K Bar Arena, 1145 E HWY 56, Lyons, KS. Vendors from across the state will be selling beef, pork, poultry, eggs, and more! This is your chance to connect with producers and ranchers for local food sources. Find information at: https://shopkansasfarms.com/lyons-market-of-farms

Summer Education Opportunity for Students from Kansas Corn
The Kansas Corn STEM program is excited to offer the “Summer Scientist: Does Corn Need Light?” lab. Each summer this kit is available to Kansas educators and volunteers who are leading summer education programs. The free supplies and resources are provided to help you teach your children about agriculture in a fun scientific way. April 14th is the deadline to request kits for summer 2023. Please submit your request early. To request materials, login at https://kscorn.com/latest-login-page/ to register and create an account.

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 here: 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.
Help Families Celebrate Nutrition All Year Long
March is a great time to introduce families of the children in our care to National Nutrition Month and Kids Eat Right. Kids Eat Right is a national effort of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Foundation. Each week, Kids Eat Right provides helpful tips for feeding children, along with recipes and other resources. Special topics focus on key issues for developing lifelong healthy eating habits.

- Sign up for the Kids Eat Right Monday Message at: https://theicn.org/memo#:~:text=Kids%20Eat%20Right%20Monday%20Message and follow on social media. Share postings with your families and community.
- Share the Kids Eat Right website at: https://www.eatrightfoundation.org/foundation/resources/kids-eat-right with families. Let them know this trusted source has a variety of topics for helping children develop healthy food habits.

Celebrating YOU!
We look forward to seeing how you have celebrated National CACFP Week and National Nutrition Month at #FuelingKSKids. Thank you for serving nutritious tasty meals and teaching healthy habits across Kansas for children in child care centers, day care homes, and afterschool programs as well as adults in day care through the CACFP! The KSDE Child Nutrition & Wellness team appreciates and celebrates YOU!

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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