

# Monthly Update

## Child & Adult Care Food Program



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### **CACFP Claims and State Year End – Important!**

April and May claims submitted and in approved status by the end of the day on June 12 will be paid and money deposited by June 16. If April or May claims are not submitted by the end of the day on June 12, payment will not be made until July due to the state fiscal year end closeout. Remember, the April claim deadline is June 29. Home Sponsors must submit May claims for Day Care Homes by 3 pm on June 12.

### **Celebrate Local Foods this Summer**

Farm Fresh Friday is an 8-week program celebrating Kansas products that can be used on summer menus. Products featured include berries, lettuce, zucchini, beef, grains, cucumbers, melons, and sweet corn. Farm Fresh Friday handouts including recipes, fun facts, preparation and storage tips, and fun summer activities are available for download at <https://cnw.ksde.org>, Farm to Plate, What's New. The Farm Fresh Friday kit includes:

- Two local foods posters
- Grow It, Try It, Like It! Preschool Fun with Fruits and Vegetables
- Package of gardening seeds
- Handout for each product featuring fun facts, seasonality information, preparation and storage tips, a recipe, and a fun activity.

To register, contact Eryn Davis at [edavis@ksde.org](mailto:edavis@ksde.org) or 785-296-5060. The Farm Fresh Friday handouts are also available for download on the CNW website at <https://cnw.ksde.org>, Farm to Plate, What's New. Celebrate local foods and get children excited about these fresh products available throughout our state this summer!

### **Administrative Workshop**

Program Year 2023-24 CACFP Administrative Workshop will be offered via live webinar on Thursday, July 27 from 1:00 pm–4:00 pm via the following link: <https://ksde.zoom.us/j/87209249575?pwd=bXBrV0tiSzl2OXVHQUVpM0JKVys2Zz09> Passcode: 123175. 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.

For Sponsors that operate both the School Nutrition Program and CACFP, a live SNP Administrative Update/CACFP Administrative Workshop training will be held July 6, 8:00 am–12:00 pm via the following link: <https://ksde.zoom.us/j/88237490614?pwd=Z1FOSmY3ODIsYVW5bE5EclJHVHp4UT09> Passcode: 265223.



### CACFP Certification Webinar

Make plans to participate in a CACFP Certification Webinar scheduled for Tuesday, August 1 at 1:30 pm via Zoom at <https://ksde.zoom.us/j/81433563486?pwd=Z1ZUamhEbDJobGZUanh6bXpqR0huQT09> Passcode: 948325. Information will be provided about changes to the sponsor and site applications and new guidance for PY 2023-24.

### Training Update

Training is offered through the KSDE Training Portal 24/7 and as scheduled live virtual events through Zoom. A full listing of live virtual events and links can be found on the CNW Calendar at <https://cnw.ksde.org>, Training, CNW Calendar. There is no preregistration for the live virtual classes through Zoom.

### Technical Assistance

KSDE will also be offering in-person Technical Assistance sessions throughout the state in July. Reach out to your Child Nutrition Consultant if interested in attending a Technical Assistance session this summer.

### Online Training Classes and Tutorials

Many classes, including the 3-hour Food Safety Basics class, 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 <https://cnw.ksde.org>, Training. New to the Online Learning Portal this month: Building Partnerships.

### 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>, Child & Adult Care Food Program, 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.

### Breastfeeding Friendly Child Care Designation

Child Care Aware® of Kansas would like to recognize child care providers in Kansas that provide support to breastfeeding families and employees through the Breastfeeding Friendly Child Care Designation. To receive the designation, child care providers must meet five criteria that demonstrate a culture of breastfeeding support. Programs receiving the Breastfeeding Friendly Child Care Designation will receive a certificate, a window cling and be recognized in the Provider Profile information that is distributed through the Child Care Aware® of Kansas Referral Center to families looking for child care. Find the toolkit that provides information about how to complete the application and the application at <https://cnw.ksde.org>, CACFP, What's New.



### Child Care Providers are Appreciated!

Child Care Provider Appreciation Day on May 6 was a special day to recognize child care providers, teachers, and other educators of young children! Thank you, child care providers, for your dedication, commitment, and compassion. The Child Nutrition & Wellness team appreciates all you do to serve nutritious tasty meals and teach healthy habits to Kansas children in childcare centers, day care homes, and afterschool programs through the Child & Adult Care Food Program.

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

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