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TO: Child and Adult Care Food Program Institutions

FROM: Mary Ann Chartrand, Director
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SUBJECT: Age Limits in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)

The Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004 (Public Law 108-265) raised the age limit for residents of emergency shelters who are eligible to receive CACFP meals. The law amended section 17 (t) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act.

Currently, emergency shelters may serve CACFP meals to residents who are 12 years old or younger, or who are migratory children 15 years of age or younger, or who have disabilities. Beginning October 1, 2004, this action allows emergency shelters to serve CACFP meals to residents 18 years of age or younger, and to residents of any age, who have disabilities.

If you have any questions, please contact our office at (517) 373-7391.

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