Child and Adult Care Food Program

December 2020

CACFP Afterschool Programs Eligible for At Risk Classification

USDA FNS is allowing afterschool care sites to serve snack and supper through the CACFP at the higher payment rate regardless of their location by extending a waiver of the requirement that afterschool care sites must be located in the attendance area of a school in which at least 50% of the enrolled children are eligible for free or reduced meals. Communicate with your State Agency to determine if this waiver is applicable to your state.

Nationwide Waiver of Eligibility for CACFP Afterschool

NEXT Town Hall Meeting - Please Join Us

Topic: Town Hall Meeting

Date: Wednesday, December 2, 2020
Time: 2:00 pm Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89953203445?pwd=dlF2Q0FETDdWdHBMQ3g3enFIVldqZz09

Password: Xy4Yje

Or Telephone:
Dial: USA 404 443 6397
USA 8773361831 (US Toll Free)
Conference code: 806533

Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Child and Adult Care Food Program Application Certification

All institutions participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) are required to complete a certification for FY 2021 to continue participation in the program. The certification must be completed through Michigan Electronic Grants System Plus (MEGS+).

For more information, please review the FY 2020 Operational Memo #8 found on the CACFP Website under Resources.

Brighton CACFP Meal Pattern Trainings

The Michigan Department of Education is pleased to announce the online CACFP Meal Pattern training through Brighton.

Free on-line trainings are now available.

Brighton Training Website link:

www.misponsortraining.com

A link to the training site is also located on the CACFP web page under the training button.

Check out these handy posters on how to serve tasty and healthy foods in the CACFP, with sample meals for all ages.

Download the Posters in English & Spanish



The Nutrition Gateway

Child nutrition program staff using MDE child nutrition systems can now log in at a single point of entry to access an MDE system for which they have approved access. Submitting applications, claims for reimbursement, documentation for reviews, or pulling data for meals served can now easily accessed with one log in!

Access MDE Nutrition Gateway here. Any user who has access to MEGS+, MiND, or GEMS/MARS automatically has access to the Gateway. Resources for the Gateway include:

- **The MDE Nutrition Gateway User Guide gives a brief description of the Gateway and what you can do in each section.**
- **The MDE Nutrition Gateway Dashboard and Portal Basics gives specific instructions on how to log in and use the Dashboard.**

Link to the Nutrition Gateway

Virtual At-Risk Afterschool Enrichment Options

To help meet the enrichment activity requirement while providing non-congregate meals, No Kid Hungry has compiled ideas and links of virtual activities kids can complete at home. The format supports documentation to demonstrate to MDE that an activity was offered for each date that meals were served and claimed.

Click to Get the List of Virtual Enrichment Ideas

Teaching in Nature's Classroom: Principles of Garden Based on Education

The second edition of Teaching in Nature's Classroom: Principles of Garden Based Education by Nathan Larson features an epilogue titled "Growing Hope" about the crucial role that garden classrooms play in providing young people with opportunities to feel hope in both symbolic and tangible ways. Visit the book website to download the ebook in Spanish or English. Also learn more about the online Teaching in Nature's Classroom course January 25 through May 7, 2021.

The Child Care Licensing Division within the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA)

and Michigan Department of Education (MDE) are very excited to bring back Coupon Codes for currently licensed and enrolled child care centers. In the recent budget, Governor Whitmer and the Michigan Legislature designated $1.3 million dollars for child care center background checks. Only centers who are currently enrolled or licensed as of October 26, 2020 will receive these coupons. Each of these centers will be issued 5 coupon codes, with an expiration date of July 1, 2021.

As before, do not use a coupon code on an individual who will not be employed by your child care center. Individuals should only be entered into the Child Care Background Check (CCBC) System at centers where they are employed or have unsupervised access to child care children. Also, don't forget to have all fingerprinted applicants fill out the Consent and Disclosure Form.

Utilize the MDE CACFP Training Videos for Annual CACFP Staff Trainings

Please utilize them in your annual and new employee staff trainings! You can access these colorful, fun, and informative videos on the MDE CACFP YouTube site and on the MDE CACFP webpage under the Training, and Resources headers. Remember to document any CACFP staff training with an agenda and sign in sheet!



Team Nutrition (TN) Multicultural Recipes available in Spanish!

TN has released 40 recipes in yields of 6 servings and 40 recipes in yields of 25-50 servings in Spanish for use in Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) family child care homes and centers. These great recipes are kid-friendly, standardized and provide crediting information!

These recipes reflect cuisines from around the world, such as the Beef Picadillo (Picadillo de carne), Red Beans and Rice (Frijoles rojos con arroz), Quick Quesadilla (Quesadilla rápida), Baked Batatas and Apples (Batatas y manzanas al horno), and more!

The recipes are available in Spanish and English and are free to download, print, and share with others at:

https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/recipes-cacfp

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Upcoming CACFP Halftime: Thirty on Thursdays Training Webinars

Team Nutrition is pleased to announce upcoming dates and topics for this year's CACFP Halftime: Thirty on Thursdays training webinars:

- **January 21, 2021: Using the Nutrition Facts Label in the CACFP**
- **March 18, 2021: Crediting Store Bought Combination Baby Foods in the CACFP**
- **June 17, 2021: Serving Snacks in the CACFP**

English webinars will be held from 2 2:30 p.m. Eastern Time. Spanish webinars will be held from 3 3:30 p.m. Eastern Time.

Registration is now open for the November 19, 2020 webinar on Crediting Single Serving Packages of Grains in the CACFP using the following registration links:

- **2 2:30 p.m. ET English Webinar [Register Now]**
- **3 3:30 p.m. ET Spanish Webinar: [Register Now]**

Registration links are also available from https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/halftime cacfp thirty thursdays training webinar series. This upcoming webinar will show Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) operators how to credit single serving packages of grains toward a reimbursable meal or snack. Attendees will have the opportunity to submit questions to the presenters and to check their knowledge through interactive polling questions. FNS Regional Offices, State agencies, sponsoring organizations, and CACFP program operators are invited to participate.

Team Nutrition will provide certificates of participation to individuals who attend the entire thirty minute webinar. The National CACFP Sponsors Association (NCA) is also offering webinar participants the opportunity to submit and track continuing education credits. Additional information on this opportunity is available from NCA at: https://www.cacfp.org/resources/thirty thursdays. The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Commission on Dietetic Registration has also approved this webinar for 0.5 hours of Continuing Professional Educations Units (CPEUs).

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