

Child and Adult Food Care Program



February 2020

Looking To Expand?

Consider At-Risk Afterschool Programs!

The At-Risk Afterschool Meals component of the CACFP offers Federal funding to Afterschool Programs that serve a meal or snack to children in low-income areas. Organizations may participate in the At-Risk Afterschool Meals component of the CACFP either as an independent afterschool program or through a sponsor. To be eligible, you must meet State and/local licensing or health and safety standards, and meet organizational and area eligibility requirements, and provide educational or enrichment activities that are open to all children. It must be in an organized, structured, and supervised environment. Call us and find out if you qualify!
517-241-5353

Happy Valentines Day from the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). It is a Leap Year, so you have one more day to serve healthy, nutritious meals and snacks this month!

Key Information to know:

New "And Justice for All" Posters

The USDA has released the new "And Justice For All" poster for distribution to participating institutions. MDS CACFP and School Meals analysts are distributing the posters to institutions in their territories. Please note that only the picture has changed. The Non-discrimination statement is still the same.



Revised Forms Now Available

The revised MDE CACFP **Annual Staff Training Checklist** can be used by both independent centers and sponsoring organizations. The form has been updated to include the meal pattern and has additional space to indicate the methods used to train your staff (such as the MDE training videos).

Ethnicity and Racial Beneficiary Form has been revised. Completion of this form is an annual requirement. If you have not yet completed this annual task, February is the perfect month to complete it!

MDE Food Donation Form can be completed to document food donations made to your site, especially if a participant donates milk or an approved non-dairy beverage.

The revised forms can be accessed through your MEGS+ application and on the CACFP website under Forms and Instructions.

Resources:

New LARA Childcare Licensing Rules Released

The new child care licensing rules for both homes and centers can now be found on the child care licensing website at www.michigan.gov/michildcare. If you have any questions, contact your child care licensing consultant.

Getting Started with Local Procurement Handouts from the National Farm to School Network (NFSN)

The NFSN has produced informative handouts for getting started in Farm to Early Childhood Education (ECE) and information on local procurement strategies for childcare centers and family day care homes. These three handouts are available on the [NFSN's website](#).

Fall in "Clove" with Garlic! Garlic is Cultivate Michigan's Winter Featured Food!

Garlic is a super flavorful, low-calorie ingredient that gives your recipes a kick! With a strong savory flavor, garlic is added to dishes around the world as a seasoning or condiment and can bring out the flavors of other healthy foods like vegetables. Find out more about garlic on [Cultivate Michigan's](#) website. Check out this great [corn, potato, and cauliflower soup recipe](#) that uses garlic as well!



Upcoming Conference Information

Maternal Infant Health Summit: March 30-31, 2020 Lansing, Michigan

Working together to improve maternal and infant health in Michigan. Visit MIHEALTHSUMMIT.COM for more information.

Child Nutrition Conference: April 14-16, 2020 Atlanta, GA

The National CACFP Sponsors Association's 34th annual conference is a three-day professional education event offering 11 education tracks, 200 presenters and 150 hours of workshops. For more information and to register, visit the [National CACFP Sponsor Association's](#) web page.

CACFP Trainings

Institution for Child Nutrition (ICN) and MDE are teaming up to offer additional CACFP trainings. Check out the new Healthy Cuisine for Kids 2-day trainings. For more information, go to the [CACFP website](#) under trainings.

Family Day Care Home Sponsor Opportunities!

The MDE CACFP is looking for eligible organizations to provide oversight and guidance to family day care home providers by becoming a Family Day Care Home (FDCH) Sponsor. All family or group homes must come into the program under a sponsoring organization.

Financial assistance is available to a sponsoring organization for its administrative expenses associated with developing or expanding a food service program in family day care homes and initiating successful program operations. Contact the CACFP Office at 517-241-5353 with any questions.