



## Child and Adult Care Food Program

May 2020

### The National Farm to School Network

The National Farm to School Network (NSFN) is adapting their work during the COVID-19 pandemic to keep supporting the farm to school and farm to early care and education (ECE) community in this rapidly changing and challenging environment.

As part of those efforts, they are creating a **COVID-19 Relief Fund** to their Partners, networks, and Native communities in continuing their important work during this difficult time.

**Any organization working to support farm to school / farm to ECE efforts is eligible to apply**, with priority being given to **current NSFN Core and Supporting Partners**, as well as organizations serving American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian populations within urban, rural and tribal jurisdictions (including schools, farmers/producers and community-based organizations and Tribal entities).

The application deadline is May 10, 2020

[Apply Here](#)

### Child Care Relief Fund Grants JUST FOR YOU!

Apply Now! The Child Care Relief Fund is a non-competitive grant program that helps child care providers in Michigan cover costs during the COVID-19 state of emergency. The goal of the program is to help child care providers stay in business and make child care more affordable for Michigan families.

For more information, review the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) document before completing the [Grant Application](#).

## Masks in Child Care

After Executive Order 2020-59 was announced, some questions have been asked about wearing masks in child care. Information can be found on the last page of the child care FAQ document that can be found [here](#). More information can also be found in the FAQ document across state government [here](#).

## Professional development opportunity from MSU-Extension

The Healthier Child Care Environment initiative will help you build healthy eating and physical activity environments and habits in children. A trained nutrition education coach from Michigan State University Extension helps SNAP-Ed eligible childcare providers (unlicensed, licensed, group or family home, center or preschool) through the Go NAPSACC assessment and connects them with resources.

## Child Development and Care Rate Increase Notification

Effective January 1st, provider hourly rates have been increased for all provider types. In addition to the rate changes, a new age category has been added for most provider types, resulting in three age categories that impact a child's hourly payment rate:

- Infant/Toddlers (birth to age 2 1/2)
- Preschool (over 2 1/2 to age 5)
- School Age (over age 5)

### DEPARTMENT HOURLY RATES AND CHILD CARE FEES: EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2020

Due to technology updates, supplemental payments (back payment) will be issued for billings that were submitted and paid at the former hourly rates for pay period 001 - 008. It will not be necessary for providers to rebill to receive supplemental payment.

Providers will potentially begin receiving supplemental payments mid-May, issued with pay period 009 payments. Providers who billed timely for pay period 009 (billing deadline 4/30/20) can expect their 009 payment to reflect the new rates.

[Provider Rate Notification 4.20.pdf](#)



## PROCUREMENT for Fiscal Year 2021 in CACFP

This is the time of year that you may be contacted by MDE about renewing or rebidding any food contracts with your vendors, if you worked with our staff to procure your vended meals in the past. Check your current contract to determine if you have a renewal statement or if you need to procure a vendor using the formal or informal method. Be sure to think about any changes to your food service in the fall such as adding programs, classrooms, or changes in capacity. Check to ensure you have the correct contract in place for either a non-NSLP approved vendor or an approved NSLP vendor, see the CACFP website, then Forms and Instructions, then Procurement and Pricing Programs where it will provide contact information to obtain the forms. If you need a refresher for these procedures, see our training videos on the CACFP website, then Training, then MDE Training Videos and look for "Procurement."



## The Child Nutrition Recipe Box

The [Child Nutrition Recipe Box](#) will provide tools and resources to help CACFP institutions and sponsors navigate and implement standardized recipes to ensure you are serving participants the correct amount. Bookmark the link to refer back to when building your menus

[Institute for Child Nutrition \(ICN\)](#) online CACFP Infant and Child/Adult Meal Pattern trainings.

Enroll in the ICN to train your new and seasoned staff about the CACFP child and infant meal patterns, food safety in child care, and menu planning while maintain social distancing. Participants receive a personalized certificate for CACFP recordkeeping upon completion of an ICN course. All ICN on-line courses are free but you must set up your own user name and password if you are new to ICN's on-line courses.

## Stay Safe

### Sites for Information on Covid-19:

[State of Michigan Covid-19 webpage](#)

[LARA: Disaster Relief Child Care sites](#)

[FNS Response to Covid-19](#)

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