



Child and Adult Care Food Program

September 2020

Home Fridge Advantage

We're Giving Away A Home Fridge Advantage!

Do you know someone deserving an advantage?

Maybe it's a person who is recovering from an illness or who lost their job. Maybe it's a neighbor who has changed your community or puts others before themselves. A caregiver? A teacher? A friend?

Michigan's dairy farmers want to give eight deserving people an "advantage" by surprising them with a NEW refrigerator stocked with Undeniably Dairy and other nutrient-rich foods. One winner will be chosen for each of the scheduled Detroit Lions home games.

[LEARN MORE](#)



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.

After-School Care/School-Age Child Care During School Hours for Distance Learning Frequently Asked Questions

These can be found on our website [HERE](#).

With more schools offering virtual or hybrid instruction, many partners are exploring what they could do to offer a safe place for students to participate in virtual instruction while their parents work.

This document provides an overview of frequently asked questions about caring for school-age children this year. Questions are organized by **provider type** including:

- Stand-alone/private centers
- Centers operated on school property or by a school
- Child care homes
- License-exempt providers
- Potential new licensed providers

For more information, contact your licensing consultant. If you are a new provider, contact your licensing consultant or the area manager for your region, which can be found [here](#).

New Team Nutrition CACFP Resources in Spanish

Team Nutrition is pleased to announce the release of six new Spanish-language worksheets for Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) operators. These four-page worksheets are now available for download in English and Spanish from the Team Nutrition website at <https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/meal-pattern-training-worksheets-cacfp>. Printed versions of these worksheets will be available at a later date.

- **Using the Nutrition Facts Label in the CACFP**
- **Serving Vegetables in the CACFP**
- **Serving Snacks in the CACFP**
- **How to Spot Whole Grain-Rich Foods for the CACFP**
- **Using the WIC Food Lists to Identify Grains for the CACFP**
- **Is My Recipe Whole Grain-Rich in the CACFP?**
- **State agencies are encouraged to share this announcement with their CACFP sponsoring organizations, independent centers, and others who may be interested.**

Questions about this announcement may be sent to TeamNutrition@USDA.gov.

FAST FACT

Boiling fresh sweet corn in a milk and butter bath is an easy way to get plump, juicy and tasty corn on the cob. Simply bring 4-5 cups water to a boil, add 1 cup milk and 1 stick of butter and reduce heat to a simmer. Add 6-8 ears of corn and cook for 3 minutes.



USDA Extends Free Meals for Kids Through December 31, 2020

Effective immediately all meals are free to all children ages 18 and under following the Summer Food Service Program meal pattern. We will provide more details on a town hall this week. In the meantime, please be sure to continue counting the number of meals distributed or served at the point of service.

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MDE News Release

Town Hall Meeting

Date: Wednesday, September 2, 2020

Time: 2:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: <https://zoom.us/j/91249124951?pwd=ZXdGK096Zk55R0hDK3ZaNU55SzR2QT09>

Password: TYZRm0

Or Telephone:

Dial: USA 404 443 6397

USA 8773361831 (US Toll Free)

Conference code: 806533

Now Open:

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.



Family Day Care Home Sponsor Expansion Opportunities in CACFP!

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 day care 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 or MDE-CNAP-CACFP@michigan.gov with any questions.



Michigan Apple Crunch

(message from the Great Lakes Great Apple Crunch)

We recognize that this year may be different for many of our schools and other institutions who have typically participated in the Apple Crunch. Given the circumstances, we are still proceeding with the crunch this year as planned and are offering lots of options for Michigan institutions, children, and residents to celebrate the Michigan apple harvest wherever you may be located come October 8th.

We will also be sharing lots of resources to create activities and lessons to highlight the bounty of Michigan's apple season. Please visit our [registration page](#) to ensure your crunch is counted and share your plans, photos from your event, and follow along on Facebook [@miapplecrunch](#).

To support your Michigan Apple Crunch:

- Check out [Cultivate Michigan](#) resources to help you source Michigan apples from distributors and food hubs for your institutions and [promote](#) them in your cafeterias.
- Visit the [Michigan Apple Committee](#) website that has searchable tools to help you find Michigan apples at farm markets and stores as well as activities for kids and resources for teachers.

Go to [Michigan Farm to School](#) for a range of resources and tools to help with your ongoing farm to school work at schools and early child care and education sites.



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