



# Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) April 2024 Newsletter

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## **NEW! Family Style Meal Service With Children in the Child and Adult Care Food Program**

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Team Nutrition (TN) is pleased to announce new Family Style Meal Service With Children in the Child and Adult Care Food Program resources. These resources include:

- **An Operator Booklet:** includes information on how to help prepare and support children, train staff, and meet CACFP meal pattern requirements to successfully serve meals “family style” in the CACFP.
- **Classroom Posters:** discussion tools teachers can use in their classrooms to introduce the steps of family style meal service, rules for family style meals, and sample scripts for conversations at mealtime with children.
- **Training Slides:** ready-to-go presentation slides to help train staff on family style meal service in the CACFP.
- **Photographs:** original photographs depicting family style meal service in child care and afterschool settings to use in training materials.
- **Social media graphics:** three animated graphics to help spread the word about this new resource and the benefits of family style meal service.

All materials are free and available online at [www.fns.usda.gov/tn/cacfp/family-style-meals](http://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/cacfp/family-style-meals). Check out the parent newsletter, “Serving Meals ‘Family Style’” at [www.fns.usda.gov/tn/nibbles](http://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/nibbles).

## **THINKING THURSDAYS WEBINAR**

When: May 23, 2024, 02:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Topic: Family Style Meal Service

Register in advance for this webinar:

[https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_rsPERfXjRNWLBeSt6aZWUQ](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_rsPERfXjRNWLBeSt6aZWUQ)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.



## Serious Deficiency Process in the CACFP & SFSP

### Proposed Rule



On February 21, 2024, Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) published the Proposed Rule entitled “Serious Deficiency Process in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) and the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)” in the Federal Register. The proposed rule can be viewed here: [Federal Register Notice](#)

A recorded webinar titled “The Serious Deficiency Process in the CACFP and SFSP Proposed Rule” is now available on the Food Nutrition Service’s Website here: [Serious Deficiency Process in the CACFP and SFSP Proposed Rule | Food and Nutrition Service \(usda.gov\)](#)



Spring Virtual Instructor Led Training (VILT) sessions are now open! The Institute of Child Nutrition (ICN) is offering virtual training sessions for individuals this spring. There are topics for school nutrition professionals and Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) operators.

Topics Include:

#### April

- Buy American US Agriculture Supporting Healthy School Meals
- Forecasting the Procurement of Foods
- Infant Meal Pattern Requirements
- Norovirus in Schools

#### May

- Emergency Preparedness - Lesson from Intro to School Nutrition Leadership
- Using Ounce Equivalents for Grains in the CACFP
- Keeping Food Safe - Lesson from Food Safety in Schools

For more information on the topics and to register, check out the [Virtual Trainings](#).

Don't wait, these sessions fill quickly!

Email [training@theicn.org](mailto:training@theicn.org) if you need assistance or have any questions.



## **CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM MEAL PATTERN TRAINING**

Target audience: CACFP institutions/participants with an approved CACFP Coordinated Application, center directors, assistant directors, individuals who compile/submit claims for meal reimbursement, food service directors, cooks, and other center staff with CACFP administrative responsibilities.

When: 9:00AM—4:00PM with a lunch break from 12:00PM—12:45PM (lunch on your own). All training participants must provide/buy their own lunch. Only two (2) people from your organization may attend the CACFP Meal Pattern In-Person Training. There is no wait list for in-person trainings, no transfer of tickets, and no plus-one attendees allowed. Limited seating! Registration is required to attend. Go to [www.Eventbrite.com](http://www.Eventbrite.com) to register for this in-person training.

CACFP Meal Pattern In-Person Training on Monday, July 29, 2024, at the Gaylord Community Schools located at 615 South Elm Avenue, Gaylord, MI 49735.

Registration link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/child-and-adult-care-food-program-meal-pattern-training-tickets-865807843567>

CACFP Meal Pattern In-Person Training on Tuesday, July 30, 2024, at the Gaylord Community Schools located at 615 South Elm Avenue, Gaylord, MI 49735.

Registration link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/child-and-adult-care-food-program-meal-pattern-training-tickets-866746822077>

CACFP Meal Pattern In-Person Training on Thursday, August 8, 2024, at the West Michigan Works located at 215 Straight Avenue NW Grand Rapids, MI 49504.

Registration link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/child-and-adult-care-food-program-meal-pattern-training-tickets-865469922837>

CACFP Meal Pattern In-Person Training on Wednesday, August 14, 2024, at the Detroit Hispanic Development Corporation located at 1211 Trumbull Street, Detroit, MI 48216.

Registration link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/child-and-adult-care-food-program-meal-pattern-training-tickets-865549199957>

## System Access Help

The Michigan Department of Education's Office of Nutrition Services is currently experiencing a transition with staff. Please be advised that responses to any system and/or access related questions may be delayed.

In the meantime, you may be able to find the answer(s) you need on our website.

- [Summary of Child Nutrition Program Systems](#) and what they do. If you are unsure of what system you need access to.
- [Step by step instructions](#) for getting access to a system.
- [Help documents](#) can also be found on the step by step instruction page.

The new mailbox for all system and access related questions is: [MDE-ONS-Access@michigan.gov](mailto:MDE-ONS-Access@michigan.gov).

## Family Day Care Home Sponsor Expansion Opportunities in CACFP!

Michigan Department of Education (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-CACFP@michigan.gov](mailto:MDE-CACFP@michigan.gov) with any questions.

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