

United States
Department of
Agriculture (USDA) Food
Buying Guide (FBG)
Mobile App Training
Videos Released:

Team Nutrition is excited to announce training videos on navigating the Food Buying Guide (FBG) Mobile App are now available.

These short videos are broken into four chapters to provide users with step-by-step instructions on using the Mobile App and its different components. These training videos, along with existing FBG Web Tool training videos, are accessible within the FBG Web Tool under the 'Help' tab from the top navigation menu.

The trainings are available on Team Nutrition's FBG training resources web page: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/food-buying-guide-training-resources>.



The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) has announced the release of the household income guidelines established by the USDA for free and reduced-price meals and free milk through the National School Lunch, School Breakfast, Special Milk, and Child and Adult Care Food programs. The income guidelines are effective now through June 30, 2023.

Families should contact their school, school district, childcare center, or family day care home sponsor to find out whether it participates in these programs.

Schools, childcare centers, adult day care centers, and family day care home sponsors will provide a form for applying for free or reduced-price meals. Only one application is required per household.

Adults, children, or foster children who are recipients of various programs such as Michigan's family independence program, food assistance program, or food distribution program on tribal lands, or who are enrolled in Head Start, an at-risk afterschool center, or an emergency shelter automatically qualify for free meals. Households with incomes less than or equal to the following guidelines qualify for free or reduced-price meals or free milk.

Total Family Size	Scale for Free Meals or Free Milk		Scale for Reduced Price Meals	
	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly
1	\$17,667	\$1,473	\$25,142	\$2,096
2	\$23,803	\$1,984	\$33,874	\$2,823
3	\$29,939	\$2,495	\$42,606	\$3,551
4	\$36,075	\$3,007	\$51,338	\$4,279
5	\$42,211	\$3,518	\$60,070	\$5,006
6	\$48,347	\$4,029	\$68,802	\$5,734
7	\$54,483	\$4,541	\$77,534	\$6,462
8	\$60,619	\$5,052	\$86,266	\$7,189
For each additional family member add:				
	\$6,136	\$512	\$8,732	\$728



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LARA is pleased to bring this information to you from the Autism Alliance of Michigan.



Autism Alliance of Michigan is excited to introduce our new FREE virtual Watch Me Grow Training Program this upcoming spring and summer.



The Autism Alliance of Michigan's (AAoM) FREE virtual Watch Me Grow program helps parents and service providers build awareness and skills in order to recognize developmental milestones and key signs of autism and other developmental delays through training and education. Once a child is identified with a developmental delay, AAoM can assist families and services providers through our MiNavigator professional consultation program to appropriate resources and support services.

Participants will:

- Understand and identify developmental milestones and red flags
- Learn about developmental assessment tools
- Identify next steps if delays are identified
- Learn strategies to enhance every child's development
- Leave with a Milestones Toolkit

Contact the Autism Alliance of Michigan with any questions.

trainings@aaomi.org

(248) 296-2145

www.aaomi.org/watch-me-grow

Guidance and timelines the updated 2022 Nondiscrimination Statement (NDS) are as follows:

- The NDS on MDE and sponsor websites must be updated by August 3, 2022
- Printed and electronic documents, pamphlets, brochures, training materials, etc., using 2015 NDS language must be updated when the current supply on hand is exhausted or by September 30, 2023
- All new printed and electronic materials must use the 2022 NDS

The new “And Justice for All” (AJFA) posters:

- MDE will distribute the current AJFA posters until the 2022 posters are available
- Do not remove current AJFA posters until the 2022 posters are received
- The 2022 “And Justice for All” posters are in the design/printing phase and are not available to order
- MDE will provide further guidance to sponsors on receiving the 2022 posters once they are available

The new NDS:

USDA Nondiscrimination Statement

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Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or
2. **fax:** (833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or
3. **email:** program.intake@usda.gov

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USDA Civil Rights Complaint Link:

<https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/USDA-OASCR%20P-Complaint-Form-0508-0002-508-11-28-17Fax2Mail.pdf>

Keep Kids Fed Act 2022

The Keep Kids Fed Act (KKFA) was signed into law on June 25, 2022, this law gives broad authority to USDA to issue limited nationwide waivers and increase the overall cost of the program to the Federal Government.

Temporary Reimbursements for CACFP effective July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023

- Additional Reimbursement 10 cents for all CACFP meals/supplements
- Reimbursement at the Tier 1 rate for all family day care homes in CACFP



Are you looking for information on the new NexSys Coordinated Application?

MDE has created a dedicated webpage for all child nutrition programs which includes program user guides, help documents, and a coordinated application program document checklist. [Click here](#) for the Coordinated Application page.

CACFP held a Thinking Thursdays Webinar to discuss the new NexSys Coordinated Application on May 26, 2022. If you were unable to attend, [click here](#) for the link to the recording.

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The USDA's Team Nutrition initiative is proud to announce the availability of several new resources for CACFP.

CACFP Trainer's Tool: Milk Aide

The CACFP Trainer's Tool: Milk Aide is a quick visual reminder of the different milk requirements under the meal patterns in the CACFP. This resource is available in English and Spanish and can be found at fns.usda.gov/tn/cacfp-trainers-tool-milk-aide. Team Nutrition CACFP Organizations will be able to order this resource as a magnet at a later date. Sponsoring organizations and independent child care sites that participate in the CACFP are invited to become Team Nutrition CACFP Organizations at fns.usda.gov/tn/cacfp. Existing Team Nutrition CACFP Organizations can update their information at fns.usda.gov/tn/cacfp/search.

Milk in the CACFP Web Quiz in Spanish

The Milk in the CACFP web quiz is now available in Spanish and can be found at fns.usda.gov/es/tn/quizzes/milk-in-the-cacfp. This quiz focuses on the meal pattern requirements related to milk in the CACFP. It is the latest addition to the collection of Team Nutrition web quizzes that cover a variety of nutrition topics, including:

- School Breakfast
- School Lunch
- Infant Nutrition (English and Spanish)
- Toddler Nutrition (English and Spanish)
- Older Adult Nutrition
- Meal Components

The complete quiz collection is available at fns.usda.gov/tn/quizzes.

Printed CACFP Meal Pattern Training Worksheets

The following CACFP Meal Pattern Training Worksheets are now available to order in print:

- Calculating Ounce Equivalents of Grains in the CACFP
- Cómo calcular las onzas equivalentes de granos en el CACFP
- Offering Water in the USDA CACFP
- Ofrecimiento del agua en el Programa de Alimentos para el CACFP del USDA
- Serving Adults Participants in the USDA CACFP
- Sirviendo a los participantes adultos en el CACFP del USDA
- Serving Meat and Meat Alternates at Lunch and Supper in the USDA CACFP
- Sirviendo carnes y sustitutos de carne en el almuerzo y la cena en el CACFP del USDA
- Identifying Whole Grain-Rich Foods for the CACFP Using the Ingredient List
- Use la lista de ingredientes para identificar alimentos ricos en grano integral en el CACFP

To order, please visit Team Nutrition's CACFP Meal Pattern Training worksheets webpage in English or Spanish, click on the name of the worksheet, and click on the link under "ordering" on the webpage.

Team Nutrition Photo Collection

Team Nutrition's photo collection now includes 350 original photographs that can be used in nutrition education and training materials for CACFP operators. Photo albums that might be especially useful for the CACFP include Food Portions, Child Care Recipes, Handwashing, Infant Nutrition, and Nutrition Education.

For questions or more information please contact TeamNutrition@USDA.gov.



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.



No Kid Hungry Michigan Culinary Corner - Michigan

The team at No Kid Hungry Michigan has created this resource page for food service directors and staff to learn and implement fundamental cooking skills and knowledge into their child nutrition programs. Chef Jenn's videos and a list of various scratch-cooking focused organizations and resources can be found [here](#).

Now Available! Revised Procuring Local Foods for Child Nutrition Programs Guide

On June 21, 2022, the USDA Food and Nutrition Service's (FNS) Farm to School Program released the revised Procuring Local Foods for Child Nutrition Programs Guide. It provides an overview of federal procurement principles and covers topics related to sourcing and purchasing local foods for state agencies and child nutrition program operators. This guide highlights a variety of mechanisms schools can use to purchase local products while staying in accordance with federal procurement regulations. Featured are examples of how to target local foods when conducting both formal and informal procurements, use the Geographic Preference option, and use the USDA Foods and Department of Defense Fresh Programs to enhance local purchasing. Please feel free to share the guide across your networks.

To access the revised Procuring Local Foods for Child Nutrition Programs Guide along with other local procurement resources for child nutrition program operators, visit <https://www.fns.usda.gov/cfs/procuring-local-foods>.

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