



Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)

September 2022

New Coordinated Application Help Document

Why is my site name different in the new application?

There is a new naming system for Child Nutrition Program sites in the Coordinated Application. In MEGS+, the program name was used as the site name. In the Coordinated Application, the building name is used as the site name instead. The [Coordinated Application User Guide for Site Names](#) explains why you may see an unfamiliar name for your site in the Coordinated Application, and who you can contact for further explanation. Michigan Department of Education (MDE) appreciates your patience as we adjust to the new naming system and will be happy to help if you have any questions after reviewing the help document.

MDE has the [NexSys Child Nutrition Coordinated Application](#) webpage with help documents and resources to further assist you.

Thinking Thursdays

Please join us for our CACFP Thinking Thursdays Webinar!

When: September, 29, 2022,
2:00pm Eastern Time (US and
Canada)

Topic: Whole Grains

Register in advance for this
webinar:

[https://us06web.zoom.us/
webinar/register/WN_-jS_I-
0ZTCa1PLIKRt2Pnw](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_-jS_I-0ZTCa1PLIKRt2Pnw)

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

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.

Additional 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.

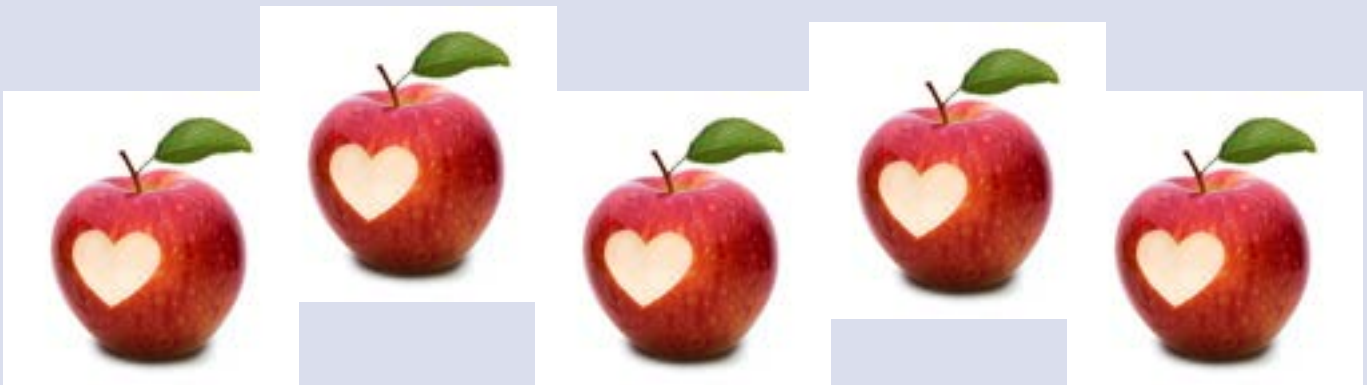
Schools, childcare centers, adult day care centers, and family day care home sponsors will provide a form for applying for free or reduced-price meals. Only one application is required per household.

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

The 2021 National Farm to Early Care and Education (ECE) Survey Findings are now available!

The first round of findings from the 2021 National Farm to ECE Survey is now available. In 2021, the National Farm to School Network and Michigan State University Center for Regional Food Systems (MSU CRFS) surveyed early care and education (ECE) providers across the country to better understand current initiatives, motivations, and challenges in applying farm to ECE activities in early care and education settings. Over 2,900 providers in 26 states and Washington, D.C. responded and shared the benefits and challenges of connecting young children to healthy, local foods, gardening, and food and agriculture education through farm to ECE. Access the survey fact sheet, infographic, and sharing toolkit [here](#) to learn more about the benefits and challenges of Farm to ECE.



In partnership with Michigan Farm to Institution Network (MIFN) and Michigan State University Extension, MDE is hosting a webinar October 3, 2022 at 10 am.

We will be talking all about apples, including what varieties are grown in Michigan, what "counts" for 10 Cents a Meal, and how to get in on the statewide Apple Crunch party in October.

Although the official crunch day is October 13, 2022, feel free to do your local crunch any day in October that works for you!

More details to come.



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-CACFP@michigan.gov with any questions.



CACFP Brighton Online Training Modules

Michigan Child Nutrition Training Modules

- Michigan 110: CACFP Annual Sponsor Training
 - Returning sponsor staff
- Michigan 120: CACFP New Sponsor Training 2021
 - New staff and/or sponsors
 - **NOTE: Training will be updated October 1, 2022, to the 2022 version**
 - Complete Michigan 120 before October 1, 2022, to avoid having to start again

Complete one of the above as part of your CACFP Coordinated Application requirements.

MDE CACFP Website under Training

- <https://www.michigan.gov/mde/services/food/cacfp/topics/trainings/cacfp-trainings>
- Must have your own individual login and password
- Access code: 1234
- Certification of completion provided

Contact your assigned program analyst or CACFP at mde-cacfp@michigan.gov with any questions.



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