



Child and Adult Care Food Program

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Navigating the Food Buying Guide Calculator

Need a crash course in the Food Buying Guide Calculator? Getting educated on CACFP resources and earning Continuing Education Units in the process is a breeze through our Learning Center. With more than 75 hours of CEUs on offer, our extensive library of webinars has something for everybody!

[Visit the Learning Center](#)



Use the MDE CACFP Training Videos for Annual CACFP Staff Trainings

Please use them in your annual and new employee staff trainings! You can access these colorful, fun, and informative videos on the MDE CACFP YouTube site and on the MDE CACFP webpage under the Training, and Resources headers.

Remember to document any CACFP staff training with an agenda and sign in sheet!

Brighton CACFP Meal Pattern Trainings

Free on-line trainings
are now available.

Brighton Training
Website link:

www.

misponsortraining.com

New Sponsor Training 2021

(Course name: Michigan 120)

is now live. This training
is for new Sponsors and/
or Sponsors with new staff.

It includes Civil Rights.

Annual Sponsor Training

(Course Name: Michigan 110) is

for returning CACFP sponsors
and also included Civil Rights.

(Help Document Attached)

Both provide key training
for new and returning staff.

A link to the training site
is also located on the
CACFP web page under
the training button.



Snack Attack



Here are some #CACFPcreditable snacks for you to try out
when you plan your next grocery trip:

WGR pita with tomato slice and Swiss cheese

Sliced pears and cottage cheese

String cheese and tangerine

WGR tortilla chips and salsa

Cauliflower pasta and milk

[Find More Snack Suggestions on the Creditable Foods Blog](#)

NexSys is Coming!

**NexSys - Next Generation Grant,
Application
and Cash Management**



Linking MI Login and MEIS

We want to remind everyone about the messages coming through MEGS+ requesting users to create a MI Login for Third Party account and link that account to their current MEIS account. This is a requirement and the first step in the transition to our new system, NexSys. If you haven't done this already, please do so as soon as possible. Instructions on how to complete this are available. By getting this step done now, it will save time and added stress when users are finally required to access and work in NexSys.

For further information on NexSys users can reference the NexSys website: Michigan.gov/MDE-NexSys. Questions and concerns can also be directed to MDE-NexSys-Applications@Michigan.gov

[CACFP Handbooks](#)

These great resources make the regulations easy to understand and are great go to resources to have electronically bookmarked and/or printed out.

[CACFP Crediting Handbook](#)

[Feeding Infants](#)

[Mealtimes with Toddlers](#)

Help Documents Now Available!

MDE has recently been making updates to our [website](#). You can now find help on how to navigate the following:

- **Educational Entity Master (EEM)**
- **Grand Electronic Monitoring System/Michigan Administrative Review System (GEMS/MARS)**
- **MDE Nutrition Gateway**
- **Michigan Child Nutrition Training Calendar**
- **Michigan Educational Information System (MEIS)**
- **Michigan Electronic Grant Systems Plus (MEGS+)**
- **Michigan Nutrition Data System (MIND)**

You can also find step by step directions on how to link your MILOGIN and MEIS account. As a reminder, if you do not complete this, you will be locked out of the system.



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.



Ounce Equivalents

Ounce equivalents are a more accurate way to know if the amounts you are serving meet the grains component requirements. Explore the resources available to learn more about [Ounce Equivalents](https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/grains-ounce-equivalents-resources-cacfp).

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Creditable Meals in the CACFP: Be in the Know

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