



Child and Adult Care Food Program December 2018

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) wishes you a joyous holiday season and a Happy New Year! December marks the end of the first trimester of Fiscal Year 2019. Three months have quickly gone by! Have you completed your annual CACFP and Civil Rights staff training? If so, that is great! If not, why not put them on the schedule today? Remember you can utilize the fun and short [MDE CACFP videos](#) for training. The Civil Rights Requirements handout can be distributed to your staff to supplement the videos. The MDE Annual Staff Training Checklist and Annual Staff Training Sign-In Sheet can be used to document trainings. Completing your annual tasks by the end of 2018 gets your year off to a great start!

New Operational Memoranda

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) guidance is posted on the MDE CACFP website with previously released MDE Operational Memoranda. The complete list of operational memoranda can be accessed at the [MDE CACFP website](#) (www.michigan.gov/cacfp) under Operational Memoranda.

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This memorandum informs institutions and sponsors on progress made by the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) in updating the food crediting system for all Child Nutrition Programs (CNP), including the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, Child and Adult Care Food Program, and Summer Food Service Program. FNS is working towards improving the CNP crediting system to best address today's evolving food and nutrition environment and meet the needs of those operating and benefiting from the CNPs. Crediting guidelines specify how dried meat and other individual food items now contribute to the CNP meal patterns. Crediting information is conveyed through technical assistance materials, such as the [Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs](#).

Key Information to Know

Parent Provided Meal Components

Menu Substitutions for Disability Reasons

Under the updated CACFP meal patterns, reasonable substitutions must be made on a case-by-case basis for meals and snacks for participants who have a disability that restricts their diet. A written medical statement must support the need for the substitution which must include recommended alternative foods and be signed by a medical doctor, physician's assistant, or a nurse practitioner. A parent, guardian, adult participant, or a person on behalf of an adult participant may voluntarily supply one or more components of the reimbursable meal but cannot be required to do so. The institution or facility must provide at least one required meal component (7 CFR 226.20 (g)(1)(ii)).

Menu Substitutions for Non-Disability Reasons

Substitutions may be made on a case-by-case basis for meals and snacks for individual participants without disabilities who cannot consume the regular meal because of a medical or other special dietary need. A written medical statement must support the need for the substitution and include recommended alternate foods. The statement must be signed by a medical doctor, physician's assistant, or a nurse practitioner. Under this circumstance, a parent, guardian, adult participant, or a person on behalf of an adult participant may voluntarily supply one component of the reimbursable meal if the component meets meal pattern requirements. The parent, guardian, adult participant, or a person on behalf of an adult participant cannot be required to supply the component. The institution or facility must provide all other required meal component (7 CFR 226.20 (g)(2)(ii)).

For additional information, please review the most [recent guidance on accommodating disabilities](#).

Resources

Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA)

Michigan Child Care Matters Special Needs Newsletter

Do you care for children with special needs? Or do you want to know more so you can be prepared if you have a child with special needs attend your child care? The latest edition of this informative newsletter discusses special needs, what some of the signs are, and what you can do to provide a safe and healthy environment for the child and includes key information on Section 504 of the American with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Team Nutrition (TN)

New Resources for Child Care Breastfed Babies Welcome Here!

TN initiative is pleased to announce the release of the [Breastfed Babies Welcome Here!](#) resource. Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) operators can use these materials to communicate ways the child care site supports a mother's decision to breastfeed her baby. Materials include a Mother's Guide, a poster, and message graphics. All materials are currently available in English online now. Spanish and printed versions will be available later.

USDA CACFP Halftime: Thirty on Thursdays Webinars

There will be no December Webinar. View Archived Versions for 2018!

Did you miss a webinar or want to review information on the various topics such as grain-based desserts, feeding infants, or selecting whole grains? If so, please visit the [USDA CACFP Halftime on Thursdays Training Webinars website](#) to view the informative webinars. New topics for 2019 will be announced soon!

Why You Should Serve Family Style Handout

Family style dining encourages learning and development not only at the table but away from mealtime as well. Children learn independence, social skills, and other important habits that will last them through adulthood. Check out [Why You Should Serve Family Style](#) a fun and informative one-page resource from the National CACFP Sponsors' Association! The handout is attached for your convenience.

CACFP Training Opportunities and Conferences

Institute for Child Nutrition (ICN) Updated Meal Pattern Trainings

MDE and ICN are teaming up to offer additional CACFP Meal Pattern trainings that began in October. Did you miss one near you last year? Do you want a refresher? Then please sign up to attend one of these upcoming sessions!

The CACFP training instructors request that if you register to attend an in-person recordkeeping training and find you are unable to attend, you should use the cancellation instructions to cancel your ticket. This will allow other participants to attend the in-person regional trainings.

Tuesday, December 11, 2018, at the Shiawassee RESD, 1025 North Shiawassee Street, Corunna Michigan 48817

Registration link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/child-and-adult-care-food-program-refresher-meal-pattern-training-tickets-49351984113>

Tuesday, February 12, 2019, at the Holiday Inn Jackson NW-Airport Road, 2696 Bob McClain Drive, Jackson, Michigan 49202

Registration link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/child-and-adult-care-food-program-refresher-meal-pattern-training-tickets-49742720817>

Wednesday, March 13, 2019, at the Lake Michigan College, 2755 East Napier Avenue, Benton Harbor, Michigan 49022

Registration link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/child-and-adult-care-food-program-refresher-meal-pattern-training-tickets-50412664637>

Tuesday, April 16, 2019, at Lake Superior State University, 650 West Easterday Avenue, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan 49783

Registration link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/child-and-adult-care-food-program-refresher-meal-pattern-training-tickets-50448540944>

Wednesday, May 1, 2019, at the Marquette-Alger RESA, 321 East Ohio Street, Marquette, Michigan 49855

Registration link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/child-and-adult-care-food-program-refresher-meal-pattern-training-tickets-50914333141>

Tuesday, August 13, 2019, Haworth Inn and Convention Center, 225 College Avenue, Holland, Michigan 49423

Registration link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/child-and-adult-care-food-program-refresher-meal-pattern-training-tickets-50483802412>

Tuesday, September 24, 2019, Blue Water Convention Center, 800 Harker Street, Port Huron, Michigan 48060

Registration link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/child-and-adult-care-food-program-refresher-meal-pattern-training-tickets-50485881631>

Utilize the NEW MDE CACFP Training Videos for Annual CACFP Staff Trainings

MDE announced the release of our first set of training videos in August. Please utilize 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 **What's New**, **Training**, and **Resources** headers. Remember to document any CACFP staff training with an agenda and sign in sheet!

Child Nutrition Conference: April 23-25, 2019, Chicago, Illinois

The National CACFP Sponsors Association's 33rd annual conference is a three-day professional education event offering over 130 hours of presentations featuring topics including nutrition, program operations, administration and financial management of CACFP and SFSP food programs, resources and technology, case studies, train the trainer sessions, and management solutions. Early registration ends December 15th. For more information and to register, visit the conference [National CACFP Sponsor Association's web page](#).

Program Expansion Opportunities

Looking to Expand? Consider At-risk Afterschool Programs! Feed the Whole Child the Whole Year!

The At-Risk Afterschool Meals component of the CACFP offers Federal funding to Afterschool Programs that serve a meal or snack to children in low-income areas. Organizations may participate in the At-Risk Afterschool Meals component of CACFP either as an independent afterschool program or through a sponsor. To be eligible, you must meet State and/or local licensing or health and safety standards, and meet organizational and area eligibility requirements, and provide educational or enrichment activities that are open to all children in an organized, structured, and supervised environment. Think you qualify? Call us and find out! 517-241-5353!

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 with any questions.

Goal number 4 of Michigan's Top 10 in 10 is to reduce the effect of high-risk factors, provide useful/valuable tools to meet the needs of all students and to ensure that they have access to quality education. The goal of the CACFP is to improve and maintain the health and nutritional status of children in care while promoting the development of good eating habits. CACFP supports the whole-child approach to learning.

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