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OPERATIONAL MEMORANDUM #7**

**TO:** Family Day Care Home Sponsors

**FROM:** Marla J. Moss, Director  
Office of School Support Services

**DATE:** February 15, 2017

**SUBJECT:** National Child and Adult Care Food Program Week

Michigan Department of Education (MDE) has issued a press release announcing National Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Week, March 12-18, 2017.

MDE administers the CACFP and will celebrate and promote the CACFP during this week. The 2017 theme for the National Child and Adult Care Food Program Week is "Raising Awareness Across the Nation." This campaign is designed to raise awareness of how the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) CACFP works to combat hunger and bring healthy foods to the table for adults in day care and children in child care homes, centers, and in afterschool and summer feeding programs across the country.

For any questions regarding this memorandum, contact the Child and Adult Care Food Program at 517-373-7391.

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## **Celebrate 2017's National Child and Adult Care Food Program Week, March 12-18**

LANSING – March 12-18 is 2017's National Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Week, and the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) asks that providers, educators, and students statewide join in celebrating the importance of healthy meals for children and adults in need.

"National Child and Adult Care Food Program Week presents an excellent opportunity to emphasize research outcomes that proper nutrition in children not only contributes to their physical growth, but also their intellectual and emotional development," State Superintendent Brian Whiston said.

CACFP provides federal funds to non-residential child and adult care facilities to serve nutritious meals and snacks. CACFP plays a vital role in improving the quality of day care by making it affordable for many families. The program's goal is to improve and maintain the health and nutritional status of participants in care while promoting the development of good-eating habits.

Eligible day care facilities include:

- Licensed child-care centers
- Head Start Programs
- After-school care programs
- Emergency shelters providing residential and food services to homeless children
- Family child-care homes, including relative-care providers
- Some private, for-profit child care centers
- Adult Day Service programs

Each year, more than 5,000 family and group day care homes and 557 independent center sponsors participate in the 30-year-old CACFP in Michigan. These facilities serve more than 9.6 million breakfasts, 11.3 million lunches, 16.2 million snacks, and 5.4 million suppers per year to children and adults in day-care centers, afterschool at-risk programs, and family day-care homes.

For more information about CACFP in Michigan, visit the [Child and Adult Care Food Program](http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-66254_25656---,00.html) ([http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-66254\\_25656---,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-66254_25656---,00.html)).