



April 10, 2018 CE Edition

This information is to keep you informed of any changes in policies and procedures and of new communication originating from the State Office this month.

Attachments with this issue:

[CACFP09-2018 - Grain Requirements in the CACFP - Q&A](#)

[CACFP10-2018 - Conducting Five-Day Reconciliation in the CACFP - Q&A](#)

[CACFP Input Workgroup Meeting Notes](#)

[CACFP Conference Proposed Agenda](#)



Save the Date!

2018 CACFP Conference
June 20-21 (Note date change)
AT&T Conference Center
Austin, Texas

Register and book your room [here!](#)
Proposed agenda attached.

Employee vs Contract Employee

An employee is anyone who performs services where an employer controls what work will be done and how it will be done. The employee will have specific job functions or a job description with set work hours and duties to perform during those work hours. An



employer has the right to control the details of how the services are performed. The CE's compensation policy should outline the number of staff needed for specific job duties and how those employees will be compensated for their work.

An independent contractor (contract employee) is someone who the CE contracts with for services. The independent contractor controls the work that will be done, and how it will be done based on the contract. A CE will have procured the services of an independent contractor. Procurement of services requires the CE to develop specifications for the scope of work (job) to be completed and the independent contractor will submit bids or quotes for how they intend to meet the specifications. An independent contractor does not work regular hours doing specific job duties but works under the terms of the contract with the CE.



USDA Policy Memos

CACFP09-2018 - *Grain Requirements in the CACFP - Questions and Answers* is attached. This is the third revision of this memo, previously issued in October 2017.

CACFP10-2018 - *Conducting Five-Day Reconciliation in the CACFP - Questions and Answers* is attached.

Addendum to Invitation for Bid and Contract for Purchased Meals

A new *Invitation for Bid and Contract for Purchased Meals Addendum – Option to Renew* has been released to allow CEs a mechanism by which to renew the purchased meals contract if appropriate.

There is an addendum for each IFB as follows:

Invitation for Bid and Contract for Purchased Meals - Adult Day Care Centers (IFB),
Invitation for Bid and Contract for Purchased Meals – Child Care Centers and Day Care Homes (IFB),
Invitation for Bid and Contract for Purchased Meals – Summer Food Service Program (IFB), and
Invitation for Bid and Contract for Purchased Meals SFSP and At-risk (IFB).

The addendums are available [here](#) in Administration & Forms on the appropriate program page.

TDA Standardized Multicultural Recipes

TDA has released 25 updated multicultural recipes for Child Care Centers, Family Daycare Homes and Adult Daycare Centers featuring foods that reflect the cultural diversity of the Lone Star State. The set of Texas inspired recipes are standardized to yield 12 and 24 servings and include information on how the recipes credit towards CACFP meal pattern requirements. The Texas icon on the recipe cards represents locally sourced ingredients in Texas. The recipe book will be distributed at the state CACFP Conference June 20th – 21st in Austin, and is also available from your regional [Education Service Center](#) (ESC) when attending trainings.



Resources

Upcoming Event

Lectureship: **Making Child Care Spaces Healthy Places**

Tuesday, April 17, 2018 from 2:00 PM - 4:30 PM



"Week of the Young Child" Celebration

The Week of the Young Child™ is an annual celebration hosted by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), celebrating early learning, young children, their teachers, and families. This year's event is April 16-20, 2018! *Tasty Tuesday* (April 17th) is a fun, food-themed day about more than just cheese and crackers. Cooking together connects math with literacy skills, science, and more. With the rise in childhood obesity, you can encourage healthy nutrition and fitness habits at home and in the classroom. Create your own healthy snacks and share the recipes and photos of your creations on NAEYC's Facebook page.

Blanton Museum of Art, Smith Building, 200 E Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Austin, TX 78701
Register at: www.childhealthlectureship.org

Team Nutrition Webinars

Join the USDA Team Nutrition for monthly training webinars on hot topics related to the CACFP Meal Pattern requirements.

Webinars will be held on the third Thursday of every month in **English** from 2:00 to 2:30 PM ET and in **Spanish** from 3:00 to 3:30 PM ET



E3E Grant RFA for Healthier CACFP Recognition Award (HCACFPRA) Posted

The E3E grant to participate in the HCACFPRA was posted March 28th, 2018. The link below provides the application, instruction and the award criteria.

The information below has been updated on the HCACFPRA web page on Squaremeals.org under "how to apply". To participate in the Healthier

CACFP Recognition Award, independent and sponsoring CACFP child care contracting entities must apply and be awarded the Establishing the 3E's Nutrition Grant Program (E3E). Awards of \$10,000 and \$50,000 are available.

The objectives of the grants and recognition awards are to increase awareness of the importance of good nutrition, and to encourage children's health and well-being through the 3E's of Healthy Living - Education, Exercise and Eating Right. Your ESC will be able to provide training and technical assistance on how to complete the Request for Application (RFA). 2018 Establishing the 3E's Grant Program Application Due Date: received by TDA before close of business (5:00 p.m. CT) on **Wednesday, May 2, 2018**.

Texas Farm Fresh Initiative

NEW! TDA Grant Opportunity to Expand Farm Fresh Fridays in the CACFP

Research shows that children who are familiar with growing their own foods tend to eat

more fruits and vegetables! Childcare institutions and community organizations that serve children younger than 19 years of age may be eligible to receive grant funds to support existing garden programs or create new ones. The Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) is offering the Establishing the 3E's Nutrition Education Grant (E3E) to help expand [Farm Fresh Friday](#) activities, which include, but are not limited to gardens in child care settings, taste testing, farmer visits, and more! TDA is now accepting E3E grant applications. All applications are due by Wednesday May 2, 2018. Visit TexasAgriculture.gov for the full grant application.



Stay Connected — Subscribe to TDA's Farm Fresh E-Harvest

This newsletter provides a monthly update on farm to child/adult care and includes resources such as funding opportunities, a schedule of upcoming trainings and webinars, and more. Archive issues of the E-Harvest are available [here](#). [Subscribe today!](#)

Connect with your partners at TDA today at FarmFresh@TexasAgriculture.gov

Items of Interest



CACFP Input Workgroup

The CACFP Input Workgroup met at TDA on Thursday, February 22nd. The meeting notes are attached.

National CACFP Week

Did you celebrate National CACFP Week? Submit your pictures, menus, recipes and success stories to your regional [Education Service Center \(ESC\)](#) to be highlighted on the Squaremeals website. TDA wants to acknowledge your work and support of the CACFP.

Did You Know? The first fruit eaten on the moon was a peach!

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