



January 22, 2019 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.

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Registration Still Open!

Community Nutrition Conference
(formerly known as CACFP and SFSP Conferences)
February 11-13, 2019
Sheraton Georgetown Hotel



The CACFP Conference has a new face! This year we are combining the SFSP conference and the CACFP conference to give you more bang for your travel buck! We are working on a new format, inspired by your feedback.

This year's program will include:

- Group collaboration meetings by type of CE
- Farm Fresh Producer Expo
- Healthier CACFP Recognition award poster session
- SFSP and CACFP tracks
- CE-led sessions
- Suggested sessions by position and experience

Register for the conference [here](#).

For more details about the conference click [here](#).

Reserve your room [here](#). TDA has negotiated a rate of \$103 per night at the Sheraton Georgetown. Quantities are limited so book today!



Release Section 10000

Section 10000, *Serious Deficiency* of the CACFP Day Care Homes Handbook has been revised. Per USDA requirements, day care home sponsors must submit a copy of each notice in the serious deficiency process to TDA **at the same time** it is sent to the day care home Provider. Items 10500, Day Care Home Providers and subsections 10510 through 10560 have been updated to clarify and emphasize this expectation.

Affected text is highlighted in each section.

Reference the revision numbered DCH 19-04 for specific information.



CACFP Administrative Review (AR) Timelines

The CE will receive an Administrative Engagement/Appointment letter and the CACFP Financial Sampling Tool 35 calendar days before the onsite review date.

The Engagement/Appointment letter will have a Document Request Packet (DRP) requesting the CE to upload documentation to TX-UNPS prior to the review along with the CACFP Financial Sampling Tool. The documentation is due 10 days after receiving the letter, which is 25 days prior to the review date. The DRP gives the reviewer an opportunity to start reviewing paperwork for the AR prior to visiting the CE onsite.

If the CE is required to submit a Corrective Action Document (CAD), then the CE will have 20 calendar days from the date of the letter to respond to the CAD in TX-UNPS.

Celebrate Farm Fresh Fridays in March!

Participants of the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) are encouraged to participate in the [Farm Fresh Challenge](#) through the Texas Department of Agriculture. Make the pledge to ***Eat Local. Teach Local. Be Social.*** Participation is simple. Just follow these 3 easy steps!

Step 1 Pledge online at SquareMeals.org/FarmFreshChallengeCACFP
Participants will receive a Farm Fresh Fridays Toolkit of support materials if registered by February 18th.

Step 2 Complete the challenge during the month of March.

Step 3 Submit your attestation form online by April 12th



The Farm Fresh Challenge is a month-long effort to serve more local foods, teach children and older adults about the importance of Texas agriculture, and share this message with families and community members.

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

CACFP Organizations Network

Sponsoring organizations and independent child care centers currently participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Care Program (CACFP) are invited to join the [Team Nutrition CACFP Organizations Network](#). Similar to the Team Nutrition Schools Network, CACFP Organizations will now have their own opportunities for receiving resources, idea-sharing, and more, via the Team Nutrition CACFP Organizations Network. In January, Team Nutrition CACFP Organizations will have the opportunity to request new nutrition message decals to display at their child care sites.

Joining the Team Nutrition CACFP Organizations Network is free and easy! CACFP's sponsors and independent centers can [enroll now online](#).

CACFP Trainers' Circle Webinar

The first [CACFP Trainers' Circle webinar](#) is available for viewing on the Team Nutrition Website. This webinar focused on Coaching and Mentoring Using a Peer-to-Peer Model and featured effective training strategies used by the Kansas State Department of Education and resources from the Institute of Child Nutrition (ICN).



USDA Team Nutrition - Spread the News about Healthy Eating

Download these 12 [Nibbles for Health newsletters](#) to share with parents of preschool-age children about popular topics such as Portions for Preschoolers, Tips for a "Choosy" Eater, Healthy Snacks with Smiles, and more. [Request print copies](#) now.



Make the Most of Your Meal Service

CACFP providers want to serve nutritious food to children and adults in their care. Many children attend child care for most of the day. Providers may serve children breakfast, lunch plus a snack that provides essential nutrients that help their bodies grow and mature. In adult care settings nutrient dense foods are just as important in order to support a health safety net for the aging body. Providers are responsible for offering appropriate meals that meet CACFP regulations and includes all of the food groups (milk, fruits, vegetables, grains and meat/meat alternates). The variety of foods will provide the nutrients that support growth and development and the aging body. All food offered should be appropriate, nutritious, inviting as well as appetizing.

Children and adults should be allowed to participate in preparing for the meal service. Participation may include growing the food, as well as washing, cleaning, and helping to prepare the food. For example:

- mix a salad together or pour the salad dressing
- washing fruits and vegetables
- setting the table
- planning the menu

Check out this [website](#) for additional resources and menu planning tips.

Did You Know? The skin of a kiwi is perfectly edible and is loaded with fiber and vitamin C.

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