



July 5, 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:

[CACFP 13-2018](#)



Another Great Conference!

We had a record total of 349 participants at this year's CACFP Conference held in Austin, Texas at the AT&T Hotel and Conference Center. Angela Olige was presented with a leadership award from Texas CACFP Sponsors Association, and this year's Healthier CACFP Recognition Award winners participated in a poster session to highlight their best practices. Overall, the conference was a great success and we hope you will join us again next year!



National Farm to School Network Farm to Child Care Webinar

Indigenous Foods in Early Care Settings scheduled for July 12, 2018 at 1pm Central



Incorporating indigenous foods into education and meals in early care and education settings offers many benefits, including increasing children’s knowledge of cultural history and strengthening community connections. However, ensuring indigenous foods are procured, prepared, and served in ways that align with state licensing and Child and Adult Care Food Program regulations can be challenging. Join this webinar 7/12/18, 1PM CT: Indigenous Foods in Early Care Settings to hear from speakers from the National Farm to School Network, the Institute for Agriculture Trade and Policy, and the Aleutian Pribilof Islanders Association and to learn about innovative practices and resources that help overcome these challenges and support the inclusion of indigenous foods in ECE settings in CACFP. Register [here](#).

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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!](#)

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Program Year 2019 Renewal Applications

On July 1, 2018 the TXUNPS CACFP Application Packet DEFAULT YEAR will change to 2018-2019.

Program Year (PY) 2019 Renewal Applications are available as of July 1, 2018.

ALL RENEWING CEs:

The Budget Detail must be updated for PY 2019 to be in compliance with the titles, salary ranges and benefits as noted in the CACFP Taxable Income Protocol.



USDA Policy Memos

CACFP13-2018 - *Child Nutrition Programs' Flexibilities for School Year 2018-19* is attached.

CACFP Flavored Milk Flexibility

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is allowing flexibility in the meal patterns related to flavored milk served to children 6 years old and older and adults. This flexibility is in effect July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. You can view the complete notice on SquareMeals [here](#).

Summer is a Good Time for Vegetables

A healthy diet should be full of colorful fruits and vegetables. MyPlate suggests that half of your plate should be fruits and vegetables. There are a variety of vegetables to choose from that can make a plate bright and colorful. They are divided into five subgroups based on their nutrient content. The subgroups include dark green vegetables, red and orange vegetables, starchy vegetables, beans and peas, and other vegetables. The dark leafy vegetables of the dark green subgroup are low in calories and have vitamins A and C. They also provide fiber and minerals such as potassium, magnesium, and calcium. The red and orange vegetables are good sources of nutrients like vitamin A, potassium, and fiber. Starchy vegetables are higher in calories. They also have nutrients such as fiber and are a source of carbohydrates, but should be eaten in smaller amounts than the other vegetable subgroups. Choose dark green and red/orange vegetables more often than starchy vegetables.





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