



June 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:

[CACFP12-2018](#)

[CACFP Conference Agenda](#)



There's Still Time to Register!

2018 CACFP Conference
June 20-21
AT&T Conference Center
Austin, Texas

The pre-conference sessions are closed, but you can still register for the main conference.

[Register here.](#)

WIC Information

The *2018 – 2019 Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC)* information effective **June 1, 2018** is available on the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) website under [Administration and Forms](#).

The "WIC Information" has been posted under Administration and Forms in both English and Spanish. Child care centers and day care homes must



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distribute this information annually to

CAFCP Application Renewals

Application renewal opens in the TX-UNPS on July 1, 2018 for CACFY PY 2019 effective for October 1, 2018.

If you wish to participate in the CACFP for PY 2019 you MUST SUBMIT AN APPLICATION (only complete applications that have not error will be approved for renewal) for renewal via TX-UNPS no later than **September 30, 2018**.

Please be aware that the following items in the budget detail MUST be updated to be within compliance of the CACFP Taxable Income Protocol:

- Salaries to be within Income Protocol ranges
- Benefits
- Staff Position Titles

Note: All staff positions must be updated. The budget detail will be returned for correction until all items on the budget detail have been updated to be within compliance.

You can reference the CACFP Taxable Income Protocol [here](#).



CAFCP12-2018 - Child Nutrition Program Waiver Request Guidance and Protocol - Revised is attached.

Income Eligibility Guidelines

The July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019 Income Eligibility Guidelines (IEGs), effective **July 1, 2018**, are available on the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) [website](#). A link to the IEGs is located in the left hand menu on each Program page. The IEGs for July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018 are also included on the website and are in effect for eligibility determinations made through June 2018.

The TDA form *Income Eligibility Guidelines for Determining Free and Reduced-Price Benefits July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019* (H1625-A) dated June 2018 has been posted on [SquareMeals](#) under Administration and Forms. Child care centers and day care homes must provide this form to the parents/guardians of children enrolled in care and those that inquire about child care. Adult day care centers must provide this to adults enrolled in their adult day care centers and those that inquire about adult day care services.

The *Income Eligibility Guidelines for Determining Free and Reduced-Price Benefits July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018* (H1625-A) dated June 2017 will remain on the website for use through June 2018.

Appropriate Eating for Young Children

Contracting entities (CEs) are responsible for offering appropriate meals and snacks that meet CACFP requirements and includes the appropriate food components for each meal service (milk, fruits, vegetables, grains and meat/meat alternates). A variety of foods will provide the nutrients that support growth and development. All food offered to young children should be appropriate, nutritious, inviting as well as appetizing.



Meal Time Safety Tips:

- Provide safe food for the young children you serve.
- Sit with the children at the table to monitor them.
- Have all children sit correctly at the table; don't allow them to jump around or play.
- Have children eat slowly.
- Tell them they cannot have any food in their mouth while talking.
- Never allow children to eat when playing a game. Children should eat at mealtime or snack time only.

Things to Remember when Serving Young Children:

- Post your menus for parents to see.
- Establish a schedule for meals and snacks
- Use colorful fruits and vegetables to catch the children's attention.
- Make every bite nutritious.
- Make sure that food served is not a choking hazard.
- Never allow children to play, run, or move around when it is mealtime.

Remember: Any food can become a choking hazard. It is important to make sure children are sitting down, relaxed, and giving attention to eating the food in front of them.



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**

Upcoming Topics

- June 21, 2018: Adding Whole Grains to Your Menu
- July 19, 2018: Feeding Infants: 0-5 months
- August 16, 2018: How to Support Breastfeeding in the CACFP
- September 20, 2018: Feeding Infants: Starting with Solids

Check [USDA's website](#) to register.

Farm to Child Care Online Training

Introducing healthy foods into a child's life as early as possible creates a lifetime of healthy habits. Learn about how to incorporate fresh, local foods into early child care programs by completing TDA's [Farm to Child Care Online Training](#). This training is intended for child care program team members and others who are interested in bringing farm to child care activities to their preschool or child care home. Information presented during this training is introductory in nature and will lay the groundwork for future training and discussion about farm to child care activities.



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!](#)

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Did you know? Although it shares the same name, the sweet potato is a root vegetable and only loosely related to the potato.



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