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CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM

# Bulletin

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***Sponsoring organizations and institutions are required, by regulation, to keep Bulletins, Instructions, and USDA Policy Memorandums for reference and to apply immediately the appropriate instruction to agency programs. Contact Child Nutrition Programs if you need further clarification.***

**Policy Memos that have been posted on the CNP Database Welcome Page:**

* CACFP 07-2019 - Federal Micro-Purchase and Simplified Acquisition Thresholds for Procurement - revised
* CACFP 03-2020 Meal Service During Unanticipated School Closures

**Additional Topics**

* Staff changes at Alaska Child Nutrition Programs
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**Resources**

* USDA CACFP Crediting Webinar Recordings: [Be in the Know! Webinar Series](https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/crediting-updates-child-nutrition-programs-be-know-webinar-series)
* USDA Halftime: Thirty on Thursdays Webinar
* Institute of Child Nutrition (ICN) Mealtime Memo
* WIC Breastfeeding Support Learn Together. Grow Together
* USDA Meal Pattern Training Worksheets
* Institute of Child Nutrition (ICN) Meal Pattern on one sheet
* Updated Food Buying Guide
* Listserv

## USDA Policy, Information & Implementation Memos

* [**CACFP 07-2019**](https://www.fns.usda.gov/resources?f%5B0%5D=program%3A9088&f%5B1%5D=resource_type%3A160) **- Federal Micro-Purchase and Simplified Acquisition Thresholds for Procurement – revised**

This memorandum supersedes CACFP 07-2019, regarding the increase in the value of the micro-purchase and simplified acquisition thresholds. Federal micro-purchase threshold is now $10,000 or less and the small purchase threshold is $250,000 or less.

* [**CACFP 03-2020**](https://www.fns.usda.gov/resources?f%5B0%5D=program%3A9088&f%5B1%5D=resource_type%3A160) **Meal Service During Unanticipated School Closures**

This memorandum provides updated guidance on the child nutrition program flexibilities available during unanticipated school closures. FNS encourages institutions participating in the CACFP to help ensure that children do not experience a lapse in food security when extreme weather or other events force area schools and child care facilities to close.

## Additional Topics

* **Staff Changes**

We are pleased to announce that we have a new CACFP/SFSP Education Assistant and her name is Jennifer Cherian. She is in the thick of learning about CACFP and SFSP so your patience during this transition is appreciated.

* **Annual Child Nutrition Programs Procurement Training – webinars**

We will be conducting annual procurement training each Monday afternoon of April (1:30-2:30).  Please register on Survey Monkey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/93S8CN6>.  The topics covered will be:

* + - Monday, April 6 Procurement Plans
    - Monday, April 13 Micro Purchasing and Informal Procurement
    - Monday, April 20 Formal Procurement
    - Monday, April 27, Procuring Food Service Management Companies

Each session should take approximately 1-hour.  We will send out WebEx links and audio-conference numbers with confirmation emails.

* **Farm to Child Nutrition**

March 23rd from 1:30-2:30 PM there will be an informational webinar on incorporating Farm to School activities into Child Nutrition programs. We will go over what Farm to School is, ideas for activities, what Farm to School resources are available, as well as information on procurement and using geographic preference. All are welcome to join, you can dial in or register on Web-Ex. Hope to have you join us!

Email [olivia.lihou@alaska.gov](mailto:olivia.lihou@alaska.gov) for more information on how to register.

* **CACFP Training dates –**

Centers/At-Risk/OSHC/Emergency Shelter June 23 – BP Center, Anchorage

Centers/At-Risk/OSHC/Emergency Shelter June 24 – Fairbanks

Distance Delivery – Centers/At-Risk/OSHC/ July 8

Emergency Shelters

Early Head Start/Head Start August 4 – BP Center, Anchorage

Distance Delivery - School District August 7

* **USDA non-discrimination posters - only one poster required in your center**

As noted in the package that sponsors and institutions received, only one poster is required per site and must be posted in an area where parents can see it. This will probably be in your lobby. If you would like more posters please contact Jennifer Cherian.

* **USDA Using Ounce Equivalent training tool**

Although the ounce equivalent requirement has been postponed USDA is still working on providing resources and training to get everyone ready. We highly encourage all of you to start measuring with ounce equivalents in mind and this handout is excellent! The handout provides a list of grains that are frequently used in CACFP and the amount of items/grams that are needed for an ounce equivalent. Remember, we used to call this a slice of bread or half slice of bread … now we are going to use the terms ounce equivalent or half ounce equivalent.

* **USDA Infant Feeding training tools**

If you are looking for a good training to help your Infant teachers please look at the USDA CACFP Trainer’s Tools: Feeding Infants. Content from the [Feeding Infants in the Child Adult Care Food Program guide](https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/feeding-infants-child-and-adult-care-food-program)is brought to life in these in-person training resources. These training resources include:

* + Trainer’s Guide
  + 10 Presentations with trainer notes
  + 5 Videos
  + 2 Game-show style digital interactives
  + Pre- and post-tests

This training focuses on topics such as developmental readiness, hunger and fullness cues, handling and storing breastmilk and infant formula, solid foods, and much more! Trainers from sponsoring organizations and state agencies can pick and choose from a variety of lessons to create a training that best suits the needs of their CACFP operators. Please note: each participant will need a [Feeding Infants in the Child Adult Care Food Program guide](https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/feeding-infants-child-and-adult-care-food-program)

Please go to the USDA website <https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/feeding-infants-cacfp-trainers-tools> to find the above listed pieces of this training packet.

* **USDA Meal Pattern Training Slides**

Presentation slides from the Thirty on Thursdays Training Webinars are available at the USDA website: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/meal-pattern-training-slides-cacfp>. You are welcome to download the PowerPoint materials.

* **At-Risk and Adult Day Care – USDA Offer Vs. Serve Information**

Just a reminder for the At-Risk Afterschool Meals sites and the Adult Day Care Centers – you have the option of having your meal service incorporate offer vs. serve vs. the family style dining or pre-plated. It can be a bit complicated so the USDA training handout is a great tool to use to ensure you are correctly implementing this type of meal service. If you are going to use Offer Vs. Serve please notify the state agency with the site name so we can document in our files. Please go to the USDA website for this resource at: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/meal-pattern-training-worksheets-cacfp>

* **Institute of Child Nutrition eLearning portal**

The Institute of Child Nutrition (ICN) that is funded by USDA has a new eLearning portal at: <https://theicn.docebosaas.com/learn>

## Resources

* ***USDA CACFP Crediting Webinar Recordings***: [Be in the Know! Webinar Series](https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/crediting-updates-child-nutrition-programs-be-know-webinar-series)
  + [*Guidance on Dried Meat Products*](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com_-3Furl-3Dhttps-253A-252F-252Fwww.fns.usda.gov-252Ftn-252Fmoving-2Dforward-2Dupdate-2Dfood-2Dcrediting-2Ddried-2Dmeat-2Dproducts-26data-3D01-257C01-257C-257Cd6ee643039954c0ec59b08d6f33319e2-257Ced5b36e701ee4ebc867ee03cfa0d4697-257C1-26sdata-3Dm1P-252Fhqkz8G1juVF501g-252Bm6mUQnrlQ1q2sn6hHppp-252Bj4-253D-26reserved-3D0&d=DwMGaQ&c=teXCf5DW4bHgLDM-H5_GmQ&r=Kelvq_39TxY6K2FEuLl7LEwwmCo-YeRCpCaNri0duis&m=3bVYQUESKKsIoUHy7naLFNHXR8PFkw4eS9lo-U8dMjs&s=izMdQuW6oinFwrESrX-evz7QB3tGTAjCsx7HQ_FlnaE&e=)
  + [*Additional Meat/Meat Alternate Options* – Tempeh and Surimi](https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/additional-meat-meat-alternate-tempeh-and-surimi):
  + [*Crediting Vegetable Noodles and Coconut*](https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/crediting-vegetable-noodles-and-coconut-child-nutrition-programs)
  + *Crediting Popcorn, Hominy, Corn Masa and Masa Harina in the CNPs*
* ***USDA Halftime: Thirty on Thursdays Webinar***
  + [*Link to USDA Halftime Thirty on Thursdays Webinar*](https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/halftime-cacfp-thirty-thursdays-training-webinar-series) *Recordings*
* [**Institute of Child Nutrition Resources**](https://theicn.org/cacfp) This site has CACFP Meal Pattern resources, Online Trainings, Educational Resources, and a searchable database for CACFP related research articles.
* **WIC Breastfeeding Support Learn Together. Grow Together**

FNS has launched a new breastfeeding campaign, WIC Breastfeeding Support Learn Together. Grow Together. Campaign materials can be found at [WIC Breastfeeding Support](http://links.govdelivery.com:80/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbXNpZD0mYXVpZD0mbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTgwODAxLjkzMjE5MjIxJm1lc3NhZ2VpZD1NREItUFJELUJVTC0yMDE4MDgwMS45MzIxOTIyMSZkYXRhYmFzZWlkPTEwMDEmc2VyaWFsPTE3Mjg2MzM0JmVtYWlsaWQ9YW5ubWFyaWUubWFydGluQGFsYXNrYS5nb3YmdXNlcmlkPWFubm1hcmllLm1hcnRpbkBhbGFza2EuZ292JnRhcmdldGlkPSZmbD0mbXZpZD0mZXh0cmE9JiYm&&&100&&&https://wicbreastfeeding.fns.usda.gov/) website geared towards WIC moms.

[Family and friends](http://links.govdelivery.com:80/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbXNpZD0mYXVpZD0mbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTgwODAxLjkzMjE5MjIxJm1lc3NhZ2VpZD1NREItUFJELUJVTC0yMDE4MDgwMS45MzIxOTIyMSZkYXRhYmFzZWlkPTEwMDEmc2VyaWFsPTE3Mjg2MzM0JmVtYWlsaWQ9YW5ubWFyaWUubWFydGluQGFsYXNrYS5nb3YmdXNlcmlkPWFubm1hcmllLm1hcnRpbkBhbGFza2EuZ292JnRhcmdldGlkPSZmbD0mbXZpZD0mZXh0cmE9JiYm&&&101&&&https://wicbreastfeeding.fns.usda.gov/friends-and-family) will find resources on the WIC website, including videos from real dads and grandparents, to learn more about breastfeeding and how they can support mom and baby on their breastfeeding journey.

Likewise, [WIC partners and staff](http://links.govdelivery.com:80/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbXNpZD0mYXVpZD0mbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTgwODAxLjkzMjE5MjIxJm1lc3NhZ2VpZD1NREItUFJELUJVTC0yMDE4MDgwMS45MzIxOTIyMSZkYXRhYmFzZWlkPTEwMDEmc2VyaWFsPTE3Mjg2MzM0JmVtYWlsaWQ9YW5ubWFyaWUubWFydGluQGFsYXNrYS5nb3YmdXNlcmlkPWFubm1hcmllLm1hcnRpbkBhbGFza2EuZ292JnRhcmdldGlkPSZmbD0mbXZpZD0mZXh0cmE9JiYm&&&102&&&https://wicbreastfeeding.fns.usda.gov/wic-partners-and-staff) can access resources on the site to download, print and share with moms to help them meet their breastfeeding goals. Some resources, such as Grow and Glow in WIC, are now available on the WIC Works Resource System.

* **Updated Food Buying Guide** USDA has released the updated Food Buying Guide to help nutrition staff understand number of portions when purchasing foods. You can download the [Food Buying Guide](https://foodbuyingguide.fns.usda.gov/Appendix/DownLoadFBG).
* **Listserv**- Did You Know? Alaska Child Nutrition Programs has a listserv. The purpose of the listserv is to provide information and updates on the USDA Child Nutrition Programs, including the National School Lunch Program, the Child and Adult Care Food Program, and the Summer Food Service Program. To receive all of the hottest news and updates from Alaska Child Nutrition Programs, subscribe at [Alaska Child Nutrition Programs ListServ](http://list.state.ak.us/mailman/listinfo/ak_child_nutrition_programs). You will receive a confirmation link via email, and you should click to complete your subscription.

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**Commonly Used Acronyms**

CACFP – Child and Adult Care Food Program

CNP – Child Nutrition Programs

FNS – Food & Nutrition Services

FNSRO – Food & Nut Reg. Office

USDA – US Department of Agriculture

LEA – Local Education Authority

DEC – Dept. of Environmental Conservation

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