



BULLETIN:

Child and Adult Care Food Program

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Program changes as a result of USDA Policy Memos and Technical Assistance Memos are to be implemented immediately. Please file this bulletin for reference, guidance and compliance with the Child and Adult Care Food Program. Feel free to call the Child Nutrition Programs office if you need further clarification.

USDA Policy Memos

1. CACFP 10-2014 Area Eligibility Using Census Data
2. CACFP 11-2014 Sharing Aggregate Data to Expand Program Access and Services in Child Nutrition Programs

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3. Farmers' Market-Quest Program
4. New Handbook from USDA for Independent Child Care Centers
5. A comprehensive look at U.S. Children's Physical Activity
6. Mealtime Memo for Child Care: Feeding Infants

1. CACFP 10-2014 Area Eligibility Using Census Data

USDA is allowing additional flexibility in using census data for area eligibility determination for family day care homes in the CACFP. The administrators of the family day care homes in the state use this information to allow higher reimbursement based on area eligibility, and are now able to use a larger group (tracts) versus the original small area surrounding the home (block group).

2. CACFP 11-2014 Sharing Aggregate Data to Expand Program Access and Services in Child Nutrition Programs

The purpose of this memorandum is to remind State agencies, school food authorities (SFAs), schools, and sponsoring organizations operating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), the School Breakfast Program (SBP), the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), and the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) about data sharing requirements and opportunities. This memorandum also includes frequently asked questions regarding data sharing.

3. Farmers' Market-Quest Program

There is a new program for families receiving SNAP (Food Stamp) benefits: Farmers' Market-Quest Program. The representative from the markets or farm stands that are participating in the Farmers' Market-Quest Program will swipe the Quest card (SNAP "money card") for the first \$20 and then

provide an additional \$20. Markets usually use tokens and farm stands will provide an extra \$20 in produce. The Quest customer does not have to show any additional information besides their Quest card.

The markets or farm stands participating in Alaska:

- Calypso Garden & Ecology Center
- Homer Farmers Market
- Spenard Farmers Market
- Tanana Valley Farmers Market
- Farragut Farms
- Willow
- South Anchorage Farmers Market
- Fairbanks Downtown Market
- Sitka Farmers Market
- Bethel Farm Stand
- Anchorage Farmers Market

Willow hasn't completed the process yet, but is working on it. Hopefully, they'll be able to accept SNAP later in the market season. For more information contact Diane Peck, Public Health Nutritionist with State of Alaska DHSS, Obesity Prevention and Control Program at: diane.peck@alaska.gov.

4. New Handbook from USDA for Independent Child Care Centers

USDA has just released another handbook for CACFP. It is not on their public site yet, but is included with this bulletin on the CACFP Bulletin page of our website. This is a good resource for independent centers. Sponsoring organizations (with more than one center) can also use this but there are additional requirements for those organizations. It's important to remember this is a general handbook that does not include specific information for Alaska and also includes types of programs we may not have in Alaska. We will print this for each program once the new meal patterns have been released by USDA (potentially in Fall 2014).

5. A comprehensive look at U.S. Children's Physical Activity

The National Physical Activity Plan Alliance, led by the American College of Sports Medicine, released *The 2014 United States Report Card on Physical Activity for Children and Youth* during a Congressional Fitness Caucus briefing on Capitol Hill. The report draws on data from multiple nationally representative surveys. The authors found that U.S. children's physical activity levels fall far below the recommended level, with only about one-fourth of children aged 6–15 years meeting the current guideline of 60 minutes of moderate physical activity per day. Fifty percent of waking hours are spent in sedentary activity for children and youth, and this percentage increases as children become older. "This report illustrates the immediate need for a comprehensive action plan to promote physical fitness for our young people," said Rep. Ron Kind (D-Wis.).

Source: <http://www.physicalactivityplan.org/mwg-internal/de5fs23hu73ds/progress?id=0h8GIjFEG0KAhBIs9EG9M-MCZnND3H0bOZ1KcktJb8k>,

6. Mealtime Memo for Child Care: Feeding Infants

Child care providers can be influential in introducing healthy foods and habits to the children in care and to their families. This Mealtime Memo includes information on feeding infants as well as the Vegetable of the Month, Nutrition Tip, and Nutrition Fact. You can find the memo in English and Spanish at the following website: <http://www.nfsmi.org/ResourceOverview.aspx?ID=87>

You can also find the PDF included with this bulletin on the Child Nutrition Program website: <http://education.alaska.gov/tls/cnp/CACFP4.html>

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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 Services Reg. Office
USDA – U.S. Department of Agriculture
LEA – Local Education Authority
DEC – Department of Conservation

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