

## BULLETIN:

### Child and Adult Care Food Program

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and Program Reviewers

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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 Services office if you need further clarification.

#### USDA Policy, Information and Implementation Memos

1. USDA Policy Memo CACFP 02-2010 Procurement Questions
2. USDA Policy Memo CACFP 03-2010 Exclusion of Military Combat Pay
3. USDA Policy Memo CACFP 05-2010 Geographic Preference for the Procurement of unprocessed Agricultural Products in the Child Nutrition Programs

#### Bulletin Topics

4. USDA Commodity Food Program Training
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7. Mealtime Memos: No. 9, 2009 *Cooking with Children: Little Red Hen Bread*  
No. 10, 2009 *How to Follow a Picture Recipe*  
No. 11, 2009 *Helping Children Develop Healthy Eating Habits*

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The following USDA Policy Memos may or may not apply to your program. If you would like to view a complete list of policy memos on the USDA website please go to:  
<http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/Care/Regs-Policy/PolicyMemoranda.htm>

#### 1. USDA Policy Memo CACFP 02-2010 Procurement Questions

This policy memorandum is a procurement question and answer document, which was previously only sent to the National School Lunch Program. It provides updated information related to Policy Memo CACFP 05-2010, as well as buying American.

#### 2. USDA Policy Memo CACFP 03-2010 Exclusion of Military Combat Pay

This policy memorandum provides information on implementation of the exclusion of military combat pay from income eligibility determination. If you have families that have a family member who is in combat you'll need to understand this information and if necessary and re-categorize or re-tier them to exclude combat pay.

### **3. USDA Policy Memo CACFP 05-2010 Geographic Preference for the Procurement of unprocessed Agricultural Products in the Child Nutrition Programs**

This policy memo is an update to SP 30-2008 previously issued to school programs only. USDA has now included CACFP and Summer Food Service Programs in this information. This update is to provide clarification on unprocessed products previously referenced in SP 30-2008, to encourage institutions operating the Child Nutrition Programs to purchase unprocessed locally grown and locally raised agricultural products.

### **4. USDA Commodity Food Program Training**

For programs interested in participating in the USDA Commodity Food Program, two training sessions are scheduled for December 3, 2009. The first session is at 1:30 and will be a Commodity 101 providing overall program information and the second session is at 2:00 providing procedural and technical information on ordering USDA Foods for next program year. The ordering period for next program year is December 1 – 15, 2009.

For more information please contact Jo Dawson at [jo.dawson@alaska.gov](mailto:jo.dawson@alaska.gov) or 465-8710; to schedule yourself for training please contact Tony Warren at [tony.warren@alaska.gov](mailto:tony.warren@alaska.gov) or 465-3629.

### **5. National CACFP Week**

The CACFP Sponsor's Association is once again highlighting CACFP participation during their National CACFP Week from March 14-20, 2010. CNS will be sending you a CACFP Window Cling (5"x5") for each of your centers to help you embrace this week. The window clings are a nice way to advertise that you are providing nutritious meals to the children in your care. Hopefully you will also do some extra activities or highlight your food program in your newsletter. You can get more information about CACFP week on the CACFP Sponsor's Association website at: [www.cacfp.org/national\\_week.asp](http://www.cacfp.org/national_week.asp).

### **6. Early Learning Activity Guides Now Available in Yup'ik**

Guides describing activities that help build babies' and young children's brains are now available in Yup'ik. The activity guides contain culturally relevant activities to help babies' brains grow in ways that will help them succeed in school and in life. They are available free from Best Beginnings (<http://www.BestBeginningsAlaska.org>.)

### **7. Mealtime Memos:**

**No. 9, 2009** *Cooking with Children: Little Red Hen Bread;*

**No. 10, 2009** *How to Follow a Picture Recipe;*

**No. 11, 2009** *Helping Children Develop Healthy Eating Habits*

Mealtime Memo for Child Care is issued by the National Food Service Management Institute (NFSI). These issues give helpful information, along with recipes and menus. You can access all the Mealtime Memos at the NFSMI website: <http://www.nfsmi.org>

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CACFP – Child and Adult Care Food Program  
CNS – Child Nutrition Services  
FNS – Food & Nutrition Services  
USDA – U.S. Department of Agriculture  
CNP – Child Nutrition Program  
DEC – Department of Conservation  
LEA – Local Education Authority

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