



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 Services office if you need further clarification.

USDA Policy, Information and Implementation Memos

1. USDA Policy Memo CACFP 07-2010 Eligibility of Haitian Refugees for the Child Nutrition Programs
2. USDA Policy Memo CACFP 11-2010 Q&A on Extending Categorical Eligibility to Additional Children in a Household

Bulletin Topics

3. Annual Fall Training Update
4. Food Service Management Contracts/Vended Meal Agreements Reminder
5. Update/Renewal for next program year
6. eLearning Training for Physical Activity & Nutrition (PAN) for Young Children
7. Mealtime Memos: No. 7 2010 Snacks as Mini Meals

1. USDA Policy Memo CACFP 07-2010 Eligibility of Haitian Refugees for the Child Nutrition Programs

This policy memo provides information on the eligibility status of those children who were evacuated to the United States as result of the earthquake in Haiti. Please read this memo prior to conducting your 30-day study in October as you may have questions arise if any of your enrolled children are refugee children.

2. USDA Policy Memo CACFP 11-2010 Q&A on Extending Categorical Eligibility to Additional Children in a Household

This policy memo provides questions and answers relating to policy memorandum CACFP 08-2009. That memorandum extended categorical eligibility for free meals for children who are members of a household receiving assistance from the SNAP (food stamps), FDIPIR (Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations) or the TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families Program).

This does not apply to those children who are categorically eligible for free meals through the Head Start and Early Head Start programs. Only the enrolled child in these programs is eligible for the free meals (or the free category).

3. Annual Fall Training Update

CACFP Annual training is required and will be offered in three locations. We will be offering a one-day CACFP training in September and will be offering an Infant Training via distance delivery in late October. The Program Basics portion of the training is required for any program in their renewal year and for those programs that have new staff that are involved in the administration of the CACFP. The Administrative Update portion of the training is required annually for all programs.

Training Dates:

Anchorage:	Wednesday, September 8 th	8:30-12 noon and 1:00-4:30 (BP Energy Center)
Fairbanks:	Friday, September 17 th	8:30-12 noon and 1:00-4:30 (Noel Wien Library)
Juneau/ Distance:	Wednesday & Thursday, September 22 nd and 23 rd	8:30-12 noon both days (EED & Distance Delivery)

Please Complete the enclosed registration form and submit to CNS (scan/e-mail or fax) prior to August 14, 2010.

Head Start and Early Head Start programs will be fulfilling their annual training requirement at the August 5th HS and EHS training in Anchorage. Training registration for these programs was sent via e-mail.

4. Food Service Management Contracts/Vended Meal Agreements Reminder

Bulletin number 2010-04 included important information related to programs that are purchasing meals. Make sure you submit documentation prior to implementation of any new agreement or contract for the upcoming program year. It is very important that CNS approves your upcoming Vended Meal Agreements/Contracts before you start serving meals as the programs will not be reimbursed for any meals served prior to the state approval taking place.

5. Update/Renewal for next program year (2010-2011)

You will be notified through the CNP Database Welcome Page when the annual update renewal paperwork is posted on the CNS website. The end of August is when you should check the database and/or website and download the forms.

The deadline date for submitting your new program year data on the database and sending in the required documents is October 1st. The 30-day study will take place from October 1-30th with all signatures of parents and staff occurring within that timeframe. This paperwork will be due to CNS by November 15th, along with the Non-profit Food Service Financial Report.

All agreements or contracts for purchased meals need to be approved prior to program start-up.

6. eLearning Training for Physical Activity & Nutrition (PAN) for Young Children

This elearning training provides in-depth training to head start, preschool, and childcare providers interested in improving the physical activity and nutrition environment for children in their care.

Participants learn:

- About childhood overweight
- How to implement policy and environmental strategies in the classroom setting to increase physical activity and healthy food choices

The training also prepares programs to integrate the principles of the 2005 Dietary Guidelines for Americans, MyPyramid, and the Child and Adult Care Food Program into the nutrition education curriculum, classroom environment, and their personal behavior characteristics. There is no charge for this training and it is worth 3.5 hours of training credit.

Access the elearning webpage through the Department of Education & Early Development with the following URL: <http://www.eed.state.ak.us/ELearning/>

7. Mealtime Memos: No. 7, 2010 *Snacks as Mini Meals*

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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Commonly Used Acronyms

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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