



BULLETIN:
**Child and Adult Care Food
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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, Information and Implementation Memos

1. [USDA Policy Memo CACFP 21-2011 REVISED Child Nutrition Reauthorization 2010: Nutrition Requirements for Fluid Milk and Fluid Milk Substitutions in the Child and Adult Care Food Program, Questions and Answers](#)
2. [USDA Policy Memo CACFP 22-2011 Free and Reduced Price Meal Applications – Request for Additional Information](#)
3. [USDA Policy Memo CACFP 01-2012 Rural Development’s Community Facilities Program](#)

Bulletin Topics

4. [The Association for Child Development’s Potpourri magazine article: Healthy Treats for Halloween](#)
5. [USDA MyPlate Fruits and Veggies Video Challenge](#)

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1. [USDA Policy Memo CACFP 21-2011 Child Nutrition Nutrition Requirements for Fluid Milk and Fluid Milk Substitutions in the Child and Adult Care Food Program Revision - Questions and Answers](#)

As a reminder you are now serving non-fat or 1% milk fat to children two (2) years and older. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends full fat milk to children from their first to their second birthday. At this age the child needs fat in their diet to ensure proper growth and brain development. Dietary fat serves a number of other important functions as well, including providing energy and promoting wound healing. It also helps the children absorb certain vitamins.

There are two creditable milk substitutions in Alaska at this time and they are: Pacific Ultra Soy or 8th Continent Soy Milk. They contain the required nutrients and amounts to be creditable in the child nutrition programs.

This revised memorandum includes questions and answers from USDA and may be helpful if you have questions regarding milk substitutions.

2. [USDA Policy Memo CACFP 22-2011 Free and Reduced Price Meal Applications – Request for Additional Information](#)

This memorandum responds to questions received from Regional Offices, State agencies and Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) regarding applications for free and reduced price school meals (Confidential Income Statements) that request the applicant to provide information that is not required for a student's certification of eligibility for child nutrition programs (CNPs). Although discussed from a school perspective, this policy also applies to Child and Adult Care Food Program and the Summer Food Service Program when eligibility for individual children must be established. In Alaska we have asked for children's birthdates but this is not a required field and if not complete the Confidential Income Statement may still be processed.

3. [USDA Policy Memo CACFP 01-2012 Rural Development's Community Facilities Program](#)

USDA's Rural Development Department Community Facilities (CF) program provides loans and grants to assist in the development of essential community facilities in rural areas and towns of up to 20,000 in population. The grants offer a unique opportunity for non-profit organizations, public bodies, and tribal organizations to upgrade their community's child nutrition facilities and purchase equipment that could improve access to healthy, locally, or regionally grown products.

4. [The Association for Child Development's Potpourri magazine article: Healthy Treats for Halloween](#)

Potpourri magazine is a monthly mix of child nutrition and health information. The Association for Child Development, in Lansing Michigan, does a good job focusing on healthy recipes, healthy habits, childhood challenges, CACFP snacks and meal ideas, activities, parent and provider information and highlighting providers across the United States. Both child care center staff and family day care home providers would find this magazine a welcome addition to the center or provider library. Contact: (800) 234-3287 or (517) 332-7200 x102 or e-mail draymo@acdkids.org.

5. [USDA MyPlate Fruits and Veggies Video Challenge](#)

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) MyPlate Fruits and Veggies Video Challenge invites you to create short videos (approximately 30 seconds) showing how you're adding fruits and vegetables to your diet without spending a lot of money. We encourage you to create videos that are inspiring and instructive — show a healthy tip that has worked for you and that you think can work for other people. Videos must be submitted in one of the following categories:

- Tips for kids
- Tips when eating at home
- Tips when eating away from home

The goal of the challenge is to encourage healthy eating habits and raise awareness around USDA's MyPlate dietary guidelines, which includes making half your plate fruits and vegetables.

Note: Team members must be at least 18, but your video can include minors under 18 as long as the necessary consent forms are provided. ("Team members" do not include people who appear in the video but don't make any other contributions to the submission.) For details on eligibility, review the

Official Rules. Submission period begins on September 26, 2011 and ends on November 15, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. EST. Three (3) first prizes of \$1,500; three (3) second prizes of \$1,000; and three (3) third prizes of \$500. <http://fruitsandveggies.challenge.gov/>

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Commonly Used Acronyms

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

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