



BULLETIN:
**Child and Adult Care Food
Program**

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Day Care Homes**
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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 12-2012 Disaster Response
2. USDA Proposed Rules – 7 CFR Part 226 Child and Adult Care Food Program: Amendments Related to the healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010

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1. USDA Policy Memo CACFP 12-2012 Disaster Response

This policy memo gives an overview of ways State agencies and institutions participating in the CACFP and SFSP can respond to situations resulting from damage or disruptions due to natural disasters. You will receive information from the state agency if a disaster takes place in Alaska.

2. USDA Proposed Rules – 7 CFR Part 226 Child and Adult Care Food Program: Amendments Related to the healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010

The purpose of this notice is to give interested persons an opportunity to participate in the rule making prior to the adoption of the final rule. To be assured of consideration, comments must be received on or before June 8, 2012. The Food and Nutrition Service, USDA, invites interested persons to submit comments on this proposed rule. Comments may be submitted through one of the following methods:

- Preferred method: Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- Mail: Comments should be addressed to Julie Brewer, Chief, Policy and Program Development Branch, Child Nutrition Division, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, room 640, Alexandria, Virginia 22302-15594.
- Hand Delivery or Courier: Deliver comments to the Food and Nutrition Service, Child Nutrition Division, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 640, Alexandria, Virginia 22302-1594, during normal business hours of 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Find the Proposed Rules at: http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/care/Regs-Policy/policymemo/CACFP_Amendments_Rule.pdf

3. Save the Date: CACFP Fall Trainings

- **Head Start Cooks Training August 7, 8, and 9th (3 day training sponsored by Federal Head Start)**
 Anchorage: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
 Cook Inlet Tribal Office
 No Charge (more information coming soon)
- **Head Start CACFP Training August 10th (1 day Mandatory Training)**
 Anchorage: Friday, August 10, 2012 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
 Cook Inlet Tribal Office
- **CACFP Mandatory Training (2 day training 8:00 am - 4:30 pm)**
 Anchorage: August 29th & 30th
 Fairbanks: September 12th & 13th
 Distance: September 5th & 6th (this is for programs that cannot attend in person)

Agenda and Registration forms will be sent out in July for all trainings – we may end up with 1 ½ day training vs. a 2 day training.

4. New Infant Menu/Meal Count Sheets

We are encouraging all centers with infants (birth through 11 months) switch to one of the new **Infant Menu/Meal Count** sheets. These replace infant production records. The infant menu of items offered to infant and the meal count is now on the same sheet. This will alleviate infant meals being claimed that are not creditable. The child care provider will write down all items offered and be specific on types of food items such as carrots, for the vegetable, vs. just writing vegetable. The administrator of the center will check the menu against the meal count to make sure the meal was creditable before claiming the meal. If the child care provider did not offer an adequate menu then the meal will not be claimed for reimbursement. The infant will not be counted on the regular meal count sheet for the center as this form will be used for this purpose.

We have many versions of the form, to allow each center to decide which one will work best for your center. You can find the new Infant Menu/Meal Count forms on our website under Infant Forms: <http://www.eed.state.ak.us/tls/cnp/CACFP2.html>.

5. Alaska CACFP brochures available

We have created and printed two CACFP brochures and have distributed these throughout the state. One brochure focuses on information for care providers and organizations to encourage them to join the CACFP. The other brochure focuses on information for families to choose child care providers and centers that are participating in CACFP. The brochures are attached to this e-mail and if you would like any brochures for distribution, please contact Veronica Lietz at veronica.lietz@alaska.gov. The Wellness in Alaska Childcare grant paid for these brochures.

6. Let's Move! Childcare

Let's Move! Is a comprehensive initiative, launched by the First Lady, dedicated to solving the challenge of childhood obesity within a generation, so that children born today will grow up healthier and able to pursue their dreams. Everyone has a role to play in reducing childhood obesity, including parents and child care providers. Check out the website for ideas on how you can join the movement: <http://www.letsmove.gov/eat-healthy>.

7. "Hunger Hits Home" documentary

The new documentary, "Hunger Hits Home," takes a first-hand look at the crisis of childhood hunger in America through the eyes of the parents, children, anti-hunger activists, educators and politicians on the frontlines of the battle. The film is part of an ongoing partnership between Food Network and Share Our Strength's No Kid Hungry Campaign to end childhood hunger in America by 2015. If you're interested: <http://www.foodnetwork.com/share-our-strength/package/index.html>

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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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