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From: Community Nutrition Team
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Child and Adult Care Food Program Annual Center Contract Renewal - - ACTION NEEDED BY OCTOBER 8th

The Department of Public Instruction (DPI) is pleased to announce that the FFY 2019 (October 1, 2018 – September 30, 2019) contract for the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) is now available. In order to continue participation in the CACFP during the FFY 2019 program year you must complete and submit the contract using the Online Services <https://dpi.wi.gov/nutrition/online-services> website. Information to complete the CACFP contract can be found on our Contract & Claims <https://dpi.wi.gov/community-nutrition/cacfp/contract-info> webpage.

Your agency's FFY 2019 center contract must be submitted no later than Monday October 8, 2018, to provide your DPI consultant time to review and approve the contract. You will not be able to submit an October 2018 claim if your contract is not approved. Upon approval, the Authorized Representative will receive an approval letter via email. The approval of your contract will allow your agency to claim for CACFP reimbursement for the period of October 1, 2018– September 30, 2019.

CACFP Today Newsletter

The Department of Public Instruction (DPI) is excited to bring you the 'CACFP Today, 2018 Fall edition'. The newsletter is designed to keep you and your agency informed of the CACFP updates and to provide other helpful resources to assist your agency with administering the CACFP. We hope you find value in its content and share it with your colleagues. Click on the link below to check it out! https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/community-nutrition/pdf/cacfp_fall_18.pdf

CACFP Trainers' Circle Webinar

On September 26, 2018 at 1:30 p.m., USDA's Team Nutrition initiative will present the first webinar of the *CACFP Trainers' Circle* webinar series.

These quarterly webinars will focus on tactics and techniques trainers can use to empower program operators with the knowledge and job skills needed to provide high-quality meals and snacks in the CACFP. All are welcome to attend, including State agencies, CACFP sponsoring organizations, independent centers, and others who plan and/or conduct trainings for CACFP providers and operators.

The first in the series, *CACFP Trainers' Circle: Coaching and Mentoring Using a Peer-to-Peer Model*, will highlight effective training strategies used by the Kansas State Department of Education and resources from the Institute of Child Nutrition (ICN). Registration for this free webinar is now available, using the following registration link:

<https://cc.readytalk.com/r/fevlnuereq09&eom>

New Farm to ECE Resource: Got Veggies? ECE Edition

We are excited to announce this new resource - Got Veggies? ECE Edition! The original Got Veggies? A garden-based nutrition education curriculum was first published in 2009. This ECE edition builds on the lessons and activities in the original Got Veggies? By adopting them to meet best practices for the early care and education setting.

Easily search the activities by interest area or strategy using the icons for story time, songs or finger plays, sensory activities, movement or large motor activity, snack or meal time, dramatic play area, family engagement, art, or mindfulness. The activities are flexible to suit your program's specific needs. Please note that an on-site garden, while helpful, is not necessary for most of the activities.

The garden and fresh veggie-based activities in this resource help your children develop a personal connection with the food that sustains them. We hope you find this new farm to ECE resource useful, especially now at the peak of the harvest. Enjoy!

http://www.communitygroundworks.org/sites/default/files/GotVeggies_ECE_Edition.pdf

Sign up for the Great Lakes Great Apple Crunch

Celebrate National Farm to School Month this October by crunching into locally and regionally grown apples at NOON on Thursday, October 11! All schools, hospitals, and other organizations in the Great Lakes region are invited to participate. Last October, 1,543,781 students, children, teachers, and good food supporters across the region crunched into local apples. Let's join forces and meet the ONE MILLION CRUNCH goal again this year! For more information and registration, please visit [Center for Integrated Agricultural Systems](#) webpage. Visit the [Apple Crunch Facebook page](#) to get updates and see photos from last year's Crunch.

CACFP Halftime: Thirty on Thursdays Webinar Series

On September 20, 2018, USDA's Team Nutrition initiative will present *Feeding Infants: Starting with Solids*, the eleventh webinar of the *CACFP Halftime: Thirty on Thursdays* series.

Registration for this free webinar is now available, using the following registration links:

1–1:30 p.m. CT **English Webinar:** <https://cc.readytalk.com/r/98kp3ypuq8d8&eom>

2– 2:30 p.m. CT **Spanish Webinar:** <https://cc.readytalk.com/r/npx4ug6aaa85&eom>

This upcoming *CACFP Halftime* webinar will focus on how the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) infant meal pattern supports growth and development for infants ages 6 through 11 months. This webinar will include information on developmental readiness and feeding infants solid foods in the CACFP.

Attendees will have the opportunity to submit questions to the presenters and to check their knowledge through interactive polling questions. FNS Regional Offices, State agencies, sponsoring organizations, and CACFP program operators are invited to participate. School Nutrition Professionals working with the Infant or Preschool meal patterns in the National School Breakfast or Lunch Programs may also find these webinars helpful and are welcome to attend.

The *CACFP Halftime: Thirty on Thursdays* webinar series is scheduled for the third Thursday of each month and is offered in both English and Spanish. The English webinar is held from 2 to 2:30 p.m. ET, and the Spanish webinar is held from 3 to 3:30 p.m. ET. Recordings of previous webinars and a complete list of future topics and dates can be found on the *CACFP Halftime: Thirty on Thursdays* webpage at <https://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp-halftime-thirty-thursdays-training-webinar-series>.

Team Nutrition will provide certificates of participation to individuals who attend the entire thirty-minute webinar. The National CACFP Sponsors Association (NCA) is also offering *CACFP Halftime* webinar participants the opportunity to submit and track continuing education credits. Additional information on this opportunity is available from NCA at: <https://www.cacfp.org/resources/thirty-thursdays>. The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Commission on Dietetic Registration has also approved this webinar for 0.5 hours of Continuing Professional Education Units (CPEUs).

NEW! “Adding Whole Grains to Your CACFP Menu” Training Worksheet

USDA’s Team Nutrition initiative is proud to announce the release of the “Adding Whole Grains to Your Child and Adult Care Food Program Menu” training worksheet. Use this colorful two-page worksheet to train providers, sponsoring organizations, and others on whole grain-rich requirements for the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) including:

- Details on how and when to serve whole grain-rich foods;
- Lists of whole grain-rich foods that can be served at breakfast, lunch, supper, and snack;
- Ideas on how to share information about whole grain-rich foods with parents, caregivers, and families; and
- Scenario-based questions and answers to test your knowledge!

Available online only, in English and Spanish. Print versions coming soon. View and download this worksheet at: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/cacfp-meal-pattern-training-worksheets>.

To watch the recording of the *CACFP Halftime: Thirty on Thursdays* training webinar on this topic, please visit: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/cacfp-halftime-adding-whole-grains-your-menu>. For more information, visit Team Nutrition at <https://teamnutrition.usda.gov>.

New Team Nutrition Resource for Afterschool Programs Now Available

On August 30, 2018, the Food and Nutrition Service released **Team Nutrition Cooks!** for use in the Child Nutrition programs. **Team Nutrition Cooks!** is a series of cooking-based nutrition activities for out-of-school and afterschool programs, for children around ages 8 to 12 years old.

These activities can spark children's interest in trying new foods and help empower them with skills for independence. Cooking can also help kids become more interested in making healthy food choices that can help build and support good eating habits throughout their lifetime.

The resource contains five modules, and each module is centered around a kid-friendly recipe that can be prepared at an afterschool or out-of-school program site. Step-by-step instructions for each module are included in an **Activity Guide**. Each module has an accompanying **Family Handout** that can be sent home so that children can continue to practice their cooking skills at home. **Family Handouts** include the recipe, instructions for how kids and families can cook together, and worksheets and activities to reinforce healthy habits. A **Skills Video** is also available for each recipe.

All materials can be viewed and downloaded from the Team Nutrition website at: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/cooks>. Printed copies of this resource will be available later this year.