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Dear Providers,

It seems to have warmed up (At least in Central Texas) after that terrible cold snap. Everyone stay safe and enjoy the upcoming Super Bowl with your friends and family! Here are your notes for February:

### **1) From cacfp.org - About Trumps Memorandum**

President Trump's recently rescinded memorandum had raised concerns about federal funding, including its impact on child nutrition programs. While there are still many unanswered questions, we are actively monitoring the situation and believe child nutrition programs will continue to be funded. At the [National CACFP Association](#), our commitment remains the same - to advocate for and support those who rely on child nutrition programs. We will continue to share updates as we learn more. Stay informed by checking our [blog](#) for recent developments at the link in our comments.

### **2) We still have 2025 cacfp.org Calendars available to Order!**

This year's theme is "Curiosity and the Cat". Each month highlights CACFP meal patterns, best practices, snack suggestions as well as healthy recipes, nutrition tips, and table and physical activities. In addition to this valuable nutrition education resource, each month's calendar page has oversized squares for recording important events. The Nutrition Calendar & Record-Keeping System has additional pages each month for business recordkeeping. [Click Here](#) to order yours today! [Click Here](#) to download the Calendar Training Module.

### **3) From USDA - Updated Guidance on Grain Requirements in the CACFP**

On December 19, 2024, the USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) released the memo CACFP 05-2025, [Grain Requirements](#) in the Child and Adult Care Food Program; Questions and Answers. The purpose of this memorandum is to provide updated guidance on the provisions of the 2024 final rule that apply to the grains requirements in the CACFP, which included adding a definition for whole grain-rich into CACFP regulations; changing product-based limits for breakfast cereals and yogurts from total sugars to added sugars; and updating guidance on substituting vegetables to meet the grains requirements for eligible program operators.

### **4) How do I access my 2024 Tax Reports?**

In KidKare you can download it by Clicking Reports, then Claim Statements and then Tax Report, Select Year then hit Run. If you need a physical copy emailed or mailed to you call the Austin office at 1-

800-369-9082 or email [info@swhuman.org](mailto:info@swhuman.org)

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**Food Program Resources:**

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Feb 20th - Dallas

Mar 27th - Mesquite

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## Latest From [Cacfp.org](https://www.cacfp.org):

### Giveaway Alert!

The #CACFP provides nutritious meals and snacks to over 4.5 million children and adults every day! This program is more than a meal—it's a powerful way to strengthen your program while making a meaningful difference in your community.

We want more people to discover the Power of the Food Program, and we need your help! By sharing about our upcoming webinar, you'll help spread awareness and get the chance to win big! Share and comment below what power the food program holds for you and one person will be chosen to win a \$250 gift card, 100 copies of Discover the Power of the Food Program magazine, and 25 updated meal pattern cards and added sugars guidance sheets. Winner will be announced February 20, 2025 on this post as an update. Join us and share with providers you know who are serving meals and snacks but are not yet a part of the food program! Together we will explore how the CACFP can transform your program and help you create a lasting impact on the children and families you serve! [Click the link to register today!](#)

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CACFP Week is just 7 weeks away! The CACFP helps bring healthy meals and snacks to children in childcare centers, homes, and afterschool programs, as well as adults in day care across the country.

Join us on February 13 for a free webinar, Food Program Fun: 2025 CACFP Week At-a-Glance, and learn how you can celebrate and raise awareness in your community during this impactful week-long campaign. Let's get excited for CACFP Week together! [Register link](#)

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Next week, join us for a flavorful adventure into the world of soups! Isabel Ramos-Lebron, MS, RDN, LD, will share expert tips and techniques for creating kid-friendly, nutritious, and [#CACFPCreditable](#) soups that are perfect for any time of year.

This event is free for NCA members and non-members. Click the [registration link](#)

Not a member yet? Sign up today at [cacfp.org/members](#) and start enjoying all the benefits of NCA membership!

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Vitamins are key to helping kids grow strong and healthy! Teach the children in your care about how important vitamins are and how they can get them through the food they eat with our educational activity sheet.

[Download](#) this fun and engaging resource today from the comments below to inspire healthy habits and nutrition awareness!

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### Last Five Posts from the [Tom Copeland Blog](#):

[Ask Civitas: December 2024 Reader Questions Answered!](#)

[Can I Deduct an Expense from Last Year on This Year's Tax Return?](#)

[Don't Get Caught Off Guard: 1099-K Updates You Need to Know for 2024 and 2025](#)

[Reminder: Estimated Taxes for the 4th Quarter are Due!](#)

[Planning for Retirement: How Much Will You Need?](#)

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### Squaremeals.org:

### [CACFP News](#)

[Click Here](#) for the latest CACFP Insight Newsletter from Squaremeals.org.

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### **Team Nutrition:**

[Family Style Meal Service with Children in the CACFP](#)

[Growing a Healthier Future with the CACFP Infographic](#)

[Mealtimes With Toddlers in the CACFP](#)

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### [Team Nutrition Resources for Child Care](#)

Team Nutrition is an initiative of the USDA Food and Nutrition Service to support the child nutrition programs through training and technical assistance for food service, nutrition education for children and their caregivers, and school and community support for healthy eating and physical activity.

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### **Institute of Child Nutrition:**

Virtual Training:

The Institute of Child Nutrition (ICN) offers free virtual group training on a broad range of topics for child nutrition professionals working in school nutrition and child care settings. In addition to training sessions at the Institute's headquarters at The University of Mississippi, Virtual training may be requested free-of-charge.

[Virtual Training Sessions Currently Offered](#)

Child Nutrition Recipe Box:

Your resource for USDA Standardized Recipes for Child Nutrition Programs.

[Child Nutrition Recipe Box](#)

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Mealtime Memo:

Mealtime Memo for Child Care offers information for child care providers participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program, focused on good nutrition for young children. [Click here for the latest issue](#)

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