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Dear Providers,

October is here and that means we have started a new fiscal year here at Southwest. All Training for the previous year is in and starting October 1st all training must be completed by the third visit. This fiscal year we are getting audited as an organization by TDA. Please make sure you are putting your meal counts in daily, have any CN labels available for inspection and have your Building for the Future posters placed prominently on your walls. We wish Everyone a Happy, Safe and Festive Halloween Season. Here are your Notes for October:

1) Re-Enrollment Packets have been mailed!

If you haven't received your packet by the second week in October and you can print the packet in KidKare by going to Reports, selecting Worksheet from the first drop-down list and then selecting Enrollment Renewal Packet from the second list, select October 2024 and then run. You can also call the office at 1-800-369-9082 to receive another packet mailed. Packets are Due November 3rd!! If you take a picture or scan your forms please follow these guidelines:

- 1 Choose a well lit area like a kitchen
- 2. Fill the entire screen with each form in landscape mode. (Sideways)
- 3. Make sure not to cut off any pages numbers at the bottom.
- 4. Don't forget to get a signature and date for every kid being Re-Enrolled.

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5. Keep a copy of your Packet and all Enrollment Forms.

- 6. Send the entire Packet even if there are no signatures on a Page.
- 7. Email your forms to forms@swhuman.org

2) From cacfp.org - USDA Announces \$200 Million for CACFP Providers

On October 1, 2024, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced \$200 million for Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) operators through the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC).

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3) From HCDE News - Lifelong Education Advocate Kathy Smith Becomes Champion for Change

Growing up in the heart of the Fifth Ward neighborhood, Kathy Smith (A SHDS Provider) quickly recognized the disproportionate rate of equal opportunities between low- and high-income communities. She dedicated her life to ensuring young learners and their families have what they need and deserve.

"We are trying to get into the community and help students feel special despite their family's income," Smith said. "I want to rally around our young people and let them know they're not in this thing alone." Click Here to Read More

2025 cacfp.org Calendar is available to Order!

This years 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.

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Food Program Resources:

Visit our Website at www.swhuman.org

Click Here to connect with us on Facebook!

Online Annual Training Module

Annual Training Packet (Español)

<u>Direct Deposit Form</u>

CACFP Crediting Handbook

CACFP Reimbursement Rates

Income Standards For Determining Program Eligibility

WIC Eligibility Information

Infant Feeding Guide

Ounce Equivalents for Grains

Ounce Equivalents for Grains (Infants)

Provider Handbook (Español)

Getting Started with KidKare

Click here for Upcoming Workshop Details

Nov 7th - Farmers Branch

Nov 12th - Waco

Feb 20th - Dallas

Mar 27th - Mesquite

Latest From Cacfp.org:

Learn what to consider when developing a cycle menu or planning meals one week at a time with our nutrition education specialist, Isabel! She's presenting Menu Planning: Your Guide to Success at the Menu Planning in the #CACFP Boot Camp! Click Here to register.

Big news! Today, Agriculture <u>Secretary Tom Vilsack</u> announced a \$1.7 billion investment from the Commodity Credit Corporation which included, for the first time, \$200 million specifically for child and adult care providers participating in

the <u>#CACFP</u>. NCA commends Secretary Vilsack and <u>U.S. Department of Agriculture</u> for this historic investment and their ongoing support of CACFP.

To wrap up National Whole Grains Month, here's a reminder on how you can identify a ready-to-eat breakfast cereal that is whole grain-rich. You can download the entire Identifying Whole Grain-Rich Guide here: https://www.cacfp.org/.../CACFP+-+Identifying+Whole.../

We've got a new recipe to share with you, made in partnership with Sesame Street in Communities! These hand pies are super easy to make and fun to eat. Click Here

Last Five Posts from the Tom Copeland Blog:

Starting Your Family Child Care Business: A Guide for New Providers, Part V
Starting Your Family Child Care Business: A Guide for New Providers, Part IV
Starting Your Family Child Care Business: A Guide for New Providers, Part II
Starting Your Family Child Care Business: A Guide for New Providers, Part II
Starting Your Family Child Care Business: A Guide for New Providers, Part I

Squaremeals.org:

CACFP News

<u>Click Here</u> for the latest CACFP Insight Newsletter from Squaremeals.org. (Published Periodically)

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

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.

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.

<u>Virtual Training Sessions Currently Offered</u>

Child Nutrition Recipe Box:

Your resource for USDA Standardized Recipes for Child Nutrition Programs.

Child Nutrition Recipe Box

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. <u>Click here for the latest issue</u>

Our email campaign is designed to help keep our providers up to date with any news, changes or any unforeseen payment delays. If your email changes please send us the update at emailupdate@swhuman.org.

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