



April 17, 2023

Lina Lane's Learning Center hosts DECAL during CACFP Week

In recognition of CACFP Week, representatives from GA DECAL's Nutrition Services, USDA, and Quality Care for Children visited Lina Lane's Learning Center in Ellenwood, GA.

The day care home owner, Ms. Lane passionately engaged the children in conversation about different types of fruits and veggies including shapes, sizes, and colors, led a taste testing activity in which the children prepared a tomato and avocado salad together, and visited the garden to say good morning to the newly sprouting carrots.



Pictured L-R: **Joi Hatch-Parks**, Regional Nutritionist, USDA Southeast Regional Office (SERO); **Lissa Ong**, Farm to School Specialist, USDA SERO; **Diana Myers**, DECAL, Nutrition & Physical Activity Supervisor; **Lina Lane**, Lina Lane's Learning Center, Director; **Tamika Boone**, DECAL, Director of Nutrition Services.

Ms. Lane is creative at recycling outdated materials for the children to continue utilizing. An example of this is the use of **Harvest of the Month** calendars, Quality Care for Children's program, in partnership with DECAL and Georgia Organics, to create matching games for identifying seasonal produce. Attendees were amazed how well the children knew their produce items, identified unique characteristics of each, and shared about their favorites.

Lina Lane's Learning Center is a CACFP site under the sponsorship of Quality Care for Children administered by the Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning.

In addition to visiting Ms. Lane and her students, DECAL's Nutrition Services hosted a CACFP Week **Facebook Live video** featuring yoga in the garden to help young learners connect with nature and get active. We encourage you to follow along with the video with your young learners!



Take the CACFP Week Survey

Deadline to complete survey is May 1

We hope you enjoyed the CACFP Week activities last month. To ensure that next year's CACFP Week is even better, please participate in our survey [here](#).

Celebrate Children's Mental Health Week

May 1-5, 2023



The Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning will celebrate the third annual Children's Mental Health Week May 1-5, 2023.

Children develop social and emotional skills—mental health—through strong, nurturing relationships with the adults in their lives. There is a window of opportunity in early childhood to establish relationships that build the foundation for a child's emotional wellbeing throughout life.

During Children's Mental Health, we promote activities that help children, and their caregivers recognize the importance of social and emotional development. We also celebrate early learning professionals and the important role they play in supporting early childhood mental health!

We have lots of fun activities planned for early care and learning classrooms for the week, and you can find out all about them [here](#).

Be sure to check out the self-care resources for teachers while you're there. Please share pictures of your class engaged in Children's Mental Health Week activities to social media using the hashtags **#littlekidsbigfeelings** and **#DECALCMHWeek2023** during the week, and you'll be entered into a drawing to win self-care gift cards being provided by our partners at the Georgia Early Education Alliance for Ready Students (GEEARS).

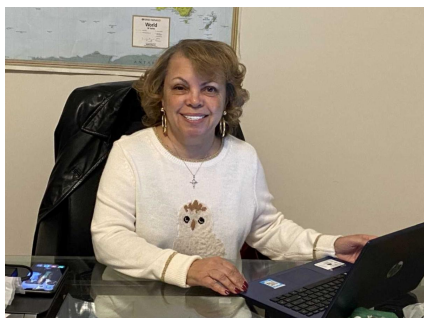
Updated Business Operations Representative Assignments

We are pleased to announce that Lavesia (Vee) Ervin has been hired on as a full time Business Operations Representative effective last month. Lavesia worked in multiple temporary roles with DECAL from August 2022 to February 2023. Her hard work and dedication has prepared

her for success in this new role.

Please see the updated assignments below:

Business Operations Representative	Institution Assignment	Email	Phone Number
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SNAP, Inc. receives scholarship from National CACFP Association

Bertressia Patterson, Director of Supportive Nutritional Aid Program, Inc. (SNAP, Inc.), and an administrative sponsor for CACFP was recently awarded one of 15 scholarships to attend the National Child Nutrition Conference. The conference was held in San Diego,

California, April 10-14.

The scholarships recognize the professionals who are dedicated to ensuring that our nation's most vulnerable populations have access to nutritious food. Each scholarship provided conference registration, four nights' lodging at the conference hotel, and up to \$300 toward transportation costs.

"Winning the National CACFP Sponsors Association scholarship has assisted our organization with the burden of cost. It also allowed us to attend various classes to enhance our organization and assist our day care centers, at risk programs, day care homes and senior day care programs throughout the state of Georgia," said Ms. Patterson.

The National CACFP Sponsor Association is the leading national organization for sponsors who administer the USDA Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). Their goal is to provide education and support to thousands of members in the CACFP community and to sponsors of all sizes from across the country.

How to File a CACFP Claim for Reimbursement

Institutions must submit claims for reimbursement in the GA ATLAS web-based system to receive reimbursement for meals served during the claiming month.

A complete and substantially accurate original claim must be submitted within 30 calendar days following the end of the claiming month. After an Institution has submitted an original claim for reimbursement within 30 calendar days following the end of the claiming month, it will have up to two opportunities to revise the original claim within the 30/60-day timeframe.

The revision(s) to the original claim must be submitted through the GA ATLAS web-based system within 60 calendar days following the end of the claiming month.

[Click here](#) to view instructions for filing a CACFP claim for reimbursement.

Midpoint Check: Evaluate your Food Cost and Procurement Method

It is the midpoint of the CACFP 2023 Fiscal Year. Each year, providers submit a CACFP food cost amount for approval. During the third quarter, please take the time to evaluate your organization's Inventory Management.

One method of assessing Inventory Management is to check the plate cost. Reviewing plate cost requires you to take a detailed look at the ingredients purchased and the individual price of each ingredient. You might learn that specific ingredients cost significantly more than previously planned due to food inflation and may need to be more cost-effective on the menu.

Knowing the plate costs has benefits, such as understanding the food cost and ingredient pricing and enhancing Quality, Quantity, and Service to participants (QQS).

Another method is to analyze the amount of food ordered and the amount spent until the fiscal year midpoint (October 1, 2022- March 31, 2023) compared to the approved food cost. This evaluation will reveal if there has been a fluctuation in participation, increased food prices, the turnover rate of the food in storage, if an alternative procurement method is needed, and ultimately if your organization will exceed the approved food cost.

If food costs will indeed surpass the approved amount before the fiscal year's close, **September 30, 2023**, submit a budget revision. Completing a thorough Inventory Management review may require time. Yet, conducting an internal assessment will ensure the approved food cost remains within the budget.

For questions regarding procurement, please contact Tempest Harris, Procurement Compliance Specialist, at tempest.harris@decalf.ga.gov.

Proposed Rule Change for Child Nutrition Meal Pattern

Deadline for Public Comments Extended to May 10

The USDA has issued a proposed rule change that is available for the public to comment. The deadline for submitting comments has been extended to May 10, 2023. The proposed CACFP changes include:

- Changing total sugar limits to added sugar limits for cereals and yogurt
- Meal pattern flexibilities for Indian and Tribal Institutions
- Change terminology from Meat/Meat Alternates to Protein Sources

For an all-inclusive list of the changes that will impact CACFP and Happy Helpings, please review the [FNS' Revisions to Meal Patterns Consistent with the 2020 DGAS-Proposed Rule – CACFP & SFSP Impact](#).

FNS hosted a webinar on the Proposed Rule on March 1, 2023, and the recording is currently available via PartnerWeb.

Program operators can access information on the Proposed Rule via the Federal Register [here](#) and information on submitting comments regarding the changes [here](#).

Available CACFP Statewide Waivers

The emergency authority that allowed USDA to offer nationwide waivers in response to COVID-19 expired on June 30, 2022. Congress did not extend USDA's nationwide waiver

authority. This means USDA can no longer offer the full range of nationwide waivers that have been available. However, USDA can provide limited operational and administrative flexibility through statewide waivers.

DECAL applied and was approved to use certain waiver flexibilities. Below you will find information regarding available CACFP waivers authorized by USDA, in addition to information on waivers that have expired or will be expiring very soon. A copy of the waiver approval can be found [here](#):

A presentation summarizing the waivers and requirements update was created by the Nutrition team. If you would like to review the slides, you can access the deck [here](#). The recorded version of the presentation can be found on DECAL's website under Training and Technical Assistance - Recorded Training Webinars/Videos located [here](#).

CACFP Statewide Waivers Available for Request effective July 1, 2022

Waiver	Effective Dates	Request Usage via
Non-Congregate Meal Services	July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023	USDA Waiver Module
Parent/Guardian Meal Pickup	July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023	USDA Waiver Module
Meal Service Times	July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023	USDA Waiver Module

Non-Congregate Meal Service, Parent/Guardian Meal Pickup, and Meal Service Times Waiver Requirements

The Non-Congregate Meal Service, Parent/Guardian Meal Pickup, and Meal Service Times waivers may only be implemented when CACFP meal services are limited by the COVID-19 pandemic. Therefore, the following criteria is required for these three waivers to be approved and used by CACFP institutions and sponsors. Waiver requests must be based on at least 1 of the following criteria:

Criteria 1:

The center/facility must be located in a county that is designated as High, Substantial, or Moderate regarding COVID-19 community transmissions as determined by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) website:

- CDC, [here](#) - Under the "Data Type" pull down menu (located mid-page), the user would select "Community Transmission" to access a county's designation.

Criteria 2:

Institutions and sponsors can provide official documentation affirming a meal service has been impacted as a result of COVID-19 transmission. The documentation must be issued by (1) a public state, local, or county official; (2) a school superintendent or principal; or (3) a Center Director reporting a documented case of COVID-19 within the child and/or adult care facility. Documentation to support the documented case of COVID-19 could be a letter or email that was sent to parents or staff advising of the documented case.

The Non-Congregate Meal Service, Parent/Guardian Meal Pickup, and Meal Service Times waivers will be effective for **30 days** upon approval, with the option to re-apply for an additional 30 days, if the criteria are met using the most current data from the CDC, GA DPH, or with new documentation affirming that meal services have been impacted.

*Documentation to support the criteria chosen must be uploaded with the waiver request in GA Atlas. Additionally, waiver requests will be reviewed/approved only once a center/facility has been approved to operate the CACFP.

Requesting a Waiver via the USDA Waiver Module

The Non-Congregate Meal Service, Parent/Guardian Meal Pickup, and Meal Service Times waivers must be requested through the USDA Waiver Module. For

information on requesting a waiver, please access the following resources:

- **USDA Waiver User Guide** – Provides step by step instructions on how to submit a waiver request in GA Atlas (applies to both CACFP and SFSP).
- **Important Reminders when using USDA Approved Waivers** - Discusses key recordkeeping requirements.
- **USDA Waiver Addendum** – Required when using the Parent Pick-up waiver or when home delivery under the Non-Congregate waiver.

USDA Nationwide Waivers Extended

Two USDA Nationwide Waivers for CACFP have been extended as a result of the COVID 19 Public Health Emergency being renewed another 90 days by the US Department of Health and Human Services. This renewal was issued January 11, 2023. Below are the two waivers that have been impacted by the renewal:

Waivers	Expires
Onsite Monitoring Requirements	June 10, 2023 (30 days after the end of the public health emergency)
Reimbursement for Meals & Snacks Served to Young Adults in the CACFP	May 11, 2023

Area Eligibility – Update

On May 13, 2022, USDA issued the memorandum [Area Eligibility for Summer 2022 and School Year 2022-2023](#). This memorandum provided guidance on the transition from COVID-19 Nationwide waivers related to the establishment of area eligibility in Child Nutrition Programs for summer 2022 and SY 2022-2023.

In SY 2021-2022 many schools participated in the Nationwide waiver to operate the Seamless Summer Option (SSO) during SY 2021-2022 and did not have to complete free and reduced eligibility information. This has resulted in an absence of complete SY 2021-2022 free and reduced-price school data. As school data and census data are the primary sources used to determine area eligibility in both CACFP and Happy Helpings, the USDA has advised that Program operators (CACFP institutions and Happy Helpings sponsors operating during unanticipated school closures only) may use one of the following two options with regards to school data:

- Use school data from SY 2019-2020 to determine area eligibility. SY 2019-2020 school data is now available on Nutrition Services' website ([Happy Helpings, CACFP](#)).
- SFAs may use Community Eligibility Provision Data (CEP). Once area eligibility data is established, all NSLP afterschool snack programs, SSO, CACFP at-risk afterschool and family day care homes, and SFSP operators may establish sites based on the determination.

Note: These options are not available for sites located in the attendance area of schools that operated NSLP in SY 2021-2022.

For general questions on requesting a USDA approved waiver, please contact Tammie.Baldwin@decal.ga.gov.

For specific policy questions pertaining to waivers, please contact Robyn.Parham@decal.ga.gov.

Get Informed: Upcoming Training Dates

April 19, 2023

Menu Modifications for Allergies, Dietary Restrictions, Chewing & Swallowing Difficulties

Do you need help with managing multiple menu modifications? Join this webinar to learn tips for making menu modifications for allergies, dietary restrictions, chewing and swallowing difficulties.

- ***Participants can earn two [2] state-approved hours for attending this training in its entirety.***

May 9, 2023

Tuesday Tip! Identifying Whole Grain-Rich Foods for CACFP Using the Ingredient List, Part 1

Does your monthly menu include whole grains? Join this webinar to learn how to identify whole grain-rich foods.

- ***Participants can earn one half [0.5] state-approved hours for attending this training in its entirety.***

May 24, 2023

Let's Move! Encouraging Physical Activity throughout the Lifespan

Do you need innovative ideas to incorporate more physical activity? Join this webinar to learn ideas to increase physical activity throughout the day in small spaces, outdoor areas, and while using minimal equipment.

- ***Participants can earn two [2] state-approved hours for attending this training in its entirety.***

Training Resources

In Case You Missed It: Webinar Recordings Now Available!

If you missed a *webinar*, please visit the [Training and Technical Assistance](#) webpage for previously recorded webinars. This month's training highlight is the [January Memo Monday](#) webinar. It discussed new guidance on collecting racial and ethnicity data for enrolled and non-enrolled participants.

Meal Pattern Minute *New Video(s)!*

The [National CACFP Sponsor Association](#) has developed quick CACFP meal pattern tips, recipes, resources, and videos. View the videos of the following meal pattern minute tips below.

- [Meal Pattern Minute: Serving Nuts & Seeds](#)
- [Meal Pattern Minute: Crediting Popcorn](#)
- [Meal Pattern Minute: WIC Cereals](#)
- [Meal Pattern Minute: Crediting Beans](#)
- [Meal Pattern Minute: Vegan Cheese](#)
- [Meal Pattern Minute: Home-Frozen Fruits](#)
- [Meal Pattern Minute: Serving Pancakes to Infants *New!*](#)

Snack Attack *New Recipes!*

The [National CACFP Sponsor Association](#) has shared snack options for program operators that are #CACFPcreditable.

- Cantaloupe and ham cubes
- Pears and pretzels
- Whole grain-rich toast and nut butter
- English muffin and raisins
- Crackers and cheese cubes

Serve Tasty and Healthy Meals in CACFP

USDA has developed these CACFP Meal Pattern Posters to empower CACFP providers and operators with the knowledge, skills, and expertise to implement the updated CACFP meal pattern requirements. Posters are available in English and Spanish.

- [\[Download Poster\]](#)

Child Nutrition Recipe Box

USDA Team Nutrition has shared 20 new **USDA standardized breakfast recipes** and four (4) new **instructional cooking videos** for the CACFP. These recipes are standardized to meet the minimum serving amount of at least one meal component for children ages 3 through 5 and 6 through 18 years, and are available in 6, 25, and 50 servings. They showcase a variety of foods and flavors, and can help Program operators serve more fruits, vegetables, and whole grains for breakfast.

CACFP organizations can access these breakfast recipes, along with 40 other lunch/supper and snack recipes through the Institute of Child Nutrition's **Child Nutrition Recipe Box**. For more recipes, visit the **Team Nutrition Recipes** webpage. The Spanish version of these recipes and cooking videos will be released at a later date. Other CACFP recipes are available in Spanish at ICN's **La Caja de recetas de nutrición infantil**.

New Fact Sheets for ECE Providers

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) created three [3] new fact sheets for ECE providers about Early Child Nutrition and Feeding. The fact sheets offer tips and best practices for supporting breastfeeding families, information about safe storage and handling of breastmilk, and strategies for introducing solid foods.

- **Supporting Breastfeeding in Families**
- **Storage, Handling and Preparation of Breast Milk in ECE Programs**
- **Solid Foods in ECE – Tips for ECE Providers**
- **[Get the Tips]**

Food Buying Guide (FBG) for Child Nutrition Programs Interactive Web-based Tool *New features!*

USDA's Team Nutrition has released an update to the Exhibit A Grains Tool on both the web and mobile app of the Food Buying Guide, which now requires the program and meal to be selected to filter the search results to only creditable grain items for that specific program. Haven't used the Food Buying Guide Exhibit A Grains tool? We've got some great webinars for you to learn the basics, as well as a refresher on how to calculate ounce equivalents of grains. Explore the **Food Buying Guide** today! Also, check out the additional resources regarding grains.

Training and Technical Assistance

The goal of the Training and Technical Assistance (TTA) Unit is to improve performance and better equip new and participating institutions and sponsors by providing practical, user-friendly resources and guidance materials that strengthen internal controls and result in successful, sustainable program administration and operation. We want to ensure we continue to meet this goal during any transitions and/or position changes.

Therefore, institutions that reside in **region 2** listed above, please contact our Nutrition TA mailbox at NutritionTA@decal.ga.gov with any needed technical assistance.

You may also visit our **Training and Technical Assistance** webpage for program resources and recorded webinars.





Nutrition Ed Nook

Juicy, Red Strawberries

Strawberries are April's Harvest of the Month (**English** and **Spanish**) spotlight. They are sweet with a juicy texture and bright red color. Strawberries are also an excellent source of vitamin C, which helps with the healing of wounds. They also provide other important nutrients like folate, potassium, fiber, and vitamin A. Enjoy this fresh fruit as a snack or add them to smoothies, oatmeal, or cereal.

Strawberry season in Georgia is April through June. In Georgia, much of the production for the fruit is from small, family-owned farms. Plan a field trip to a local farm near you to pick your own delicious, bright red strawberries!

Fun Facts: Strawberries are the only fruit with seeds on the outside. Eight strawberries will provide 140% of the recommended daily intake of Vitamin C for kids.

Integration:

- **Strawberry S'Mores**
- **Fruit Kabobs with Yogurt Dip**
- **Frozen Strawberry Yogurt**
- **Strawberry Salsa**
- **Banana Berry Smoothie**
- **Elmo's Strawberry Pops**

Education:

- **Watch** the *Harvest with Holly* video that explores the Harvest of the Month spotlight, how these items grow, where they grow in Georgia, and how they get from the farms to school meals all across the state of Georgia.
- **Grow** strawberries. You want them to be a full red color, bright luster, and firm, plump flesh. Check out this guide for **Starting a Strawberry Garden**.
- **Read** *The Little Mouse, the Red Ripe Strawberry, and the Big Hungry Bear* with program participants as they enjoy a **Paradise Freeze**.
- **Talk** with families about how participants can help with meal preparation such as washing strawberries under cool running water and pulling off the green caps. **Bonus:** Send recipes home with families for them to incorporate strawberries into their meals!

Conversation:

- Have the children in your care eaten strawberries before?
- What are strawberries shaped like?
- What other red fruits and vegetables do they like to eat?

Share your Harvest of the Month stories and menu integration of strawberries with Nutrition Education Specialist, Morgan Chapman, MPH, MCH at morgan.chapman@decal.ga.gov.

Physical Activity Corner:

Spring Into Action with Physical Activity

Spring is here – the perfect time of year to start fresh and keep moving. It's almost time to bring out



those shorts, running shoes, bicycles, and get moving again after the cold winter.

Whether it's planting a garden, going for a run, or taking a walk around your neighborhood, there are plenty of activities to keep everyone moving and active outside this spring season. Simply moving and sitting less helps build the momentum of our bodies to move forward. This may include walking, jogging, running, dancing, kickboxing, visiting the gym, or yoga.

Be sure to be mindful of drinking water while being active, especially as we shift into the warmer months. Staying active contributes to a healthy lifestyle that decreases risk of chronic diseases, enhances mental health, and improves overall wellbeing. How will you get active?

Integration:

- [Explore Georgia in Spring](#)
- [CDC Eight \(8\) Strategies for a Healthy Spring](#)
- [Spring Movement Activities for Young Children](#)

Education:

- Read out loud, "[The Tiny Seed,](#)" by [Eric Carle](#).
- **Watch** the video on [Spring Dance!](#) by [Jack Hartmann](#).
- **Talk** with families about ways to spring into action with fitness at home, in their community, childcare centers and adult care centers. **Bonus:** Share [#KeepItMoving](#), [#SpringIntoAction](#), [#HealthyLifestyle](#), and [#SpringFitness](#) pictures and events that are happening in your communities.

Conversation:

- What are your favorite spring physical activities?
- How do you spring into action after a cold winter?
- Why is spring the best season to get outdoors and exercise?
- Why is it important to keep moving daily?
- What are the keys to a healthy lifestyle?

Share your [#DECALPhysicalActivity](#), [#SpringFitness](#), [#SpringIntoAction](#), [#HealthyLifestyle](#), and [#KeepItMoving](#) stories and pictures with Physical Activity Specialist, Tina McLaren, MPH at tina.mclaren@decals.ga.gov.



DECAL's Nutrition Spotlight: Meet Julie Edwards, Technical Assistance Coordinator and Trainer for the East region

Julie Edwards recently joined the Nutrition Services Division as the Technical Assistance Coordinator and Trainer for the East Region.

Her service area includes 31 counties: Baldwin, Barrow, Burke, Clarke, Columbia, Emanuel, Glascock, Greene, Gwinnett, Hancock, Jasper, Jefferson, Jenkins, Johnson, Jones, Lincoln, McDuffie, Morgan, Newton, Oconee, Oglethorpe, Putnam, Richmond, Rockdale, Screven, Taliaferro, Walton, Warren, Washington,

Wilkes, and Wilkinson.

In this role, Julie will coordinate and perform duties which include planning, evaluation, technical assistance and training to assist sponsors and institutions participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) and Happy Helpings, Georgia's Summer Food Service

Program.

Julie brings over 20 years of experience working at an adult day care center. Previously, she was the Director at AutumnCare Adult Day Center, Inc, in Augusta. In that role, she was the center's point of contact for Nutrition Services. She also has more than 25 years of healthcare management experience.

As the point of contact, Julie had a great experience with DECAL. She always felt prepared after attending training. She knew that joining DECAL was an opportunity she couldn't pass up. "When this position opened up, I felt like it was a job I had to apply for. I believed this job would be different, but fun. The experience participating in the CACFP was a positive one, so I was excited to bring my experience and knowledge to the Nutrition team," said Edwards.

Julie describes herself as a natural caregiver and is excited about teaching others. "I always felt like DECAL was helpful to me and made me feel comfortable. I received incredible training, and I could always ask questions. I want to make other providers and program contacts throughout Georgia feel the same way. Helping people is part of who I am."

Julie is married to her husband, Scott. They live in Appling, Georgia, on Clarks Hill Lake, which is known as Lake Thurmond for those living in South Carolina. Julie enjoys spending time on the boat at the lake. Julie and Scott have an adult son who recently got married. Football season is a fun time for Julie and Scott, as he went to Georgia and Julie graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration.

Eat Healthy and Live Active

Georgia Early Care and Education Harvest of the Month 22-23 Calendar

Harvest of the Month (HOTM) is the Georgia Department of Education School Nutrition Program's farm to school initiative that highlights an item each month that can be sourced locally and served in Georgia's school meals.

DECAL's Harvest of the Month calendar aligns with the Georgia Department of Education's Harvest of the Month initiative and was created in partnership with Quality Care for Children, Georgia Organics, and the Farm to Early Care & Education Coalition for Early Care & Education settings.

Visit the Georgia Department of Education's HOTM Webpage [here](#) and the Quality Care for Children [website](#). Upon viewing, you can find tips and tricks for preparing produce items, curriculum connections, activity lists and book alignment for your early care classrooms.



CACFP Resources:

The following documents were covered in previous newsletters:

- Check your Email Messages & Update Your Email Address in ATLAS
- Updated Application Specialists
- New Interactive Map shows CACFP Participation in Georgia
- Interactive State Policy Map
- Guidance on Collecting Race and Ethnicity Data
- Be a Health Hero - Health Empowers You
- Procurement Helpful Hints
- Forecasting Purchases for CACFP
- Update Your Banking Information
- New and Revised CACFP Policies and Memoranda
- Non-profit Food Service & Procurement Procedures Monitoring
- FY2023 Annual CACFP Budget Submission
- Newly Revised CACFP Memorandum-Civil Rights Complaint Procedures
- Reminder - PolicyStat available on Nutrition Services' Webpage
- Procurement Documents Now Include Updated Non-discrimination Statement
- Unique Entity Identifier Field Added to ATLAS

You can find archived CACFP Newsletters [here](#).

Dates to Remember

DATE	EVENTS
April	Harvest of the Month: Strawberries
April 19	Menu Modifications for Allergies, Dietary Restrictions, Chewing & Swallowing Difficulties Webinar
May 1-5	Children's Mental Health Week
May 9	Tuesday Tip! Identifying Whole Grain-Rich Foods for CACFP Using the Ingredient List, Part 1 Webinar
May 24	Let's Move! Encouraging Physical Activity throughout the Lifespan Webinar

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Georgia Dept of Early Care and Learning
BRIGHT FROM THE START

This week's episode of DECAL Download has important news for any Georgia child care program that serves school-age children or has served school-age children in the past year. They should be eligible and have already received an email about DECAL's School-Age Grants. The financial support is based on the program's licensed capacity.

Joining us on this episode to talk about School-Age Grants is Michelle Garris, a School Age and Youth Programs Specialist and Brittany Sams, the CCS Director of Administrative Services and Special Operations. We are also joined by Pam Stevens who is our Deputy Commissioner of Child Care Services.

Listen to the episode [here](#).



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