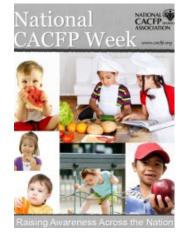
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## Celebrate National CACFP Week



According to the National CACFP Sponsors Association website, "CACFP Week is a national education and information campaign sponsored annually by the National CACFP Sponsors Association. The campaign is designed to raise awareness of how the USDA's Child and Adult Care Food Program works to combat hunger and bring healthy foods to the table for adults in day care and children in child care homes, centers, and in afterschool and summer feeding programs across the country."

This year, National CACFP Week will be March 12-18, 2017. For promotional ideas and ways to celebrate National CACFP Week, visit the National CACFP Sponsors Association website <u>here</u>. National CACFP Conference •



The 31st Annual National CACFP Conference will be held in San Diego, California April 18-20, 2017. Join over 1,400 members of the child nutrition community for training, networking, and learning opportunities!

For a schedule of events, visit the National CACFP Sponsors Association website <u>here</u>.

To register for the conference, visit this link.

## • Welcome Shonda Franklin to Nutrition Services •

Shonda Franklin is the new Budget Compliance Specialist with the Nutrition Services division at GA DECAL.

In her previous role, Shonda worked for the GA Division of Family and Children Services as an Accountant. She has over two years experience with the state, and four years of experience working with child nutrition programs.

Shonda will be able to assist you with all of your needs as it pertains to budgets. She can be reached at **shonda.franklin@decal.ga.gov**.

Welcome Shonda!

## • CDC Offers Free Online Training in Child Development •



*Watch Me! Celebrating Milestones and Sharing Concerns* is a FREE, online training course that provides tools and best practices to help child care providers monitor the development of the children in their care, identify developmental concerns, and partner with families to help them obtain services and supports for their children. To access the training course, click <u>here</u>.

This training course is composed of four modules:

- 1. Your Important Role in Monitoring Children's Development
- 2. Understanding Children's Developmental Milestones
- 3. Objective and Engaged Developmental Monitoring
- 4. How to Talk with Parents about their Child's Development

At the end of this training course, series participants will:

- Understand why monitoring children's development is important
- Understand their role in developmental monitoring
- Know how they can easily monitor each child's developmental milestones
- Gain strategies to guide discussions with families about their child's development

Continuing Education (CE) credit is available. You must complete all four modules, each quiz, and a final evaluation to qualify. For instructions on earning CE credits, click <u>here</u>.

For questions, comments, suggestions, and to leave feedback about this course, email <u>ActEarly@cdc.gov</u>.

• Updated Policy Guidance and Memoranda •

Nutrition Services recently release new policy guidance for all CACFP institutions.

Policy/Policy Memorandums:

- <u>Area Eligibility in Child Nutrition Programs</u>
- <u>Clarifying Wage Guidelines for Institutions and Sponsors Charging Salaries to the CACFP</u> and/or SFSP

All CACFP policies and policy memoranda are available on DECAL's website here and here.