



July 21, 2022

Registration for FY 2023 CACFP Renewal Training Opened July 15; Enrollment Opens August 1

Participating CACFP Sponsors and Institutions are required to meet annual renewal requirements by September 30, 2022. The Nutrition Division opened registration for the required annual training on July 15, 2022, and open enrollment for the application renewal will be available beginning August 1, 2022.

Step 1: Complete Annual Training Requirements

Registration for the CACFP Annual Training requirements opened on July 15.

These requirements include:

- Reviewing the CACFP 2023 Annual Training presentation in GA ATLAS
- Completing the CACFP 2023 Annual Training Test Assessment in GA ATLAS

Once the annual training assessment has been completed and submitted, you will receive access to the FY 2022-2023 CACFP application.

Step 2: Enroll in FY 2023

Upon completion of the Annual Training and Assessment, the CACFP application for the associated program year will change the institution or sponsor's status to "Not Enrolled" and the "Enroll" button will be available.

- Enroll into FY 2023 on or after August 1, 2022.

Step 3: Submit your FY 2023 Application on or before September 30th

- Original or Annual Budgets and Budget Amendments must also be submitted on or before September 30, 2022.

Failure to complete the annual requirements by the specified deadline date will impact continued participation in the CACFP, which includes submission of monthly claims for reimbursement.

| DATE: | TASK |
|--------------|---|
| July 15 | Registration Opened for required 2023 CACFP Annual Training. |
| August 1 | Enrollment Opens for FY 2023: Upon completion of Annual Training and Assessment, Sponsors & Institutions may enroll in FY 2023. |
| September 15 | <p>Deadline to submit any additional changes to the FY 2022 Application.</p> <p>Any FY 2022 changes including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • updates to the application • management plan and budget • the addition/termination of centers/homes <p>MUST be completed in GA ATLAS by September 15, 2022 to allow time for review and processing.</p> |
| September 30 | <p>Deadline to complete 2023 CACFP Annual Training and Assessment.</p> <p>Deadline to submit 2023 CACFP Application.</p> <p>Deadline to submit original or annual budget and budget amendments.</p> |

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your assigned Application Specialist:

| Application Specialists | Institution Assignment | Email | Phone Number |
|-------------------------|------------------------|--|----------------|
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| Kenya Taylor | Q-Z | Kenya.Taylor@decalf.ga.gov | (404) 463-4040 |

Is Your Institution Required To Submit An Annual Budget?

Original or Annual Budgets and Budget Amendments must be submitted on or before September 30, 2022. At a minimum, annual budgets are required when:

- An Independent Center with an approved budget in FY 2022 intends to use FY 2023 reimbursement funds for new operating and/or administrative costs that require prior approval, specific prior written approval, or formal procurement.
- An Independent Center with an approved budget in FY 2022 with approved costs and the same costs in FY 2023, but new supporting documentation must be submitted for review and approval (e.g., lease agreements for center space, equipment rental, etc.).
- All Administrative, Center and DCH sponsoring organizations must submit an annual budget.

Please follow links below for budget related tools and references:

- [Budget Guidance Manual](#)
- [Budget Checklist](#)
- [Budget Allocation Worksheet](#)

For budget questions or concerns, please contact Gwendolyn Howard, Budget Compliance Supervisor, at (404) 330-4265 or nutritionbudget@decalf.ga.gov. Include the name of the institution and agreement number.

Infant Formula Shortage

An option to purchase & serve powdered formula

As a result of supply chain issues and a large scale product recall of infant formula, many CACFP facilities and family child care learning homes are struggling to locate commercially prepared, ready-to-feed formula to serve to the infants in their care. DECAL's Child Care Services licensing division requires that if formula is to be provided by a center or family child care learning home, only commercially prepared, ready-to-feed formula shall be used (290-2-3-.10(4) & 591-1-1-.15(3)).

Nutrition Services has confirmed with Child Care Services that CACFP participating facilities and family child care learning homes have the option during times of infant formula shortages to purchase and serve powdered formula only under the following conditions:

- The parents/guardians **must** prepare the bottles on site and ensure the bottles are labeled with the child's name; and
- Only the current day's formula or breast milk shall be served.

For questions regarding this option please contact [Robyn Parham](#).

Reminder - PolicyStat available on Nutrition Services' Webpage

PolicyStat is an *online policy management system* that allows CACFP and Happy Helpings, Georgia's Summer Food Service Program, organizations and DECAL staff to navigate, locate, and access policy documents more quickly. The links for PolicyStat can be accessed at the following two links:

- For CACFP, [click here](#)
- For Happy Helpings, [click here](#)

CACFP and Happy Helpings organizations are encouraged to take a moment to become familiar with the system. **Please Note:** As Nutrition Services works to perfect PolicyStat, please continue to use the current **Policy** and **Memos** links on the DECAL website as your main resource for all CACFP and Happy Helpings related policies and memoranda. For questions, please feel free to contact Robyn Parham at Robyn.Parham@dec.al.ga.gov or Sonja Adams at Sonja.Adams@dec.al.ga.gov.

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) and/or Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH) websites:

- CDC, https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view?list_select_state=Georgia&data-type=CommunityLevels&null=Risk - Under the "Data Type" pull down menu (located mid-page), the user would select "Community Transmission" to access a county's designation; and/or
- DPH, <https://dph.georgia.gov/county-indicator-reports> - The user would select the most recent County Indicator Report and click "Community Transmission" in the top right corner of the page 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 Expired CACFP Waivers and Waivers Expiring Soon

Last year's USDA Nationwide Waivers for CACFP have expired or will soon expire and are as follows:

| Waiver | Expires |
|--|--------------------------|
| Area Eligibility in the Afterschool Programs & for Family Day Care Home Providers in School Year 2021-2022 | EXPIRED on June 30, 2022 |
| Parent/Guardian Pick-up | EXPIRED on June 30, 2022 |
| Specific Meal Pattern Flexibility | EXPIRED on June 30, 2022 |
| Meal Times Waiver | EXPIRED on June 30, 2022 |
| Non-Congregate Feeding | EXPIRED on June 30, 2022 |
| Onsite Monitoring Requirements | August 14, 2022 |
| Reimbursement for Meals & Snacks served to Young Adults in the CACFP | August 14, 2022 |

Note: The Parent/Guardian Pick-Up, Meal Times, and Non-Congregate Nationwide waivers listed above that expired on June 30, 2022 did not require that the congregate meal service be limited by COVID-19 in order for the waivers to be utilized. However, as of **July 1, 2022**, in order for CACFP institutions or sponsors to utilize these three waivers, the congregate meal services must be limited by COVID-19; and one of the two criteria described in the section above, *CACFP Statewide Waivers Available for Request effective July 1, 2022*, must be met.

It should also be noted that CACFP institutions and sponsors that were originally approved for these three Nationwide Waivers, upon the waiver expirations, would need to separately apply for the Statewide waivers (Non-Congregate, Parent/Guardian Pickup, and Meal Service Times) and will only be approved if the facility/center meet the criteria mentioned earlier.

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 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@dec.al.gov.

For specific policy questions pertaining to waivers, please contact Robyn.Parham@dec.al.gov.

Racial and Ethnic Data Collection

Additional Nutrition Services' Guidance Forthcoming

On May 17, 2021, USDA issued guidance advising that visual observation and identification in the CACFP and HH was no longer an allowable practice for program operators to use during the collection of race or ethnicity data. On June 13, 2022, USDA issued policy memorandum [*Questions and Answers Related to Collection of Race and Ethnicity Data by Visual Observation and Identification in the Child and Adult Care Food Program and Summer Food Service Program – Policy Recission.*](#)

This memorandum provides clarification on questions related to the collection of race or ethnicity data now that visual identification of race and ethnicity is no longer an allowable practice in the CACFP and HH.

FNS provided a grace period for CACFP and HH program operators and State agencies to develop other data collection methods. The grace period which applies to both HH and CACFP is May 17, 2021 through December 31, 2022. During the grace period, program operators will not receive a finding of non-compliance during reviews; however, it will be noted as an observation and may become a finding if alternative means are not implemented before the end of the established grace period.

Nutrition Services is currently developing additional guidance for the collection of racial and ethnic data for both the CACFP and HH. This guidance will be forthcoming.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Robyn Parham at Robyn.Parham@dec.al.gov.

Procurement Updates

Monitoring Executed Contracts, Agreements and Services

Organizations are encouraged to frequently monitor and evaluate contractual agreements and invoices, as well as assess current and potential meal sites. Doing so may help determine if:

- There are unexpected changes by the vendor on price or supply
- A new vendor should be used
- The contract period is ending, and/or
- If proper procurement using alternative procurement methods different from previous years should be executed (i.e., new bid process, new agreements, amendments, change in procurement method overall, etc.).



Procuring Local Foods
for Child Nutrition Programs

USDA Food and Nutrition Service
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Now Available! Revised Procuring Local Foods for Child Nutrition Programs Guide

On June 21, the USDA Food and Nutrition Service's (FNS) Farm to School Program released the revised Procuring Local Foods for Child Nutrition Programs Guide, which provides an overview of federal procurement principles and covers topics related to sourcing and purchasing local foods, for State agencies and child nutrition program operators.

This guide highlights a variety of mechanisms schools can use to purchase local products while staying in

accordance with federal procurement regulations. Featured are examples of how to target local foods when conducting both formal and informal procurements, use the Geographic Preference option, and use the USDA Foods and DoD Fresh Programs to enhance local purchasing. Please feel free to share the guide across your networks.

To access the revised Procuring Local Foods for Child Nutrition Programs Guide along with other local procurement resources for child nutrition program operators, visit <https://www.fns.usda.gov/cfs/procuring-local-foods>.

Unique Entity Identifier Field Added to ATLAS

On April 4, 2022, the unique entity identifier used across the federal government changed from the DUNS Number to the Unique Entity ID (generated by SAM.gov).

- The Unique Entity ID is a 12-character alphanumeric ID assigned to an entity by SAM.gov.
- As part of this transition, the DUNS Number has been removed from SAM.gov.
- Entity registration, searching, and data entry in SAM.gov now require use of the new Unique Entity ID.
- Existing registered entities can find their Unique Entity ID by following the steps [here](#).
- New entities can get their Unique Entity ID at SAM.gov and, if required, complete an entity registration.

Effective **August 1, 2022**, the DUNS Number field will be removed from GA ATLAS and the UEI field will be added. All institutions/sponsors will be required to enter their UEI in GA ATLAS. Failure to complete this requirement will impact continued participation in the CACFP, which includes submission of monthly claims for reimbursement.

Training Dates

Upcoming Training and Technical Assistance

August 3, 2022 – CACFP Renewal Readiness Webinar

Do you know the process for completing FY 2023 CACFP Annual Renewal?

Join this webinar session to learn:

- Step-by-step instructions for successfully completing the FY 2023 annual renewal process and
- required forms/documents that must be submitted.

Farmer's Market Field Trip

The **National CACFP Sponsors Association** is offering a webinar to discuss how to identify, purchase, and serve farmers' market finds so that the children and adults served can enjoy fresh flavors of the season. Program providers may earn .5 CEU for attending this Zoom webinar.

- Thursday, August 18, 2022 at 2:00pm
- [[Register Now](#)]

CACFP Halftime: Thirty on Thursday Training Webinar Series

Team Nutrition offers free training webinars on hot topics related to the CACFP meal pattern requirements. Please see below for the upcoming and newly recorded training sessions. Accompanying training materials, presentation slides, and other tools for selected webinar recordings are available on the [CACFP Training Tools webpage](#).

Recorded Webinars

- [Grains Ounce Equivalents Tools for CACFP Operators: March 14, 2022](#)
- [Transitioning to Normal Child Nutrition Operations](#)
- [Serving Adult Participants in CACFP *New!*](#)

- Once you've viewed "Serving Adult Participants in the CACFP" (live or recorded), please visit the National CACFP Sponsor's Association (NCA) <https://www.cacfp.org/learning-center/> for a personalized certificate and to track or submit your continuing education credits. Your certificate should arrive within a week of viewing the recorded webinar.

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.

Healthy Hydration Infographic

The [National Drinking Water Alliance](#) developed this infographic with strategies and resources for promoting water consumption in ECE setting.

- [[Download in English](#)]
- [[Download in Spanish](#)]

Best Fruit Forward

The [Alliance for a Healthier Generation](#) has developed a colorful quiz, budget-friendly buyer's guide, and easy-to-use resources to help you and your family discover and enjoy fruit all year round.

- [[Download Quiz](#)]

Vegetable Medley

The [National CACFP Sponsors Association Learning Center](#) has developed this free activity on identifying colors using vegetables.

- [[Free Download](#)]

The Food Buying Guide (FBG) *Have You Heard?*

Team Nutrition is excited to announce that training videos on navigating the Food Buying Guide (FBG) Mobile App are now available. These short videos are broken into four [4] chapters to provide users with step-by-step instructions on using the Mobile App and its different components. These training videos, along with existing FBG Web Tool training videos, are accessible within the FBG Web Tool under the 'Help' tab from the top navigation menu.

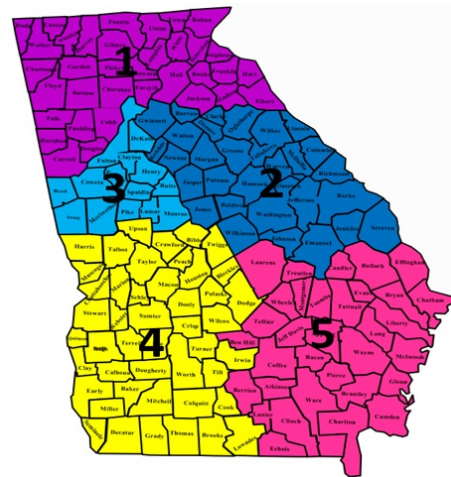
- [[View Videos](#)]

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 the **region 2** and **region 3** areas listed, please contact our Nutrition TA mailbox at NutritionTA@dec.al.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

Sweet, Georgia Peaches

The July Harvest of the Month (**English** and **Spanish**) item is peaches! Georgia is known as the Peach State. We are number four in peach production in the U.S.

Peaches are available fresh, frozen, and canned for good nutrition and convenience. Fresh

peaches may be at peak quality and lowest cost from June through September, depending on the variety and growing area. There are three types of peaches: Freestone, Clingstone, and Semi-freestone.

Peaches provide important nutrients like vitamins C and A, and fiber. Vitamin C helps your body heal cuts and wounds. Vitamin A helps keep good vision, fight infection, and keep your skin healthy. Fiber helps you feel full, keep normal blood sugar levels, and avoid constipation. Peaches also provides vitamins E and K, potassium, and water. Enjoy peaches as a snack or with your favorite yogurt or cereal.

Fun Fact: *Peaches are part of the rose family and August is National Peach Month!*

Integration:

- **Peachy Pops**
- **Peach Cooler**
- **Fruit Crunch Cobbler**
- **Munchy Peach Parfait**
- **Frozen Fruit Yogurt**

Education:

- **Five Senses Fun!** Use your five senses to describe how peaches looks, feels, tastes, sounds, and smells.
- **Watch a Video** Find and watch a video online that shows how peaches are grown, harvested, and distributed in the United States.
- **Talk** with families about how children can help with meal preparation including washing and drying peaches to be served with a meal. **Bonus:** Send recipes that incorporate peaches home for families to try together!

Conversation:

- Have the children you serve eaten peaches before?
- What is their favorite way to eat peaches?
- What other fruits do they like to eat?

Share your Harvest of the Month stories and menu integration of peaches with Nutrition & Physical Activity Supervisor, Diana Myers, MS, RD, LD at diana.myers@dec.al.gov!



Let's Make A Snack!

Team Nutrition has released the Let's Make A Snack! Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Snack Menu Planner for Children 3 Through 18 Years of Age seen [here](#).

This menu planner will help child care centers and family child care operators understand CACFP meal pattern requirements and serve high-quality snacks. It includes sample menus, checklists, menu planning activities, and 20 new snack recipes:

- Apples and Almond Butter
- Baked Carrot Fries With Yogurt-Sunflower Seed Butter Dip
- Caprese Bruschetta
- Cheesy Bean Tostada
- Chicken and Cheese Snack Cup With Grapes
- Corny Salsa With Tortilla Chips
- Curried Chicken Wraps
- Deli Bento Box
- Dried Fruit and Cereal Snack Mix
- Fresh Veggie Wraps
- Fruited Chicken Salad With Crackers
- Herb Bagel Bites
- Mini Egg Salad Sandwiches
- Mini Graham Crackers and Berry Nut Butter
- Parmesan Zucchini Chips
- Peach and Yogurt Smoothies
- Savory Yogurt-Hummus Dip With Veggies
- Toasted Pita Wedges and Fruit Dip
- Tuna Salad and Apples Slices
- Very Berry Parfaits

Recipes are standardized to meet minimum serving amounts of at least one meal component for children 3 through 5 and 6 through 18, and are available in yields of 6, 25, and 50 servings. All are taste-tested and kid-approved!

- [Download Let's Make a Snack](#)



DECAL's Nutrition Spotlight: *Deidrea Thompson, Training and Technical Assistance Coordinator*

After a 10-year career with DECAL, Deidrea Thompson, Training and Technical Assistance Coordinator, has announced her retirement effective June 30, 2022.

Deidrea began her career with DECAL as an auditor with the Audits and Compliance Division. After a brief hiatus, she returned to DECAL and began working for the Nutrition Division as a Training and Technical Assistance Coordinator covering the East region. Deidrea has held this position for the last six years.

“Deidrea has a genuine personality and a heart of gold,” said Grushan Blake, Nutrition Training Manager. “She was always willing to provide assistance to her team and the customers that we serve. She has a special way of connecting with our program operators using her longstanding experience and training humor.”

There were many things Deidrea enjoyed about her job. She loved helping children and being empathetic towards others. Seeing the kids’ faces when she would go out to monitor a site and hearing them say they enjoyed the food was important to her.

She also enjoyed working with the institutions to promote best practices. She loved “seeing the program contacts understand their duties and “watch as the light bulb turned-on.” “Program operators often get overwhelmed because there is a lot to digest, at first. I have been

in their shoes as a program contact, so I understand their situation and all the things they are responsible for,” said Deidrea.

The other aspect she enjoyed was hearing the relief of the institution program contact when she said, “I’m here for you and to help you be successful in the program.”

Deidrea stated that the decision to retire wasn’t difficult. “It was time.” She is looking forward to traveling and spending time with her family.

“Deidrea could always be counted on for genuine smiles and conversation. And moreover, you could always count on her to give 100 percent in everything she did, whether she was providing training to institutions or even working to get institutions the answers they needed. Deidrea will be greatly missed, and we truly appreciate her many years of service,” said Tamika Boone, Director of Nutrition Services.

Join us in thanking Deidrea for her commitment and dedication to DECAL Nutrition.

CACFP Resources:

The following documents were covered in previous newsletters:

Further DECAL Procurement Guidance

Administrative Cost Reminders for Sponsors

Did you know Health Inspections are an allowable cost under CACFP?

Reminder: Check your Email Messages in GA ATLAS

Managing Virtual Monitoring and Supply Chain Disruptions Fact Sheet

Flexibilities During COVID-19 Supply Chain Disruptions

Non-profit Food Service and Procurement Procedures Monitoring

New Mailbox for Budget Department

Nutrition Services Resumes Pre-COVID Business Operations

Updating your Banking Information

Stay Informed: CACFP Policy Updates

Claim Deadlines FY22

Healthy Cooking in CACFP with Chef Asata Reid: 5 Part Video Series

Annual Renewal Requirements must be completed to participate in CACFP

How to Handle FDCH Carry Over

CACFP Meals for Young People Experiencing Homelessness

Happy Helpings Announced

Procurement Tips for CACFP

CACFP Budget Submission Required for FY2022

USDA Webinar: Meal Service Flexibilities for the FY 2021-2022 School Year

Guidance for Serving School-Age Children in the CACFP during COVID-19

Oct 1: Deadline to Implement Grain Ounce Equivalents in Menu Planning

Expiring Soon: Updated CACFP Meal Pattern Flexibilities

Reminder: Review Your Online CACFP Applications for Accuracy

Celebrating Breastfeeding as the Best Source of Nutrition

CACFP Reimbursement Rates: July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022

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

Dates to Remember

| DATE: | 2022 Events |
|--------------|--|
| July 15 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registration Opened for Required 2023 CACFP Annual Training |
| August 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unique Entity Identifier Field Added to ATLAS Enrollment Opens for FY23 |
| September 15 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deadline to Submit any Additional Changes to the FY23 Application |
| September 30 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deadline to Submit 2023 CACFP Application Deadline to Complete 2023 CACFP Annual Training and Assessment Deadline to Submit Original Annual Budget and Budget Amendments |

How was my Customer Service?

Provide feedback on your experience with the Nutrition Team



Click on the icon at right to participate in the customer service survey. Responses are anonymous.

Join Us for a NEW DECAL Download!

CRRSA & ARPA Spending Plan (Projects Supporting Families)

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Georgia has received over \$2 billion in federal money to help stabilize the child care industry, increase access to high quality child care for all families of young children, and support the state's early childhood education workforce. The money comes from the federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental

Appropriations Act and from the American Rescue Plan Act.

Commissioner Jacobs recently announced plans for spending the remaining \$400 million in a list of projects supporting child care providers, the ECE workforce, families, and other groups. In upcoming episodes of DECAL Download, we will discuss all the projects, however in this week's episode we are focusing on projects supporting families. To discuss these plans for supporting families, we are joined by our Deputy Commissioner for Federal Programs, Elisabetta Kasfir.

Listen to the episode [here](#)



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