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Helpful Hints & Tips | TA (CACFP) Edition IX

• Grants Funds Available! •

Good Sports and the Atlanta Falcons Youth Foundation (AFYF) have partnered to offer athletic equipment to community organizations across the state that are working to improve youth fitness, reduce childhood obesity and promote healthy lifestyles.

The application period for the next cycle of Good Sports - AFYF equipment donations is currently active and will close May 1, 2015. Please view and submit applications at www.goodsports.org.

If you have questions regarding the the grant or application, email community@goodsports.org.

A second grant opportunity is available through the USDA to school-based CACFP sites for Farm to School or Preschool Initiatives.

The application deadline is May 20, 2015. Institutions or sponsoring organizations that are interested in applying for the grant should visit this [link](#).

Refer to the heading "Available Farm to School Grant Program Funding" for information on an upcoming webinar that will explain the application process.

• National CACFP Week •

National CACFP Week, a week-long campaign to raise awareness about the CACFP and the providers that participate was held March 15-21, 2015. We thank the participants for your continued support to ensure that children and adults across the state have access to nutritious and well-balanced meals!

Special thanks to the Arthur M. Blank Family YMCA for hosting our National CACFP Week Event. DECAL held a press conference, and the Atlanta Community Food Bank conducted a nutrition education activity with students. We truly appreciate it!



To find out more information about National CACFP Week and free resources, click [here](#).

Enjoy the various resources and tips throughout this special edition of Nutrition News!

• Let's Move! Child Care Recognition Award •



Congratulations to the Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning for being the only CACFP State/Territorial/Tribal Agency selected for the Let's Move! Child Care Recognition Award!

DECAL is being recognized for its work through the Caregivers Promoting Healthy Habits (CPHH) wellness grant and the Farm 2 Preschool Grant.

The awards ceremony will take place at the 2015 National CACFP Sponsor Conference on April 23, 2015 in Las Vegas, NV.

• What's Cooking? The USDA Mixing Bowl •



What's Cooking? USDA Mixing Bowl is an online resource that provides a wealth of information including recipes, recipe tools, and USDA Food Fact Sheets.

Build your own cookbook or download one of several ready-made versions to try something new in the kitchen. The site also features various linked resources that can help you facilitate a creative meal service at your center or at home!

Visit www.whatscooking.fns.usda.gov for more information and helpful hints on creating nutritious and tasty meals.

• CACFP Meal Pattern Requirement Changes •

USDA has presented a proposed rule to update meal patterns in the CACFP.

The proposed rule: Child and Adult Care Food Program: Meal Pattern Revisions Related to the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 (Docket # FNS-2001-0029) was published January 15, 2015 and can be found [here](#). For a summary of changes to the CACFP meal pattern requirements, click [here](#).

Several proposed changes will affect meal patterns from children ages 0-18. A 90-day public comment period for these proposed changes will close April 15, 2015. Per USDA, written comments should:

- Be specific and confined to issues pertinent to the proposed rule.
- Explain the reasons and/or provide supporting information for any recommended changes or provisions you oppose.

USDA prefers that comments be submitted online. To submit a comment online, visit the federal eRulemaking Portal [here](#).

Submit a public comment by mail, to:

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Note: Emails will not be accepted.

We encourage all institutions and sponsors to read the proposed rule changes and make comments as the meal pattern proposed changes will affect all participants in the CACFP.