

Child and Adult Care Food Program Nutrition News

August 11, 2020

FY 2021 CACFP Renewal begins August 15

CACFP Renewal for FY 2021 will begin on August 15, 2020. At this time, all information entered in the FY 2020 application packet as of August 14, 2020, will transfer to the FY 2021 renewal application in GA ATLAS.

It is our hope that opening the CACFP renewal process earlier this year will allow institutions more time to update their application for the upcoming new fiscal year. Access to the FY 2020 application will be available until the end of the fiscal year.

Note: GA ATLAS **will not** shutdown from August 1 through August 14, to allow SFSP sponsors the ability to modify their application.

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

Application Specialist (AP)	Institution Assignment	Email	Phone Number
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Please see the list below for other key dates to keep in mind:

DATE	TASK
July 15	Registration opened for required 2021 required CACFP annual training
August 15	Enrollment for CACFP FY 2021 opens in GA ATLAS. Upon completion of training and assessment, institutions may enroll in FY 2021.
September 15	Deadline to submit any changes to FY 2020 application. Any FY 2020 changes including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• updates to the application• management plan & budget• the addition/termination of centers/homes MUST be completed in GA ATLAS by September 15, 2020 to allow time for review and processing.
October 31	Deadline to complete FY 2021 CACFP enrollment and budgets for FY 2021.

Preparing for CACFP Renewal

Take advantage of the following webinars to help prepare for CACFP Renewal:

Renewal Readiness: What's the 411?

If you need a refresher on what is required for FY 2021 Annual Renewal, review the **Renewal Readiness: What's the 411?** recorded webinar session. This session will walk you through the FY 2021 CACFP Annual Renewal process. To access the recorded session, click [here](#).

CACFP Procurement Readiness:

Wednesday, August 12, 2020, 10:00 am - 12:30 pm

Register today for this webinar session that will provide information on procurement regulations, requirements, and standard processes.

Institutions and Sponsors will learn how to:

- develop solicitations
- document small purchase procedures
- receive guidance on developing a standard procurement policy

The **Procurement Manual** is available to review prior to training for better understanding of the procurement process. Registration is now open for those who may be interested in this session!

To register for training, institutions must follow all steps:

1. Register in [GA ATLAS](#)
2. Register in [GoToWebinar](#)

Is Your Institution Required To Submit An Annual Budget?

Original or Annual Budgets and Budget Amendments must be submitted on or before **October 31, 2020**. At a minimum, annual budgets are required when:

- An Independent Center with an approved budget in FY 2020 intends to use FY 2021 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 2020 with approved costs and the same costs in FY 2021, **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](#)

When can our Institution start working on the FY2020-2021 budget?

August 15, 2020 - October 31, 2020

Where should I send my budget revisions?

Documentation to support costs can be uploaded in GA ATLAS and notify the Budget Compliance Supervisor, [Shonda Franklin](#).

All costs must be approved in the budget prior to using CACFP reimbursements. *Please refer*

For questions regarding the budget please contact the Budget Compliance Supervisor, [Shonda Franklin](#).

New CACFP Reimbursement Rates Announced

CACFP reimbursement rates are adjusted annually each July, as required by the statutes and regulations governing CACFP. The new rates are in effect during the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

Here are the annual adjustments to:

- National average payment rates for meals and snacks served in child care centers, outside-school-hours care centers, at-risk afterschool care centers, and adult day care centers
- Food service payment rates for meals and snacks served in day care homes
- Administrative reimbursement rates for Householding organizations of day care homes, to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index

CACFP Reimbursement Rates *Effective July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021*

Type of Meal Served	Child and Adult Care Centers			Day Care Homes	
	Free	Reduced Price	Paid	Tier I & Tier II Higher	Tier II (Tier II Lower)
Breakfast	1.89	1.59	.32	1.39	.50
Lunch or Supper	3.755	3.355	.575	2.61	1.58
Snacks	.96	.48	.08	.78	.21

Cash-in-Lieu value of 24.50 (.2450) cents is already added to lunch/supper rates for centers as shown above.

Administrative Payments for Day Care Home Sponsors <i>Per Home/Per Month Rate in Whole U.S. Dollars</i>	
<i>Number of Homes</i>	<i>Rate</i>
Initial 50 (homes 1 - 50)	\$ 120.00
Next 150 (homes 51 - 200)	\$ 91.00
Next 800 (homes 201 - 1000)	\$ 71.00
All Additional (homes 1001 and over)	\$ 63.00

Is Your Organization Interested in Participating in

the At-Risk Afterschool Meals Component of CACFP?

The USDA's, Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) **At-Risk Afterschool Meals Component** provides funding to afterschool programs that serve a meal and/or snacks to children and teens in low-income areas.

In order to participate, programs must:

- be organized primarily to provide care for children after school or on the weekends, holidays, or breaks during the regular school year
- provide organized, regularly scheduled activities
- include educational or enrichment activities, like arts and crafts, computer lessons, or homework help
- be located in an eligible area

If your organization is interested in learning more or participating in the program please contact **Leslie Truman** to register for the next training.

New Team Nutrition CACFP Resources in Spanish

USDA's Team Nutrition is pleased to announce the release of six new Spanish-language worksheets for Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) operators.

These four-page worksheets are now available for download in English and Spanish from the **Team Nutrition website**. Printed versions of these worksheets will be available at a later date.

- **Using the Nutrition Facts Label in the CACFP**
- **Serving Vegetables in the CACFP**
- **Serving Snacks in the CACFP**
- **How to Spot Whole Grain-Rich Foods for the CACFP**
- **Using the WIC Food Lists to Identify Grains for the CACFP**
- **Is My Recipe Whole Grain-Rich in the CACFP?**

USDA
United States Department of Agriculture

Métodos para cocinar sano

La manera de cocinar un alimento puede determinar cuán saludable sea. Pruebe algunos de los métodos de cocción a continuación en lugar de freírlos en abundante grasa. Cocinar con aceites en lugar de mantequilla o manteca de cerdo puede beneficiar la salud del corazón.

- Asar, hornear o a la brasa:** Cocinar alimentos, generalmente a fuego alto, en el horno.
- Saltear o freír en sartén:** Cocinar los alimentos con una pequeña cantidad de aceite caliente a fuego medio o alto.
- A la parrilla:** Cocinar los alimentos colocándolos en una parrilla de metal precalentada, o en un sartén para parrilla, a fuego alto debajo de la comida.

El pollo frito al horno proporciona la textura crujiente que les gusta a los niños, pero de forma más saludable.

A partir del 1 de octubre de 2017, los alimentos fritos en abundante grasa en el sitio no pueden ser considerados como una comida reembolsable en el Programa de Alimentos para el Cuidado de Niños y Adultos (CACFP).

- Freír en abundante grasa significa cocinar cubriendo completamente (sumergiendo) los alimentos en aceite caliente u otra grasa.
- "En el sitio" significa en su centro de cuidado infantil, hogar de cuidado infantil familiar, o la cocina central o satélite de su centro de cuidado infantil.

Puede encontrar más formación, planificación de menús y materiales de educación nutricional para el CACFP en <https://teamntriflora.usda.gov>

Questions about this announcement may be sent to **TeamNutrition@USDA.gov**. To receive Team Nutrition's eNewsletter, GovDelivery emails, and other announcements, please **click here**.

Update on Nationwide Waivers during COVID-19

In light of the exceptional circumstances of the current public health emergency, the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) has extended Nationwide Waivers to support access to nutritious meals while minimizing potential exposure to the novel coronavirus.

Waiver request forms that were previously approved for both CACFP and SFSP do not need to be re-submitted. If you were previously approved for a SFSP only waiver, but would like to continue utilizing the waiver in your CACFP operations, please submit a request to utilize the waiver for the CACFP. Similarly, if you were previously approved for a CACFP only waiver but

wish to utilize the waiver in your operation of the traditional SFSP, a SFSP waiver request is required.

Waiver requests can be submitted to [Leslie Truman](#). For any waiver-related questions, please contact [Sonja Adams](#).

NATIONWIDE WAIVERS

For full details, please click on the links to read the actual waiver memo.

CACFP

Onsite Monitoring Requirements (New)

FNS waives, for all CACFP sponsoring organizations, that CACFP monitoring requirements included at 226.16(d)(4)(iii) be conducted onsite. To ensure Program integrity during this time, sponsoring organizations should, to the maximum extent practicable, continue monitoring activities of Program operations offsite (e.g., through a desk audit). ****Waiver in effect until September 30, 2021****

Monitoring Waiver for Sponsoring Organizations: *(Link has been updated)*

CACFP monitoring requirements are waived as follows: (1) sponsors may conduct two reviews of their CACFP facilities; (2) only one CACFP facility review is required to be unannounced; (3) FNS waives that at least one unannounced review must include observation of a meal service; (4) FNS waives the requirement that not more than six months may elapse between reviews; and (5) allows sponsors to review new CACFP facilities as a desk audit. ****Waiver in effect until August 31, 2020****

Meal Pattern Flexibilities:

The requirement to serve meals that meet the meal pattern requirements is waived during the public health emergency. ****Waiver extended until June 30, 2021****

Meal Times Waiver:

The requirement that meals must follow meal service time requirements is waived during the public health emergency. ****Waiver extended until June 30, 2021****

Non-Congregate Feeding:

The requirement that meals be served in a congregate setting and must be consumed by participants on site is waived during the public health emergency. ****Waiver extended to June 30, 2021****

Parent Pick-up:

Under this waiver, Program operators in a State with an approved waiver allowing non-congregate meal distribution during COVID-19 related operations may distribute meals to a parent or guardian to take home to their eligible children. ****Waiver extended to June 30, 2021****

Procurement News

Procurement Training

Please be sure to register for the next Procurement Readiness Webinar on Wednesday, August 12 from 10:00 am - 12:30 pm. Register for the webinar via [GA ATLAS](#).

Procurement Election Notice CACFP FY2021

In preparation for CACFP FY2021, please complete and return the Procurement Election Notice. Sponsors and Institutions whose food costs will exceed the simplified acquisition threshold of \$250,000 must complete and return the election notice with details on how your organization intends to procure food and non-food items for CACFP FY2021.

If you have not received the Procurement Election Notice, please contact [LaMonika Jones](#), Procurement and Purchasing Compliance Officer.

Procurement Update

The vendor database has been updated with new and current vendors who are prepared to assist with your vended and self-prepared meal needs. Please utilize the database as a resource for finding a vendor to meet your needs.

To access the database, please click [here](#).

The state agency approved formal procurement templates have also been updated. If your organization intends to execute a new formal procurement process whether Invitation for Bid or Request for Proposal, please be sure to access the updated templates via the [Nutrition Services Procurement Page](#).

Harvest of the Month Calendar

Harvest of the Month is the Georgia Department of Education School Nutrition Program's [farm to school campaign](#) to promote a different local, seasonal fruit or vegetable each month.

Harvest of the Month goals include to:

- Feature and promote a locally grown fruit or vegetable ("harvest") on the menu each month.
- Encourage healthy choices and consumption of fruits and vegetables.
- Increase children's access and exposure to local and seasonal produce.
- Educate children on nutrition, agriculture and healthy eating.
- Support local farmers and increase connections between organizations and local producers.

Download the 2020-2021 Harvest of the Month Calendar in both [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

For more information on Georgia Farm to Early Care Education visit [here](#).



Local Sourcing Spotlight: *What's up with Watermelon!*



As **Georgia's number one produce crop** with over 40,000 acres in production, it is most definitely a great time to enjoy this tasty fruit. Georgia's weather makes growing watermelons a consistent harvest especially in Central Georgia's Crisp County near Cordele or in our coastal plain area.

Where to buy?

Watermelons are widely available here in Georgia. This is the perfect time to place advance orders with your favorite farmer at your local farmer's market. You may even contact your local distributor or grocer to find out if they stock Georgia Grown Watermelon.

Nutrition Nook: *Looking for a thirst quencher?*

Did you know that every bite of *watermelon* you eat contains 92% water? As this month's **Harvest of the Month** item, watermelon serves as a summertime staple and back-to-school delight. Containing vitamin A and C, watermelon yields a nutritious fruit component for your CACFP snack or meal. Intertwining nutritional education while serving watermelon is a proven way to increase children's acceptability of new fruits and vegetables. *How will you engage the children in your program during mealtime?*



Integration

- [Watermelon Salsa](#)
- [Watermelon Gazpacho](#)
- [Strawberry Watermelon Popsicles](#)

Education

- Read “Icy Watermelon” by Mary Sue Galindo and engage children in conversation about their watermelon experiences by utilizing the prompts below
- Send home Quality Care for Children’s parent-friendly watermelon themed newsletter in both [English](#) and [Spanish](#)
- Register on the [Harvest for Healthy Kids](#) website to receive access to their free watermelon toolkit which includes activity plans, picture cards, newsletters, recipes and more!

Conversation

- What adjectives can children use to describe watermelon? (i.e. sweet, juicy, crunchy)
- How do children like to eat their watermelon? (i.e. sliced, cubed)
- What memories do children have surrounding watermelons?

Share your watermelon infused stories with Nutrition Health Educator, [Diana Myers, MS, RD, LD!](#)

DECAL's Nutrition Division Welcomes *New Marketing & Outreach Specialist: Gaby Garza*



DECAL's Nutrition Division welcomes Gaby Garza as its new Marketing & Outreach Specialist! In this role, Gaby will be responsible for producing child nutrition newsletters, social media and will assist with the recruitment and retention of sponsors and institutions.

With a Media Production degree, Gaby has worked as a legal videographer & editor, social media coordinator, as well as completed four broadcast and marketing internships at NBC & PBS affiliates while at the University of Houston.

She is passionate about all things media and most of all, helping others. As a native Houstonian, Gaby is excited and proud to call Atlanta her new home with her family.

NEW Episode of DECAL Download "COVID Considerations in Returning to School"

On the next ...

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This Week's Guests



Allison O'Hara
Program Director of Inclusion & Behavior
Support for DECAL



Cheryl Benefield
Program Manager for Safe & Supportive
Schools with the Georgia Department of
Education

This Week's Topic:
**COVID Considerations in Returning
to School**

Who's ready for Back to School? From virtual at-home learning to in-person classroom instruction and everything in between. But this year, it's about more than backpacks and notebook paper, it's asking if your child is socially and emotionally prepared for school in the age of COVID-19.

Joining us to talk about "COVID Considerations in Returning to School," is Allison O'Hara, Program Director of Inclusion and Behavior Support, with the Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning, and Cheryl Benefield, Program Manager for Safe and Supportive Schools with the Georgia Department of Education.

Stay tuned for this week's water cooler question and the DECAL Download Quiz for your chance to win a nice prize!

You can find DECAL Download [here](#) or on Spotify, Apple Podcasts, Google Play, Stitcher, TuneIn, Overcast, and more!

Have an idea for a future topic? [E-mail us](#).

Stay safe Everyone!



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