

# NUTRITION NEWS

Helpful Hints & Tips | TA (CACFP) Edition XIV

## • Message from the Director •

Congratulations for another successful CACFP operating year. Because of your commitment to children or adults and their families, more than 78,785,891 meals and snacks were served in child or adult care centers, afterschool programs, and/or emergency shelters across Georgia.

DECAL applauds you for providing access to healthy meals and snacks to our youngest learners and seniors in your programs.

As we move forward in FY 2016, we are excited about changes in Nutrition Services, which include new training, application and claims systems, improved Orientation and Program Training, and more specialized training sessions and technical assistance. For more information on upcoming training opportunities, please visit the CNP 2000 website [here](#).

In addition, we are awaiting reauthorization of all Child Nutrition Programs by USDA. The last reauthorization of Child Nutrition Programs was in 2010. For more information regarding proposed legislation and work on behalf of the CACFP, visit this [link](#).

Thank you for your continued interest and participation in the CACFP. Nutrition Services looks forward to greater success this fiscal year.

All the best,

Falita S. Flowers, Director

## • In the News •

The AJC recently published a story on the importance of the adult care component of the CACFP and what it means to seniors throughout the state. Check out the article [here](#).

For more information on serving meals to eligible adults through the CACFP and how you can get involved, click [here](#).

## • Seventh Annual AGC Educators Conference •

AGC Training presents the 7th Annual AGC Educators Conference Saturday, November 14, 2015.

Participants can earn up to six Bright from the Start training hours. The registration fee is \$65.00 and includes lunch. For more information, visit [www.agctraining.com](http://www.agctraining.com) or call (706) 868-0683.

## • Annual Requirements Reminder and Updated Documents Charts •



The 2016 CACFP Annual Training and Annual Certification Requirements have been made available and should now be completed. If you have not yet completed annual renewal, please do so as soon as possible. Once annual training and certification requirements have been satisfied, the 2016 approved CACFP application is available to complete in CNP 2000.

Without completion of the annual training, assessment questions, and certification requirements, institutions will not have access to the 2016 CACFP application and will not be able to file 2016 claims for reimbursement. Institutions that do not complete FY 2016 CACFP annual training and requirements by April 30, 2016 must reapply to participate in the CACFP as a new institution.

Additionally, we would like to note the availability of new or revised state policies, policy guidance memos and daily operating forms. A chart outlining these policies, memos, and forms is attached for your convenience. The chart can also be found on the DECAL website [here](#).

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## • First Lady of Georgia Visits Little Ones Learning Center •



First Lady Sandra Deal visited the Little Ones Learning Center on September 8th in Forest Park to observe the community garden and read to the children about healthy eating habits.

Center Administrator, Wande Meadows, expressed her excitement about the visit. “We are thrilled that the First Lady will visit us and has made wellness and nutrition an important topic on her agenda. Healthy eating is important for preschoolers.” The Clayton News Daily featured a story about the visit [here](#).

Little Ones Learning Center is a Quality Rated and NAEYC accredited center. The center also participates in the Child and Adult Care Food Program and is a past recipient of the Farm to Preschool grant through Nutrition Services. Congratulations on your visit!