

# NUTRITION NEWS

Helpful Hints & Tips | TA (CACFP) Edition VIII

## • Application Team Assignments •

The DECAL Application Specialist and Business Operations Specialist who you will work with are based on the first letter of your organization's name.

The table below identifies the Application Specialists and Business Operations Specialists according to the alphabet.

Click the name of your Application Specialist and Business Operations Specialist to contact them via email.

Sponsoring Organization's Name (First Letter/ Number)	Application Specialist	Business Operations Specialist
0 (zero) - G	<a href="#">Demetria Thornton</a>	<a href="#">Tammie Baldwin</a>
H - P	<a href="#">Paula Lawrence</a>	<a href="#">Rommel Telfair</a>
Q - Z	<a href="#">Martinita (Nita) Smiley-Smith</a>	<a href="#">Brandi Banks</a>

## • Technical Assistance Available •

For your technical assistance needs, contact the TA Unit at [NutritionTA@decalfga.gov](mailto:NutritionTA@decalfga.gov) or contact Meggan Hemans-Reese at 678.222.7787.

## • CACFP FY 2015 Data Now Available •

Free and reduced-price meal school data are now available for sponsors looking to qualify sites to participate in the CACFP or At-Risk Afterschool program.

To access the school data, click [here](#).

To access updated Ethnic and Racial Data click [here](#).

## • Grants Available for Sponsors Interested in At-Risk/Afterschool Expansion •



The Georgia Food Bank Association (GFBA) in association with Share Our Strength/No Kid Hungry is soliciting Request for Proposals (RFPs) for FY 2015 Capital and Community Investment Grants.

Expansion grants from \$4,000 - \$20,000 are available for capital investments such as purchases of vehicles to deliver food, kitchen equipment, etc.

The purpose of the funding is to support organizations in:

- Expanding and sustaining Afterschool (CACFP) programs
- Extending program service in unserved and/or underserved areas
- Building overall capacity of the organization

Click [here](#) to find out more information about the grant and to access the application packet.

**The deadline for RFPs is March 13, 2015.**

For answers to questions, contact Michele Chivore, Campaign Manager, at [michele.chivore@georgiafoodbankassociation.org](mailto:michele.chivore@georgiafoodbankassociation.org)

## • CACFP Meal Pattern Requirement Changes •

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (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 requirement, 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](#).

To submit a public comment by mail, send your comments to:

Tina Namian  
Branch Chief, Policy and Program Development Division, Child Nutrition Programs, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture  
PO Box 66874  
St. Louis, MO 63166

**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.**

### • Recently Released Policy Memoranda Now Posted Online •



Policy memoranda issued at the end of January and through February is now posted to the DECAL website.

The guidance covers everything from Health and Safety Inspection Requirements to Smoothies Offered in Child Nutrition Programs.

Click [here](#) to access full copies of the memoranda.