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MEMORANDUM

To: All Institutions Participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)

From: Falita S. Flowers, Nutrition Services Director (*Original Signed*)

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Subject: CACFP Updated Meal Pattern On-line Resources

Since 1968, the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) has contributed to the overall good health and wellness of both young children and adults. In fact, over 4 million children and nearly 120,000 adults receive nutritious meals and snacks each day while attending facilities operating this program.

To continue meeting the needs of CACFP participants, the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 (HHFKA) called for the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to review and revise the CACFP meal pattern requirements to better align with the Dietary Guidelines for Americans and to address the current health status of children and adults. Following this call to action, USDA published the updated meal pattern requirements on April 25, 2016.

To aid in CACFP sponsors and institution's implementation of the updated meal pattern requirements, the USDA's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) in conjunction with the Institute of Child Nutrition (ICN) announced its release of the CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements training materials to the new CACFP Meal Pattern Resources webpage! You can directly access these materials by visiting the web page: www.theicn.org/cacfpmp. This webpage features a variety of CACFP training and supplemental materials. Specifically, you can find the 8-hour CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements Training materials, along with other policy and regulatory information. Please feel free to use these resources when training your CACFP personnel and facilities.

****Please be advised, review of the ICN webpage materials does not replace Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Learning (DECAL) mandatory trainings for CACFP participants. Institutions must attend all mandatory trainings.**

Finally, training materials are considered to be living documents. This means, as more policy guidance becomes available, the materials will be updated to reflect the latest guidance. Therefore, prior to using these training materials, please be sure to download the most current version on ICN's Web site. Revised

training files will be marked with the date of revision and a list of changes made to the training materials. As a reminder, all policy memoranda on the updated meal pattern requirements can be found on this web site and the DECAL web site under **CACFP Memos/Meals/Food Service**.

For questions concerning this memorandum, please contact Sonja Adams, Policy Administrator at (404) 651-8193.