

# NUTRITION NEWS

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## • At-Risk Afterschool Meals Survey •



The National CACFP Sponsors Association in conjunction with the Share Our Strength Center for Best Practices is calling CACFP sponsors to complete an At-Risk Afterschool Meals Sponsor Survey.

The purpose of the survey is to better understand the needs, challenges, and successes of sponsoring organizations that participate in the CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Meals Program. Additionally, the organizations would like to understand why CACFP sponsors do not choose to administer the At-Risk Afterschool Meals Program.

The survey should take 15 to 20 minutes to complete. We recommend that current At-Risk sponsors access your October 2015 claim data before starting the survey.

The link to the survey is [here](#). For questions, contact Carolyn Wait of Share our Strength at [cwait@strength.org](mailto:cwait@strength.org).

## • Availability of 2015-2016 School and Racial/Ethnic Data •

The FY 2016 free and reduced-price school data and racial/ethnic data are now available for sponsors to qualify sites to participate in the CACFP and/or At-Risk Afterschool program.

The data is available [here](#) on DECAL's website.

## • Application Update Procedures •



Institutions are required to review and update their application to ensure that a current and accurate application is maintained.

Application updates that require review and re-approval will prevent the submission of a claim. Please refer to the FY 2016 CACFP Application Update Chart for details on application changes/updates that require review, form requirements, and submission requirements. The chart can be found [here](#) on DECAL's website.

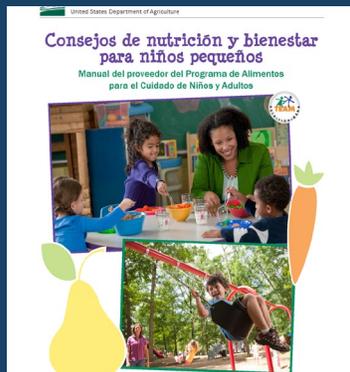
You may also refer to the CNP 2000 CACFP splash page for additional details on application updates and staff contact information.

## • Smart from the Start \$20,000 Grant Available •

The Smart from the Start Grants are designed to encourage preschool teachers to create practical, long-term improvements in nutrition and physical activity at their preschool. Smart from the Start is seeking early childhood education or Head Start centers that offer a Pre-K program to apply for a \$20,000 cash grant. Ten second prize \$2,500 cash grants will also be awarded.

The deadline to apply is Thursday, March 3, 2016. Visit this [link](#) to apply.

## • New Team Nutrition Resources Available in Spanish •



The Spanish-language translation of Nutrition and Wellness Tips for Young Children: Provider Handbook for the CACFP is now available in print and online [here](#).

Child care centers, family day care homes, sponsoring organizations, and others participating in USDA Child Nutrition Programs, including the CACFP, can order free copies [here](#).

Visit this [link](#) for other Team Nutrition Resources in Spanish.

## • New Policy Memoranda and Guidance •

Nutrition Services released new policy guidance for all CACFP institutions. Below is a listing of the guidance.

Policy/Policy Memorandums:

- [Disclosure Requirements for the Child Nutrition Programs](#) (issued 01/13/16)

The policy reminds CACFP institutions of the restrictions on disclosing sensitive information collected through the Child Nutrition Programs.

All CACFP policies and policy memoranda information is available on DE-CAL's website [here](#) and [here](#).