

# NUTRITION NEWS

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## • Group Day Care Home Changes and Deadlines •



In response to HB401 passed by the Georgia General Assembly in 2015, “group day care home” (GDCH) as a facility type has been eliminated effective January 1, 2016. GDCHs are now considered “child care learning centers” with a capacity of seven or more children in care regardless of the relationship to the licensed provider.

**To prevent a lapse in reimbursement, centers need to be approved with an Administrative Sponsor or with DECAL on or before April 30, 2016.**

For more information on these changes, you can view the PowerPoint presentation from the informational webinar conducted in 2015. The webinar, which details the rule changes relating to GDCH and Child Care Services, is accessible on DECAL’s website or by clicking [here](#). Also available on the website or by clicking [here](#) is a frequently asked questions document about these changes.

## • Scholarships Available for the National CACFP Conference •

The National CACFP Sponsors Association (NCA) is hosting its 30th Annual National CACFP Conference April 21-23, 2016 in Orlando, Florida. To help sponsors maximize their budgets, the NCA will award five scholarships for sponsor members of the association to attend the National CACFP Conference. The scholarship includes conference registration, four nights lodging at the conference hotel, and up to \$300 towards transportation costs.

Priority will be given to NCA members who have not been able to attend the conference in the past. The deadline to apply for a conference scholarship is Thursday, January 14, 2016. Click [here](#) to apply.

## • Availability of CACFP Training Plan •



A CACFP training plan that includes available training opportunities for CACFP institutions is available on the DECAL website [here](#). The plan outlines available training, dates, locations, and the audience for whom training is intended.

For all training related questions, contact Training Coordinator Sylvia Boykin at [sylvia.boykin@decals.ga.gov](mailto:sylvia.boykin@decals.ga.gov).

## • Annual Requirements Reminder and Updated Documents Charts •



The 2016 CACFP Annual Training and Annual Certification Requirements are available, and you should have completed them by now. 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 completing 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 did not complete 2016 annual requirements prior to December 30th are no longer eligible for CACFP reimbursement for the month of October 2015. 2016 annual requirements must be completed by January 29th in order to be eligible to file for CACFP reimbursement for the month of November 2015. Institutions that do not complete FY 2016 CACFP annual training and requirements by April 30, 2016 must reapply as a new institution to participate in the CACFP.

Additionally, we want 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 or by clicking [here](#).

## • Recently Release Policy Memoranda •

Several new and updated policies have been issued for the CACFP, including:

- [Guidance on Competitive Procurement Standards for Program Operators](#)
- [Changes to the Eligibility of Day Care Homes and Group Day Care Homes Participating in the CACFP](#)

All CACFP policies and policy memoranda information is available on DECAL's website or by clicking [here](#) and [here](#).