



March 24, 2025

Greetings Child and Adult Food Care Program Providers,

Last week we celebrated **National Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Week!**

DECAL's Nutrition Services would like to **THANK YOU** for your dedication and hard work in ensuring Georgia's children and adults have access to healthy and delicious meals and snacks. Your participation in CACFP Week highlights the incredible impact you make every day. The importance of CACFP cannot be overstated, as it plays a crucial role in promoting good nutrition and well-being across our state.

In Fiscal Year 2024, CACFP provided 68,578,059 meals and snacks through 3,336 centers and sites, supported by 556 sponsors and institutions across 157 (of 159) Georgia counties. Your efforts provide healthy, nutritious meals and snacks, improve the quality of meals served in day care, and help children develop healthy eating habits early in life. Additionally, you increase nutrition security and support overall health and wellness for children and adults across Georgia.

As we celebrate your incredible contributions during CACFP Week, we also want to emphasize the importance of taking care of yourselves. We encourage child and adult care providers to engage in self-care. The care that you provide for children and adults is essential and caring for your well-being is essential, too. Doing small things every day to take care of our minds, bodies, and health not only helps us handle what life brings our way but also helps us to take better care of others. Check out these self-care resources.

- [Remember to Take Care of Yourself](#)
- [CCAoA's Self-Care Challenge Resource](#)
- [CCAoA's Wellness in Child Care Resource](#)

We deeply appreciate your commitment to this essential program and the positive difference you make in so many lives.

March 16-22, 2025

CACFP Week

*Thank You for your
Hard Work & Dedication!*

#DECALNutrition #DECALPhysicalActivity
#CACFPWeekGA



National Child and Adult Care Food Program Week Recap:



The CACFP Week banner, displayed at Georgia's Own Credit Union, highlights our mission to provide nutritious meals through the Child and Adult Care Food Program, promoting healthy communities across the state.



Children at White Oak Learning Academy (Prominence Ct) are excited for each day's activities as they celebrate CACFP Week! From enjoying CACFP creditable meals to engaging in fun, educational activities, it's a week full of learning and healthy living.



Children at A Kid's World Learning Center try cucumber water after outdoor play to celebrate CACFP Week.



Students at White Oak Learning Academy (Cumming) are engaged in a fun and educational activity using the new 2025 CACFP Week matching colors worksheet,

designed to promote learning through play!



DECAL Commissioner Amy Jacobs reads "What's in My Garden? A Food Mystery Book," written by Quality Care for Children, and The Rollins Center at the Atlanta Speech School, to the Pre-K class at Scottdale Early Learning, Inc. A wonderful way to celebrate 2025 CACFP Week and inspire a love for healthy eating, food literacy and learning!



Adults at RossWoods Adult Day Services are joining in the fun by planting. Farm to CACFP adds hands-on activities such as gardening, taste testing, and cooking to promotes healthy living, nutrition, and connecting with where our food comes from.



Children at Scottdale Early Learning, Inc. are engaging in fun yoga sessions to stay healthy and active during CACFP Week! Learning the importance of physical activity and wellness in a fun and interactive way.



fresh strawberries, tuna salad, pita bread & green beans!

Children at White Oak Learning Academy (Grizzle Rd) are enjoying a nutritious, CACFP creditable lunch to celebrate CACFP Week! A great way to fuel their bodies with healthy food while learning the importance of balanced meals.

REGISTER NOW! CACFP Meal Service Summit on Friday, May 2, 2025

We are thrilled to announce that DECAL's Nutrition Service Division will host a CACFP Meal Service Summit on Friday, May 2, 2025, from 8:30 am – 3:30 pm at the Hilton Peachtree City Atlanta Hotel & Conference Center (2443 Highway 54 West Peachtree City, GA 30269). Registration will open at 8:00 am and state-approved hours will be provided.

Register for the Summit to:

- Cultivate Connections: Meet DECAL staff and build your CACFP network
- Foster Creativity: Unleash your innovative side with fresh ideas
- Learn About Resources: Discover tools that will boost your program
- Gain Knowledge: Master CACFP meal patterns, mealtime



settings, recordkeeping, menu planning, food-based education, and serving high-quality meals across the lifespan

Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to elevate your CACFP meal service program and continue to make an impact! **Sign up today and join the fun!**

Together, we can help feed Georgia's Children & Adults.

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