



**Georgia Dept  
of Early Care  
and Learning**  
BRIGHT FROM THE START

September 3, 2024

Greetings Nutrition Providers,

Nutrition Services provides a monthly Training Announcement that includes all training session(s) offered in the upcoming month(s). The following training session(s) will be offered during the month of **October**.

*[Register today!](#)*

### **CACFP and Happy Helpings Training**

**October 1, 2024 – 1:30 - 2:00 pm**

#### ***Tuesday Tip! Building Healthy Habits from the Start: Farm to Early Care and Education***

Are you ready to grow your Farm to ECE program with gardening tips and Georgia grown foods? Join this webinar to learn:

- ideas to incorporate local foods,
- hands-on food & educational activities, and
- tools to increase garden-based education.

**Bonus** - Participants will learn about this year's October Farm to School & Farm to Early Care and Education Month campaign, "ParSLAY the Day," and how your center or home may participate.

***Participants can earn one-half [0.50] state-approved hours for attending this training in its entirety.***

**[\[Register Now\]](#)**

**October 8, 2024 – 10:00 am - 12:00 pm**

#### ***Bid Specifications and Managing Contracts***

Did you know that contract (agreement) management plays a crucial role in the procurement success of the Child and Adult Care Food Program and the Happy Helpings Summer Food Service Program. It also helps ensure that all parties adhere to the terms of the agreement such as the bid specifications and the federal, state, and local regulations. Please join us to learn:

- What is contract management?
- What are the elements of contract management?
- What and how are bid specifications developed?

**[\[Register Now\]](#)**

## CACFP Training Only

**October 21, 2024 – 10:00 am - 12:00 pm**

### ***Memo Monday***

Have you heard about the new meal pattern updates for the next fiscal year? Do you have questions about what changes will be made that are associated with CACFP? Would you like to serve credible smoothies in your Program?

Please join this webinar where we will dive deeper into the following memos:

- **Meal Pattern Updates due to 2020-2025 Dietary Guidelines for Americans – June 28, 2024**
- **Geographic Preference Expansion Related to the Final Rule titled, Child Nutrition Programs: Meal Patterns Consistent With the 2020-2025 Dietary Guidelines for Americans – May 22, 2024**
- **Smoothies Offered in Child Nutrition Programs with Questions and Answers – June 28, 2024**

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**October 29, 2024 – 10:00 am - 12:00 pm**

### ***How to Complete the Income Eligibility Statement (IES) Form***

Are you unsure about how to complete the Income Eligibility Statement form? Do you wonder if it is completed correctly?

Join us to learn how to complete this form.

[\[Register Now\]](#)

#### **Notes:**

##### **This is a two-step process:**

- **Step 1:** After registering in GA ATLAS, you will receive a Training Confirmation email *immediately* from Georgia DECAL Help Desk -[helpdesk@cnpus.com](mailto:helpdesk@cnpus.com) with a registration link to attend the webinar (**check your spam/junk folder**).
- **Step 2:** You must then register for the training using the link provided on the Training confirmation e-mail.
- If you should have an issue with registering, please contact Leslie Truman prior to the day of training.
- **Click here** if you need a refresher on how to register for training in GA ATLAS.

Please note: Only the Program Contact (PC) can self-register within GA ATLAS. If an additional person will be attending, please contact Leslie Truman, Administrative Assistant, at (404) 657-1779 for assistance.

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