

CACFP MONTHLY UPDATE

Maine

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Child and Adult Care Food Program

Healthy habits that last a lifetime!

Welcome, Troy, to the Maine CACFP Team!

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WELCOME



TROY FULLMER JOINED THE DOE CHILD NUTRITION TEAM ON SEPTEMBER 11TH AS A CACFP NUTRITION CONSULTANT. PRIOR TO COMING TO DOE, HE WORKED FOR OVER SIX YEARS WITH THE STATE OF MAINE CDC AS THE MANAGER OF THE DIABETES AND CARDIOVASCULAR HEALTH PROGRAM; AND FOR OVER SIX YEARS WITH THE MAINE STATE HOUSING AUTHORITY MANAGING SEVERAL STATE AND FEDERALLY FUNDED HOUSING PROGRAMS. BEFORE WORKING FOR THE MAINE CDC, TROY MANAGED NUTRITION SERVICES FOR A HEAD START PROGRAM FOR 10 YEARS, IN WHICH HE WORKED CLOSELY WITH THE CACFP. TROY ALSO HAS SEVERAL YEARS OF EXPERIENCE AS A SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE DIRECTOR WORKING WITH THE NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH AND BREAKFAST PROGRAMS. HE IS EXCITED TO BE WORKING FOR DOE AND LOOKS FORWARD TO MEETING AND WORKING WITH CACFP SPONSORS AND PROVIDERS.

JOIN US IN WELCOMING TROY TO THE CACFP TEAM!!

Resources have been updated for 2024!

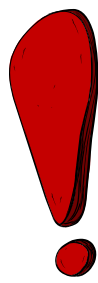
Follow this link

<https://www.maine.gov/doe/schools/nutrition/cacfp/resources>

and click on the “Limited English Proficiency Resources” tab to access resources in French, Portuguese, Somali, Spanish, and Vietnamese. Reach out to the CACFP team if other languages are needed.



The Administrative Review and E-Review Training can be found under the “Presentations and Helpful Tools” tab on the Resources page as well!



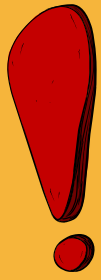
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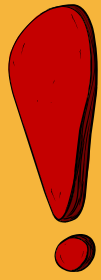
TODAY, USDA'S FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICE (FNS) PUBLISHED A FINAL RULE, CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS: COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY PROVISION - INCREASING OPTIONS FOR SCHOOLS.

THIS FINAL RULE AMENDS THE COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY PROVISION (CEP) REGULATIONS BY LOWERING THE MINIMUM IDENTIFIED STUDENT PERCENTAGE (ISP) FROM 40 PERCENT TO 25 PERCENT. LOWERING THE MINIMUM ISP WILL GIVE STATES AND SCHOOLS GREATER FLEXIBILITY TO OFFER MEALS TO ALL ENROLLED STUDENTS AT NO COST WHEN FINANCIALLY VIABLE.

THE FINAL RULE IS AVAILABLE TO VIEW ON THE FEDERAL REGISTER. VISIT COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY PROVISION | FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICE (USDA.GOV) FOR MORE INFORMATION, INCLUDING THE SUMMARY OF FINAL RULE.



2024 Agreement Note



Thank you for your patience as we work through reviewing 2024 Agreement Renewals. We will have their review complete and corrections needed sent your way within the coming weeks.

As you all know, the Maine CACFP Team has been short staff since Cindy's retirement. We are grateful for your support and understanding during this transition time. We are excited to have Troy Fullmer now on board to help with Agreements, Reviews, and New Programs!

Continue to reach out to your Agreement Reviewer if there are any questions.

HARVEST OF THE MONTH 2024 RE-PLEDGE!

The Maine Harvest of the Month (HOM) is a campaign that helps to promote the use of seasonally available, local products in schools, institutions, and communities. The program, which highlights a different Maine product each month, aims to provide students with local and healthy produce, while supporting Maine's farmers and producers. Harvest of the Month products must be grown or caught in Maine.



WE ARE ASKING THAT ALL SPONSORS WHO WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HARVEST OF THE MONTH PROGRAM TO REPLEDGE THIS YEAR!

THIS IS TO ENSURE WE HAVE UP TO DATE INFORMATION AND MAILING ADDRESSES ON FILE. THOSE THAT DO NOT REPLEDGE WILL NOT RECEIVE THE MONTHLY TOOLKITS FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR.

WE ALSO WELCOME NEW HOM SITES WHO WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS GREAT PROGRAM!

To pledge, please visit:
<https://www.maine.gov/doe/harvestofthemonth/cacfp>

We will be mailing out HOM toolkits in the coming weeks, so please complete the pledge ASAP!



Potatoes
JANUARY



Root vegetables
FEBRUARY



Protein
MARCH



Dairy
APRIL



Wild Blueberries
MAY



Leafy Greens
JUNE



Summer Squash
JULY



Cucumbers
AUGUST



Tomatoes
SEPTEMBER



Apples
OCTOBER



Brassicas
NOVEMBER



Winter Squash
DECEMBER

MAINE

Harvest of the Month



UPCOMING TRAININGS & EVENTS



We received great feedback regarding our summer **CACFP Open Office Hours**, so we plan to continue our **CACFP Open Office Hours** throughout the year!

We're offering optional, virtual open office hours on the third Friday of the month from 9 a.m. - 10 a.m. from September through May. We'll offer more open office hours during the months of June - August, our annual agreement renewal time.

Our virtual **CACFP Open Office Hours** are a great time to "stop in" with any CACFP-related questions you may have. There are no planned discussion topics, it's just a chance for you to ask questions in a more relaxed, informal setting.

Virtual Open Office Hour Dates



- October 10th: 9 a.m.- 10 a.m.
- November 17th: 9 a.m.- 10 a.m.
- December 15th: 9 a.m.- 10 a.m.
- January 19th: 9 a.m.- 10 a.m.
- February 16th: 9 a.m.- 10 a.m.
- March 15th: 9 a.m.- 10 a.m.
- April 19th: 9 a.m.- 10 a.m.
- May 17th: 9 a.m.- 10 a.m.



Go to the following link to join!

[https://teams.microsoft.com/dl/launcher/launcher.html?url=%2F_%23%2F%2Fmeetup-join%2F19%3Ameeting_NjE1OGExYjktOTg5Ny00ZjY4LTgxZjltMzExYTEyMWNjM2Mw%40thread.v2%2F0%3Fcontext%3D%257b%2522Tid%2522%253a%2522413fa8ab-207d-4b62-9bcd-
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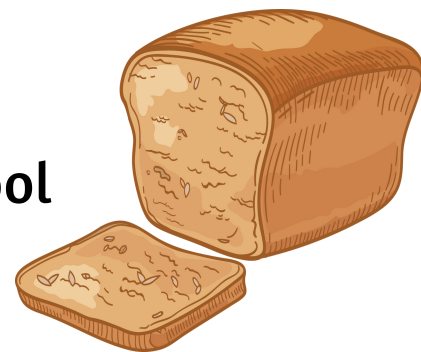
Team Nutrition released two new training modules featuring the Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs (FBG).

These modules provide a step-by-step tour through the **Exhibit A Grains Tool** and **FBG Calculator** available on the FBG Interactive Web-Based Tool and Mobile App. Each module provides an in-depth look at each tool and interactive knowledge checks to assist the learner.



Topics covered include:

- Module 4: Exhibit A Grains Tool
- Module 5: FBG Calculator



These modules and other trainings such as webinar recordings can be accessed on the Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs: Training Resources

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/food-buying-guide-training-resources>

Also check out modules 1, 2, and 3 on the Institute of Child Nutrition's iLearn Portal. **<http://elearning.theicn.org/learn>**

Save the Date!

CACFP Week is
March 10th - 16th 2024



UPCOMING TRAININGS & EVENTS

Virtual CACFP Basic Training

November 8th, 2023, 9:00AM-1:00PM

Free training for new staff or a refresher for our experienced sponsors.

Registration required.

<https://forms.microsoft.com/g/aMDDQHHNaH>



How to enroll in the Child and Adult Care Food Program:

DOE works with a variety of programs across the state to make CACFP work. To enroll in CACFP, contact one of the sponsoring agencies in your community listed below.

Androscoggin

Androscoggin Head Start & Child Care
dba Promise Early Education
207-795-4040 ext. 327

Community Concepts, Inc.
207-739-6579

Family Focus
cacfp@familyfocusme.org
207-406-4573 ext. 115

Western Maine Community Action
207-860-4485
****Uvermore and Leeds Only****

Aroostook

Aroostook County Action Program
207-764-3721 ext. 125

Horizons Unlimited, Inc.
207-764-6659

Cumberland

Family Focus
cacfp@familyfocusme.org
207-406-4573 ext. 115

Franklin

Androscoggin Head Start & Child Care
dba Promise Early Education
207-795-4040 ext. 327
****Jay Only****

Community Concepts, Inc.
207-739-6579

Western Maine Community Action
207-860-4485

Hancock

Downeast Community Partners
207-610-5164

Penquis
207-852-7779

Kennebec

Androscoggin Head Start & Child Care
dba Promise Early Education
207-795-4040 ext. 327
****West Gardiner, Uitchfield, Winthrop, and Monmouth Only****

Penquis
207-852-7779

****Uitchfield, Manchester, Monmouth, Oakland, West Gardiner, and Winthrop Only**

So. Kennebec Child Development Corp. (SKDC)
207-582-3110 ext. 117

Knox

Penquis
207-852-7779

Lincoln

Family Focus
cacfp@familyfocusme.org
207-406-4573 ext. 115

Penquis
207-852-7779

Oxford

Community Concepts, Inc.
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Western Maine Community Action
207-860-4485

Penobscot

Downeast Community Partners
207-610-5164

Penquis
207-852-7779

Piscataquis

Penquis
207-852-7779

Sagadahoc

Androscoggin Head Start & Child Care
dba Promise Early Education
207-795-4040 ext. 327
****Topsham, Bowdoin, and Bath Only****

Family Focus
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Somerset

Penquis
207-852-7779

Western Maine Community Action
207-860-4485

Waldo

Downeast Community Partners
207-610-5164

Penquis
207-852-7779

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207-338-6809

Washington

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