



WECA CACFP Provider Memo April 2009

20 years with WECA CACFP during April

Congratulations on 20 years with the WECA Food Program! Thank you for your continued support of WECA CACFP, for your dedication to Wisconsin's children, and to the principles of good nutrition.

Melva Harkness Sharon Thompson

15 years with WECA CACFP in April

Congratulations on your 15th anniversary with WECA CACFP! Thank you for your continued dedication to the children of Wisconsin.

Kathy Lindstrom

10 years with WECA CACFP during April

Congratulations on your 10th anniversary with the WECA Food Program! Thank you for all you do for children.

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Area Coordinator Collette Ross shares tips

When meat prices increase, plan ahead and buy carefully.

Once a week serve an egg dish, like deviled eggs, baked eggs, or egg in toast. Plan a hearty meal, such as a stew, or meat loaf and mashed potatoes. Include a favorite like hot dogs or chicken nuggets. Serve a pasta dish like spaghetti with meatballs or goulash. Add a sandwich meal such as grilled cheese, sub, or peanut butter plus a slice of cheese.

When planning these meat items, vary your combinations of fruits and vegetables to add variety to the menus. Remember to shop seasonally and always plan ways to use your leftovers. [2/2]

SHARE Wisconsin food-buying club

SHARE Wisconsin is a nonprofit food-buying club with a volunteer-run, community-based distribution system. The organization states it can save you 30 to 50 percent over grocery store prices.

Distribution sites are located in many Wisconsin communities. Quest or Link FoodShare cards are accepted. And food orders can be placed online!

Visit www.sharewi.org or call 800-548-2124. [2/2]



2009 CACFP training – that's peachy!

Annual training is a food program requirement. This year, your area coordinator will distribute your peach-colored training packet at a home visit.

For 2009, resolve to complete your training right away. Then file it in your record keeping binder for your area coordinator's next home visit. [2/2]

Child enrollment forms

The parent/guardian of each child in care must complete and sign the Child Enrollment Form for his/her own child.

It is your responsibility to review the information on each Child Enrollment Form before you sign it and send to the WECA Food Program office.

The circles on each form must be filled in accurately and completely with number 2 pencil (not pen), so you don't lose reimbursement for affected child(ren). Forms are scanned into our computer; the scanner reads only the filled-in circles. It does not read what is written on the form.

If you have questions, please contact your area coordinator. [2/2]

Help yourself succeed during tough times

Go to www.resourcesforchildcaring.org for "How to Promote Your Business During a Recession." Click on For Child Care Providers, The Business of Child Care, Marketing, All Materials, Articles. [2/2]

cacfp.net™ website reminders

- When logging in, be certain you are using the correct website address:
www.cacfp.net/mfcc/.
- Your PIN must be the four-digit PIN you were assigned by WECA.
- Be aware that other food program sponsors and their providers also use the website. Certain times of the day or month may be busier than others, so plan accordingly.
- Delete Internet cookies periodically, or you may have problems logging in.
- The email address for cacfp.net technical assistance is info@cacfp.net.
- If you have other questions, call the online help line at 800-783-9322, ext. 8021. [1/2]



When are reimbursement checks mailed?

If your claim (on scanned forms or online) is received on time (by the fifth of the month following the claim month), you will receive your CACFP check early in the following month. For example, if you submit your March claim by the April fifth deadline, you will receive your check early in May.

Checks are usually mailed between the fifth and the tenth of each month, when WECA CACFP receives the funds to cover the checks.

To learn the specific mailing date, call 800-783-9322, press 4001 and listen to the message. If the message hasn't been updated, it means that we do not yet know the mailing date. The information is updated just as soon as we know.

If you have direct deposit, an e-mail message is sent to the address WECA CACFP has on file for you informing you of the deposit date. Be sure that we have your current e-mail address. [1/2]

Using Master Menus and Custom Menus online

Master Menus and Custom Menus cannot be used with the cacfp.net™ online claiming program. The program cannot process this type of information.

If you use Master Menus or Custom Menus with cacfp.net™, you will receive deductions for all affected meals and snacks. [1/2]

Did you know?

In fiscal year 2007-2008, the WECA Food Program processed and reimbursed a total of about \$6.2 million dollars in food program claims for providers all around Wisconsin.

That's a lot of healthy meals and snacks for children in care! [1/1]



When April showers keep children inside

If April showers keep children from playing outside, here are some resources you may not know about.

The Crawford the Cat™ website has free coloring pages for you to print. Also featured are short videos aimed at Pre-K through first grade children. Topics include hygiene, exercising, putting away toys, and good manners. Visit the site at www.crawfordthecat.com.

Also, Henry the Hand™ has posters and a coloring book available. Children learn about germs and why it's always important to wash our hands. Go to www.henrythehand.com. [1/1]

America Online™ and cacfp.net™

The Internet Service Provider America Online (AOL)™ is not compatible with the cacfp.net™ online claiming program. We are not aware of compatibility issues with any other Internet Service Provider at this time. Internet browsers compatible with cacfp.net™ are Windows Internet Explorer™ and Mozilla Firefox™. [1/2]