



The WECA CACFP Provider Connection



WECA CACFP anniversaries in April

Thank you to all WECA CACFP providers for your continued support of the WECA Food Program and for your dedication to children throughout Wisconsin. Together, we make a difference in the lives of almost 20,000 Wisconsin children each year!

20 years

Barbara Schneeberger

15 years

Denise Stanchik

10 years

Sharlene Gjonnes

Bonnie Gunnarson

5 years

Lenore Borum

Hope Engen

Brenda Flannery

La'Dena Ford

Charlene Kalata

Grace Maldonado

Bessie Peavy

Sabrina Sims

Cynthia Stainbrook

Barbara Sterr

Tong Vang



When you serve homemade combination foods

Whenever you serve a homemade food that combines ingredients from two or more food groups, be sure to list each component. A few examples are casseroles, pizza, tacos or taco salad, lasagna, etc.

For example, if you serve homemade sausage pizza for lunch, list sausage (meat), crust (bread), and tomato sauce (vegetable/fruit). Then serve and list another creditable fruit or vegetable, and don't forget the milk!

We love to pay you properly, but unfortunately we don't know everyone's recipes! [2/2]

No Child Information Form? No problem!

Do you have Internet access? You can use our online fillable forms just like online claimers do! No more printing/sending a Child Information Form with your paper claim.

Use online forms to tell us:

- **Holiday care documentation.**
- **When a school-age child is in care.**
- **Updates to child information (drop a child from care, correct a date of birth, correct the spelling of a name, etc.).**
- **Your new address and/or phone.**
- **Your current email address.**
- **When a parent supplies solids for an infant.**
- **When you are withdrawing from the WECA Food Program.**
- **Provider's assistant information (new).**

Go to wisconsinearlychildhood.org. Click on Food Program and choose Online Forms. Select and complete the proper form, scroll down, enter the security code, and click on Send.

From the CACFP.Net website, take the shortcut. Just click below the purple line, on "Click here to access forms on WECA's website."

The deadline for receipt of fillable forms is the fifth of the month following the claim month.

Always review your Child Information Form on CACFP.Net. This information comes from the forms you submit, and determines how your claim is paid. Incorrect information is provider error and is not adjustable, but we can correct the information so it won't affect another claim. [2/3]



Using leftovers safely

Leftovers are probably an important part of your menu plan. Use them wisely to save time and money.

If not stored or reheated properly, leftovers can become infected with bacteria that cause foodborne illnesses. These illnesses can be very serious for children, pregnant women, and the elderly.

To use leftovers safely, follow these guidelines:

- Wash your hands before handling leftovers, and always use clean utensils.
- Divide large amounts of leftovers and store them in small, covered containers for quick cooling in the fridge.
- Put a date on leftovers so they can be used within a safe time.
- If you store poultry or other stuffed meats, remove the stuffing and refrigerate it separately.
- When reheating sauces, soups, and gravies, bring them to a boil. Heat other leftovers thoroughly to 165° Fahrenheit.
- If you microwave leftovers, cover them so they heat thoroughly.
- Don't taste leftover food that looks or smells strange. If in doubt, throw it out!



Offer a variety of foods

Be sure to offer kids a variety of nutrients; avoid feeding the same food at the same meal or snack. If your lunchtime chili contains tomatoes and tomato juice, that's the same fruit/vegetable, tomatoes. Serve an additional fruit or vegetable.

At snacks, serve foods from two of the four groups. Also, serving only 100% juice and milk at a snack is not creditable because both are fluids. [2/2]

Q: What should a doctor give a sick bird?

A: Tweetment!



A new online form is available

Due to popular demand, the Statement for Providers with Assistants form is now available online at wisconsinearlychildhood.org as a fillable form. Click on Food Program, then Online Forms.

Remember that it's your responsibility to inform WECA whenever you have a new assistant, and also when you are no longer using an assistant.

Deadline for receipt of online forms is always the fifth of the month following the claim month. [2/2]

April's Web Wanderings....

Visit teachersandfamilies.com for games, reading suggestions, and other resources.

Go to zerotothree.org for resources on many topics and training for childcare professionals.

You told us: here's how Christie does it!

Christie Schreier, Monroe County, has been a WECA provider since March 2000. Here are a few ways she gets kids to eat their veggies:

- "One trick that I do (and the kids have no clue!) is to shred carrots and cook them with meat, like hamburger, for spaghetti sauce."
- "I also chop mushrooms very, very small and add them to pizza sauce, stews, or gravy."
- "When my own kids were growing up, they had to eat one of the two vegetables I served at meals. They had to eat a full serving, depending on their age at the time."

Tell us how you deal with the challenges of feeding children properly. Call Rita at 800-783-9322, ext. 7237, or <mailto:rschmidt@wecanaeyc.org>. [1/1]

access.wi.gov is for everyone

This website is available for anyone who wants to know:

- What state or federal programs are available?
- What are the eligibility requirements?
- Am I eligible?
- If I am eligible, how do I apply?

If you apply for income-eligibility based on household size/income (FoodShare), use the site to get the required FoodShare documentation to submit to WECA with your application. [1/2]