



The WECA CACFP Provider Connection February 2010

Provider recognitions for February

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

20 years

Tammy Bakalars	Vivian Kind
Judy Nofsinger	Kathryn Shisler

15 years

Cynthia Bever	Dawn Fowler
Linda Gade	Joann James
Bonnie Reed	Deborah Wiegert
Virginia Willingham	

10 years

Clara Barber

5 years

Susan Handler	Gladys Pate
Tammy Schultz	Michelle White

Claim online – no more menu bubbles to fill in!

- In November, you learned that duplicate day errors can't happen when you claim online.
- Last month, we told you that infants claimed online are automatically in the right age category, according to the information you submit on the Child Enrollment Form.

Online claimers say they really like online claiming because there are no more menu bubbles to fill in.

Stop searching for your #2 pencil! No more holey bubbles or messy bubbles that give you errors.

Bubbles with holes may not be read at all by the food program scanner. This is provider error and is not adjustable (see the 12/06 WECA CACFP Provider Manual, p. 58).

Try claiming online. Talk to your area coordinator, or call 800-783-9322 and talk to Mary N. at ext. 7238, or Rita at ext. 7237. [1/1]

Serve a variety of vegetables

How many different vegetables did you serve last month? It's easy to always serve the same veggies in the same ways because that's what kids like to eat.

Here are a few ways to add variety to the fruits and vegetables that you serve:

- √ Serve fresh veggies with low-fat yogurt or cottage cheese for dipping.
- √ Red cabbage or dark greens create a colorful salad.
- √ Offer vegetables with more fiber, like a cooked dry beans, broccoli, potatoes with skin, and carrots.
- √ Add green peppers, mushrooms, and onions to the top of your homemade pizza.
- √ If you grow a garden, have the children help you plant vegetables. Research shows that kids are more willing to eat what they help to grow.

How do you get your day care children to eat veggies, or to try new veggies? Tell us about it. E-mail Rita at rschmidt@wecanaeyc.org or leave a message at 800-783-9322, ext. 7237.



'Tis the season for hot chocolate

Remember that only hot chocolate made with fluid milk can be credited toward the food program milk requirement. [1/2]

Do we have your correct e-mail address?

E-mail is a quick and easy way for us to contact you without interrupting your busy day with a call.

To update your information, go to the WECA website at wisconsinearlychildhood.org, click on Food Program, then Online Forms. Complete the form, then scroll down and Send. [2/2]

Q: What did the mayonnaise say to the refrigerator?

A: Please close the door! I'm dressing!

Credit: Association for Child Development. *Potpourri*, November 2009.

Resources for Child Caring

Resources for Child Caring (formerly Redleaf National Institute), at resourcesforchildcaring.org, has resources especially for family child care providers. Click on For Child Care Providers, and then choose from the drop-down menu. [2/2]



A name change

WECA's *Provider Memo* is now *The WECA CACFP Provider Connection*. This is one way we connect with you and share information throughout the year.

The *Provider Memo* and *The Provider Connection* are available to view/print at wisconsinearlychildhood.org. Click on Food Program, then select Downloads. [2/2]

Complete your training for your next home visit

Your annual training is a food program requirement.

This year, complete your 2010 yellow training packet right away, so you won't forget.

Then save it in your record keeping binder for your area coordinator's next home visit, so she can give you credit for it. [1/1]

February Web Wanderings....

Visit the Wisconsin State Historical Society at wisconsinhistory.org for paper dolls and a video. Click on Teachers and Students, and then click on Just for Fun.

Go to nourishinteractive.com for nutrition resources, such as coloring pages, available in Spanish and English. Click on Health and Nutrition Educators and select Free Printables.

You only need to create an account to access the full version of the Chef Solus games and the Food Pyramid Adventure game. [1/1]

How to request an adjustment

When you receive your food program reimbursement, and believe your claim wasn't paid properly, complete and submit a Claim Adjustment Form to the WECA food program office.

Forms are available on the WECA website at wisconsinearlychildhood.org. Click on Food Program, Downloads, Downloadable Forms. Select and print the Claim Adjustment form. Or contact your area coordinator and request a form.

- The completed form, and any required documentation, must be received by the 20th day of the month in which the affected reimbursement check was received.
- Adjustments are not made on late claims.
- Adjustments cannot be made for provider error, including late or missing paperwork.
- Adjustments can be made for processing errors by the WECA CACFP office. [2/2]



Please look at your Child Information Form

If you file on scanned forms, you should send a current Child Information Form ("green sheet") with each claim. The green sheet includes names of all children in care who were enrolled in our database at the time the sheet was printed.

Dates of birth, enrollment dates, and ages, as well as child ID numbers, are listed. The child ID number on the green sheet is the same number you must use to claim that child for proper payment.

Each child's information comes from the scanned child enrollment form that you submit. If any information is incorrect, the information in our database will also be incorrect. You may not be paid properly.

Incorrect information on child enrollment forms is provider error, and is not adjustable. Let us know right away if anything needs to be fixed, so it won't affect another claim.

The green sheet is also where you must note Holiday Care and School-age Care.

Contact your area coordinator with questions. [1/2]