



The WECA CACFP Provider Connection July August 2010

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15 years

Kimberlyn Schwake

10 years

Marva Nash

Joyce Russell

Jackie Westlund

Terry Wiegert

5 years

Lakeisha Cole

Traci Frisque

Kati Hanson

Karen Ingalls

Jessica Otto

Cheryl Rieck

Shannon Sprosty

Becky Tratar

Did you receive your new tier information?

All income forms expired June 30, 2010, no matter when they were approved. Each current provider was mailed new tier information on the last day in June. New providers will be sent forms as needed.

Your tier determines how much you are paid. Tier one is the higher rate.

The deadline for receipt of tier forms is Friday, July 30. Federal rules do not allow adjustments for late, missing, or incomplete tier paperwork.

If you don't receive new tier information by July 16, contact Mary T. at 800-783-9322, ext. 7246.

School-age documentation

Take a break from submitting school-age documentation for the summer. Documentation is only required September through May.



A new schedule for the *Provider Connection*

Beginning with this issue, the *Provider Connection* will be printed every two months.

That means just a little less mail for all of us!

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Angela Bliese

Sherlon Butler

Lisa Klumb

5 years

Cheryl Bielich

Tammy Connor

Itesha Horton

Christy Kessler

Deloris Morgan

Doris Roundtree

Tara Taylor

No home-canned foods

Remember that home-canned foods are not creditable on the Child and Adult Care Food Program.

If you do infant care

You are required to offer, at no cost to parents, at least one approved iron-fortified infant formula to every infant in care. **Write the name of the formula on the Parent/Provider Formula Agreement that you submit for the infant.** You must offer formula even if the infant now gets breast milk, or if the parent supplies the formula [continued].

- [Continued] If you change your agreement regarding who supplies what, send a new Parent/Provider Formula Agreement to the WECA office. Write “revised” on it.
- Inform us whenever a parent brings solid food for an infant. You must supply at least one infant menu item to be paid for that infant meal/snack.
- All solid foods supplied by the parent must be highlighted in yellow on scanned Infant Menu/Attendance Forms.
- If you claim online with CACFP.Net, complete and submit the “Infant Food Provided” online form at (continued) wisconsinearlychildhood.org (under Food Program, Online Forms).
- Providers who claim with C-K Kids (Minute Menu) must include the required information in Claim Notes, located under the Meal Counts tab.
- See pp. 38 and 40 in your 8/09 Provider Manual for more information.



Child re-enrollment time is coming

It will soon be time to re-enroll all children who are currently in your care. In late August, all providers will be sent the annual Child Re-enrollment Packet.

Remember to return the entire packet to the WECA office before October 5, 2010.

About commercial combination foods

A commercial combination food is a processed food product combining two or more menu components into one food item, like pizza, lasagna, and corn dogs.

To be creditable, the item must meet food program requirements, and must match exactly the product code on the approved products list. You must meet meal pattern requirements for each child.

If a product isn't on the list, call the 800 number on its package and request a product analysis sheet. That will tell you how much of each component is in a serving. Keep this information on file in your binder. Your area coordinator will ask to see the product package or the child nutrition (CN) label when she does a home visit [continued].

[Continued] Many commercial combination foods are expensive and contain extra fat, sugar, and salt that aren't good for kids. Try to limit these items, and serve homemade items to children in care as often as possible.

See pp. 46-51 of your 8/09 Provider Manual for more information.

Cucumber and tomato salad

2 tablespoons plain low-fat or nonfat yogurt
 2 tablespoons low-fat mayonnaise
 1 teaspoon brown sugar 1 teaspoon cider vinegar
 ½ teaspoon reduced-sodium soy sauce
 2 c. cucumbers, peeled and cubed
 2 c. cherry tomatoes, washed and halved

In a serving bowl, mix the first five ingredients well. Add the cucumbers and tomatoes, and gently toss with the yogurt mixture. Serve immediately.
 (Recipe makes 16 vegetable servings for 3-5 year-olds at lunch or dinner.)

Credit: Featured Recipes, *Potpourri*, July 2009. Association for Child Development.

Joke of the month

Q: What did the duck say when she bought the lipstick?

A: Put it on my bill, please. 😊

July Web Wanderings

Go to safelink.com for information about qualifying for a free cell phone and monthly air time. Information is in Spanish, also. Or you can call 800-977-3768.

On a rainy day, visit Reading is Fundamental at rif.org. Scroll down, select, and print Free Bilingual Activity Book. Some information is in Spanish.



Don't forget the Provider Referral Program!

Refer a regulated family child care provider, who is not currently on a food program, to WECA. For every provider you refer, you'll get a \$25 gift card redeemable at Lakeshore Learning for a variety of materials.

Visit the Lakeshore Learning website at lakeshorelearning.com to see what's available. Prices start at less than five dollars. You can also call 800-421-5354 to request a free catalog.

We have a limited amount of cards left. Contact your area coordinator today to start the referral process!