



The WECA CACFP Provider Connection

☘March 2010☘

The correct provider recognitions for January

Our sincere apologies to providers whose names were overlooked for January recognition. [The editor has a red face!] The correct names are below.

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WECA CACFP anniversaries in January

15 years

Glenda Bonn	Carol Mallman
Dawn Martin	Cathy Mlodzik
Sue Schultz	Vickie Wieman

10 years

Sueanne Ebert	Amy Nogar
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5 years

Natalie Everts	Jennifer Martinez
Taleka Saffold-Gordon	

March's Web Wanderings....

The USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline answers food safety questions, Monday through Friday. Call 888-674-6854 (English/Spanish), or e-mail fsis@usda.gov.

Go to activityvillage.co.uk, click on Printables, and scroll down. You'll find fun certificates, masks, coloring pages, paper dolls, and more.

Offer a variety of foods

To help children get a variety of nutrients, avoid feeding the same food at a meal or snack. For example, at lunch, if your chili contains tomatoes and tomato juice, that's only one fruit/vegetable, tomatoes. Serve an additional fruit or vegetable. At snacks, serve foods from two different groups.

Also, serving only 100% juice and milk at a snack will be disallowed, because both are fluids. [1/2]



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Claudia Stoltz

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Shirley Obermann

10 years

Lynne Bond	Nutrina Brown
Wendy Larson	Christine Mundt
Christie Schreier	Jodie Tornow
Beth Tuesburg	

5 years

Dawn Bard	Rhonda Casper
Evah Hamilton	Bonnie Hesselman
Janett Lozada	Linda Nuernberger
Sheryl Robley	Tonya Waite

Have you finished your taxes?

If your household circumstances have changed, you may be eligible for the higher tier one rates.

And if you receive the lower rates for children in care, day care parents may be eligible for tier one if their household circumstances have changed.

All tier forms are available on the WECA website.

Call Mary T. at 800-783-9322, ext. 7246, with questions, or to have forms mailed to you. [1/1]

A new online form is available

The Statement for Providers with Assistants is now available online at wisconsinearlychildhood.org as a fill-able form. Click on Food Program, Online Forms.

Deadline for receipt of online forms is always the fifth of the month following the claim month. [1/2]

Have you tried our online fill-able forms?

All providers with Internet access can use WECA's online fill-able forms. You do not have to claim online to use them.

Visit the WECA website at wisconsinearlychildhood.org and click on Food Program. Choose Online Forms, select and complete the proper form, scroll down, enter the security code, and click on Send.

Use online forms to tell us:

- **Holiday Care documentation.**
- **Updates to Child Information (drop a child from care, correct a date of birth, correct a spelling, etc.).**
- **Your new address and/or phone.**
- **Your current e-mail address.**
- **When a parent supplies solids for an infant.**
- **When you are withdrawing from the WECA Food Program.**
- **Provider's Assistant information (new form).**

The deadline for receipt of fill-able forms is the fifth of the month following the claim month.

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

Be sure to review your Child Information Form on CACFP.Net. This information comes from the forms you submit to the office, 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. If you see a problem, let us know right away. [1/3]

Serving homemade combination foods

When you serve a casserole, pizza, lasagna, or any homemade food that combines ingredients from two or more food groups, list each individual component. We want to pay you properly, but we don't know your recipes!

For example, if you serve homemade sausage pizza for lunch, list sausage (meat), crust (bread), and tomato sauce (vegetable/fruit). Be sure to serve and list another creditable fruit or vegetable.

Don't forget the milk! [1/2]



Question: Why did the bacon laugh?

Answer: Because the egg cracked a yolk!

March is National Nutrition Month® and National CACFP Week

National Nutrition Month® was created by the American Dietetic Association (eatright.org) as an opportunity to stress the importance of combining good nutrition with physical activity.

National CACFP Week is March 14-20, 2010. The week creates a special opportunity for all of us to:

- Educate parents and community about the food program and how it helps you serve nutritious meals and snacks to kids.
- Promote proper nutrition for children.
- Ensure long-term health benefits for children.

The nutritious foods you serve are vital to the care you provide each day, and help kids establish good lifelong eating habits.

Wisconsin currently has seven family day home sponsors (like WECA) monitoring about 3,500 family day care homes all around the state.

Pay attention to your Child Information Form

If you file on paper menu forms, and can't use online fill-able forms (see left), be sure to send your Child Information Form (CIF) each month.

Look carefully at the information on your CIF. If something is wrong, your claim might not be paid correctly. So let us know right away. We can fix it before it affects another claim.

The CIF is also where you'll write Holiday Care and School-age Care.

If you lose your CIF, use a sheet of paper to list the names and numbers of children in care, and to let us know about School-age or Holiday Care. [2/2]

Special supplement on WECA website

Visit wisconsinearlychildhood.org to view/print a special supplement to this month's *Provider Connection*. This page is only available on the WECA website.

