



Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)

February 2025 Newsletter

Highlights in this month's issue:

- New online training module, “**Reducing Added Sugars.**”
- Register for our next **Thinking Thursday** training webinar.
- United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) Requests for Information **Webinar: Child Nutrition Programs Tribal Pilot Projects.**

Slow cooker and no cook CACFP recipes:

Available in English and Spanish on the [Child Nutrition Recipe Box](#) Site.

Crunchy Hawaiian Chicken Wrap



Ages 6-18

1 wrap (two halves) provides 2 oz equivalent meat, ½ cup vegetable, and 1¾ oz equivalent grains.

Slow Cooker Beef Goulash



Ages 3-5

½ cup goulash and ¼ cup cooked noodles provide 1 ½ oz equivalent meat, ¼ cup vegetable, and ½ oz equivalent grains.

Thinking Thursday Webinars

February 20, 2025



Registration is required for these free 1-hour sessions; attend the entire session to receive a certificate for your participation. Register here:

[https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN PYQsaCktSBS1IVua0I99Fw](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_PYQsaCktSBS1IVua0I99Fw)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email with information about joining the webinar.

CACFP Website News:

Please visit our [training page](#) to see our latest website updates. We have restructured our page for better user experience. Thank you for your patience while we made these changes to better serve our sponsors.



New Online Training Module: [Reducing Added Sugars](#)

Take a look at the new standards for added sugar as established in the [April 2024 USDA Final Rule](#) for the SNP meal patterns, and explore menu strategies to reduce added sugars to meet these standards. Course resources include [Added Sugars Fact Sheets](#) from the Institute of Child Nutrition (ICN).

Access issues to the MiND system or NexSys?

Please contact MDE-ONS-Access@michigan.gov if you have access issues.

Reminder: your assigned analyst may have changed.

Find your assigned analyst on our website under ["contact us"](#). You may also call us at 517-241-5353.

Save the Dates!

March is National Nutrition Month

March 3-7, 2025 - National School Breakfast Week

March 16-22, 2025 - National CACFP Week

Celebrate **CACFP** Week

March 16-22, 2025

Help serve over **4.5 million children and adults** healthy meals & snacks daily!

Learn more at **CACFP**Week.org



Be sure to check out the National CACFP Association's [CACFP Week Campaign Page](#)

The National CACFP Association's theme of CACFP Week in 2025 is [Trying New Foods!](#) Encourage kids to try new foods, with a little help from a video featuring Elmo.



REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

CHILD NUTRITION TRIBAL PILOT PROJECTS

Tribes Operating as State Agencies to Administer Child Nutrition Programs

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USDA FNS Request for Information: Child Nutrition Tribal Pilot Projects Webinar

Submit comments by March 24, 2025

- Online via the [Federal eRulemaking Portal](#) (preferred method); follow the online instructions for [submitting comments](#).
- Mail: Send comments to School Meals Policy Division, USDA Food and Nutrition Service, 1320 Braddock Place, Alexandria, VA 22314.

Additional Information for Tribal Communities:

[Policy Memo CACFP 03-2025](#): Substituting Vegetables for Grains in American Samoa, Guam, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Tribal Communities

This memorandum clarifies longstanding program regulations and provides updated guidance on the use of vegetables as a substitution for grains, including whole grain-rich products, in eligible areas, as described in program regulations. This guidance also provides updates on the expansion of this flexibility to eligible areas following the 2024 final rule. Lastly, this memorandum informs affected state agencies and program operators how to credit vegetables toward the grains component for all Child Nutrition Programs, including CACFP.

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Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights

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