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October 2013: Managing Food Allergies in Child Care

What would happen if a child in your child care facility had an allergic reaction to food? Would you know what to do? Food allergies can be life threatening and each minute counts for saving the lives of those experiencing an allergic reaction. This is why it is important to establish and implement a food allergy response policy in your child care program.

In this issue:

- Steps for Success
  - Step 1: Create a food allergy policy for your child care program.
  - Step 2: Create an individual food allergy plan for each child with a food allergy.
  - Step 3: Train staff on food allergies and steps to take in case of an allergic
reaction.
- Step 4: Take actions to avoid exposure to food allergens.
- Step 5: Train staff to read food labels for allergens.

- Fruit of the Month: Apple
- Nutrition Fact of the Month: Why it is important to drink water
- Nutrition Tip of the Month: Standardizing recipes
- The CACFP Rock Star of the month is Ms. Michele Hancock, a Center Director from Davenport, Iowa who utilizes the center’s garden to teach children about fruits and vegetables.

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