

Dear Authorized Representative and Food Service Director:

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Regional Training - Using the Cafeteria as a Classroom and Practical Skills for Preparing Quality School Meals

Workshops by trainers from the Institute of Child Nutrition will be presented in Council Bluffs on April 26 and in Cedar Rapids on April 27. Using the Cafeteria as a Classroom is the topic for the morning sessions and Practical Skills for Preparing Quality School Meals is the afternoon topic. Mileage and sub pay is available for participants.

Enrollment is limited to 35 per workshop so a maximum of two staff from a school district may register to give more schools the opportunity to participate. **Registration opens Monday, March 28 on the Iowa Department of Education calendar.** Click [here](#) for the calendar to register. See the posted [flyer](#) for more details.

Diet Modification Request Form in Spanish

There is now a Spanish translation for the Diet Modification Request Form and it is posted [here](#). All requests for dietary changes will need a completed Diet Modification Request Form. School Nutrition Programs must make dietary substitutions and modifications when related to a disability when signed by a licensed prescribing medical professional. While schools must meet dietary needs related to a disability, other non-disability requests may be made at the discretion of the local school food service program. Additional information on Diet Modification is available [here](#).