

FY 2016 Bureau Notes – 4/5/2016

CACFP Short Course – May 3-4 in Perry

Remember to register for CACFP Short Course if you plan to attend. The deadline is April 22, 2016. Click [here](#) to register using the Department of Education calendar. Click on the day(s) you wish to attend and complete the online form (the memo and agenda are posted).

USDA Child Nutrition (CN) Label Website

CACFP organizations must have a CN label or product formulation statement on file for all commercial combination foods served to document how the food credits. Main dish products which contribute to the meat/meat alternate component of the meal pattern requirements may be CN labeled. Examples of these products include but are not limited to beef patties, cheese or meat pizzas, meat or cheese and bean burritos, chicken nuggets, and breaded fish portions. CN labels must be authorized by USDA prior to use by a manufacturer. CN Labeled products are generally available only from larger food service distributors or large discount retailers such as Sam's Club and Costco. Click [here](#) to access the USDA CN label website including a [list](#) of products with CN labels.

Donated Food

CACFP organizations may accept donated food from various sources. Below are important considerations when accepting donated food:

- CACFP organizations are responsible to ensure that donated food is safe, wholesome *and creditable*.
 - Packaged items must be clearly labeled so you can determine if they are creditable. For example, grain/bread products must be made with whole grain or enriched flour, meal, bran or germ (listed on the ingredient label).
 - Find information on interpreting the dating on packages [here](#).
 - Fresh or frozen garden produce can be accepted, but not home canned items.
 - Only meat that bears a State or Federal inspection label may be accepted.
 - Donated eggs are allowable, but caution is advised and they must be thoroughly cooked.
- You must serve the required amount.
 - To determine the portion size for grain/bread products:
 - Weigh a serving on a digital scale
 - Request a product formulation statement from the manufacturer, or
 - Check the Nutrition Facts label
 - Compare the weight of the serving to the Grains/Breads chart (p. 2-14 of the CACFP Administrative Manual).
 - The serving must weigh at least as much as the chart indicates. If not the serving size must be increased.
 - You can serve larger than required portion sizes, but not smaller.
 - See pp. 2-16 & 2-17 of the manual for more information.
- Donated foods may be low in nutrient density (provide few nutrients for the number of calories) even if they are creditable.

- Non-creditable items may be served as extras in addition to the required meal components. However extra foods contribute additional calories that may contribute to childhood obesity.
- A monthly record of donated items must be kept on file (use the form on p. 5-18).
- If the donated food is from parents for infants, the center must provide at least one component in order to claim the meal.
- Donated foods may make it difficult to spend all of your CACFP reimbursement. You must document you have spent all of your reimbursement on allowable costs that have been approved beforehand in your budget. All CACFP reimbursement must be spent by September 30 of each year.

If your organization receives a lot of donated food or if much of it is not creditable, consider sponsoring a pack back program instead where donated food is sent home with children.

[Afterschool Meals – Resources from the Food Resources & Action Center \(FRAC\)](#)

- April 21 Webinar – Engaging Seniors and Parents
 - Seniors and parents can be involved in afterschool meals on many different levels and engaging both groups can lead to increased participation and program sustainability. Learn how they can help promote the program, act as volunteers, or lead activities at sites.
 - 1 to 2 p.m. Eastern | [Register here](#).
- Recorded Webinar - Organizing Afterschool Meal Summits and Community Meetings to Increase Awareness
 - Listen to the [recording](#) (mp3).
Speakers: Rachel Olive, Hunger Free Heartland; Nicole Lowe, YMCA of Greater Seattle; Rachel Townsend, Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance
 - Materials Mentioned:
 - Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance [summit agenda](#) and
 - [Hunger Free Heartland summit](#).
- Rural Report: Afterschool Alliance – America After 3 pm
 - Afterschool Alliance released a report on the growing importance of out-of-school-time programming for children in rural areas.
 - [Learn more here](#) (pdf).

[Farmers Market and Local Food Promotion Program Grant](#)

USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is providing over \$26 million in competitive grants for the Farmers Market Promotion Program (FMPP) and the Local Food Promotion Program (LFPP). The deadline is May 12, 2016, at 11:59 p.m. Eastern. Applications must be submitted electronically through [this website](#). Applicants should start the registration process as soon as possible in order to meet the deadline.