USDA Memos
USDA has issued two new memos providing guidance on infant feeding, offer versus serve and family style meals. The memos will be posted on the USDA CACFP policy website and summarized below:

Feeding Infants and Meal Pattern Requirements in the CACFP; Q&As
Issued: 1/17/2017
Effective Date: October 1, 2017 (with earlier implementation encouraged)
Summary
The memorandum provides guidance on feeding infants and the infant meal pattern requirements in CACFP and includes Questions and Answers in the Attachment. This revision updates the required storage temperature for breastmilk to be consistent with the American Academy of Pediatrics’ and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s recommendations, provides clarification on documenting meals when a mother breastfeeds on-site, and includes new Questions and Answers. This memorandum supersedes CACFP 23-2016: Feeding Infants and Meal Pattern Requirements in the Child and Adult Care Food Program; Questions and Answers, August 31, 2016.

Offer Versus Serve (OVS) and Family Style Meals in the Child and Adult Care Food Program; Q&As
Issued: 12/09/2016
Effective Date: October 1, 2017 (with earlier implementation encouraged)
Summary
This memo explains the differences between OVS and family style meal service and includes question and answers. OVS is available only in adult day care and At-Risk Afterschool settings. It is not appropriate and not allowed in child care settings. OVS is not an option at snack in any setting. Family style meal service is not required, but recommended, especially in early childhood centers because it fosters child development and socialization. A combination of family style and pre-plated meal service may be practiced. If staff serve a food item, the full amount required by the meal pattern must be served.

USDA Multicultural Recipes
USDA is developing and standardizing multicultural recipes to provide assistance for CACFP providers. Last year, child care providers tested several recipes; now USDA is asking for assistance to test additional recipes. If you are interested in recipe testing, please provide your contact information to xaviera.davis@fns.usda.gov. If you tested recipes before, USDA will reach out directly to you again. If you haven’t participated before and are interested, respond by Wednesday, January 25th 2017.

Garden 101 Workshop
A great opportunity is coming up for any groups interested in starting a garden. ISU Extension and Outreach and Next Step Adventure are co-sponsoring this year’s workshop with support from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and FoodCorps. The workshop will be held every Tuesday from 4:40-7 pm, from February 7-March 7 at the ISU Extension office in Altoona. Workshop participants must be in teams, and at least two team members must be at all 5 sessions. Register online here. Cost: $60 per team, meals included!