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# CHILD AND ADULT CARE

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## February 2025 Monthly Newsletter

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### RELEASE: CACFP Onsite Monitoring Waiver Request Form

The new [Onsite Monitoring Waiver Request Form](#) is now available for eligible CACFP sponsors of child care centers, day care home providers, and adult day care centers. Through September 30, 2025, sponsors with an approved waiver can do the following:

- Conduct one annual monitoring review offsite; and
  - Conduct a second offsite monitoring review for those centers and daycare homes that are more than 100 miles or two hours travel time away from any sponsoring organization's offices.
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### TANS Update

The Texas Automated Nutrition System (TANS) will replace TX-UNPS for administration and management of all programs beginning with Program Year 2026 applications. Timelines, resources, and updates are available now on the [Systems Hub](#).

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### Final Rule Resource Survey

Visit [USDA](#) for more information on the Final Rule and upcoming changes. Let us know what kind of resources would best support you in implementing these new meal standards – [Click here!](#)

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# Update on Quarterly Community Calls

TDA Food and Nutrition has discontinued its scheduled quarterly meeting for contracting entities (CEs) in the Child and Adult Care Food Program and Summer Food Service Program. Going forward TDA will use topic-specific webinars, monthly newsletters, SquareMeals.org, eblasts, and policy manuals, to provide important operational information. Ending the standing meeting helps ensure CEs get important information timely. The CACFP Input Workgroup will remain intact, and CEs are encouraged to engage with the representatives on concerns and successes. For more information about the workgroup, please visit [SquareMeals.org/CACFPWorkgroup](https://SquareMeals.org/CACFPWorkgroup).

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## New Ramadan Non-Congregate Feeding Waiver Available!

TDA has posted the new Ramadan Non-Congregate Feeding Waiver Request Form to TX-UNPS Download Forms (SNP-000 SNP Waiver Portal for school districts, CACFP-113 for CACFP CEs). This waiver allows eligible operators in good standing to offer meals that participants in attendance and observing Ramadan can take off-site and consume after fasting. Note that per USDA guidance, this waiver is only available to Contracting Entities operating NSLP, SBP, CACFP At-Risk sites, CACFP Emergency Shelters, CACFP Outside-School-Hours Care Centers, and CACFP Adult Day Care Centers.



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