# CACFP Input Workgroup

**9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**
**Friday, March 19, 2021**
*TEAMS Meeting*

CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM

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**2020/2021 Members:**

**TDA:**

- Angela Olige
- Catherine Wright-Steele
- Gwen McDade
- Lena Wilson
- Wade Wilder
- David Dierksen
- Suzanne Carson
- Kelli Wise
- Helenka L. Ostrum
- Krystle Haney
- John Tuley
- Beth Thorson
- Christina L. Manley
- Melinda Nguyen
- Jon Huss
- James Kelly
- Teresa Cornett
- Kassandra Burnias
- Brooke Smith

**ESC:**

- Lori Muzquiz
- Tarrah Moreno

**CE:**

- Annette Pena
- Blake Stanford
- Dana Bigham
- DeLynn Garza
- Gylma Garza
- Jesus Navarro
- Kenyatta Chandler
- Laura-Zelda Villarreal
- Matt Yell
- Ricardo Espinosa
- RJ Bradley
- Sandra Pearson
- Sarai Ferreira
- Saul Fernandez
- Sehr Qazi
- Tiffiney Freeman
- Victor Salazar

## ----- Agenda Topics -----

**9:30 – 9:35 a.m.**

1) **Welcome & Roll Call** (Brooke Smith)

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2) **TDA Updates**
   - **a. Compliance Updates** (Jon Huss)
     - **i.** Administrative Review Specialists
     - **ii.** TX-UNPS enhanced document upload
     - **iii.** USDA CACFP Management Evaluation
     - **iv.** Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Funds
     - **v.** Virtual review status
   - **b. Nutrition Updates (Melinda Nguyen)**
     - i. National CACFP Week
   - **c. Training Update (Christina Little Manley)**
   - **d. Website Updates (Eli George)**
3) **Member Suggested Topics**
   - **a.** Streamlining At-risk Reviews for NSLP operators (Laura-Zelda Villarreal) (Lena Wilson)
   - **b.** CACFP Taxable Income Protocol (Victor Salazar)(Beth Thorson)
   - **c.** Helping centers and public during pandemic and weather-related issues. How to help children and families from their centers and community. (RJ Bradley) (Brooke Smith)
4) **Subcommittees**
   - **a.** Procurement Reviews (Jon Huss)
   - **b.** COVID-19 Response (Helenka Ostrum)
5) **2021/2022 CACFP Input Workgroup Applications** (Brooke Smith)
6) **Next meeting**

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7) **Questions** (All)
8) **Taskings/Follow-up**
    a.
    b.
    c.
    d.
9) **Closing Comments**

Next Meeting: **TBD**

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**Policy Updates:**

- During the COVID-19 public health emergency, please visit TDA's SquareMeals.org Coronavirus webpage for the latest updates impacting CACFP operations including the CACFP Frequently Asked Questions.

- USDA updated its Civil Rights webpage resulting in changes to the internal hyperlinks within the Nondiscrimination Statement (NDS). If you have not already done so, please update your electronic versions of the NDS **as soon as possible**. Any printed materials that include the full NDS should be updated prior to the next revision or scheduled printing. Detailed information is available on TDA's Squaremeals.org webpage.

- The following CACFP forms have been updated and released:
    - 2021-22 CACFP Income Eligibility Guidelines for Determining Free or Reduced-Price Benefits (Form H1625-A).
    - CACFP Infant Feeding Preference Form
    - CACFP Meal Benefit Income Eligibility Form (Child Care) – Spanish version only

  You can find the revised documents at the following location: https://squaremeals.org/Programs/ChildandAdultCareFoodProgram/CACFPAdministrationamp;Forms.aspx

  Please replace any previous versions of the documents that you may have saved.

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**Policy Questions:**

None

**Resources:**

- Food Aid for Texas Families is available on SquareMeals.org. This resource, available in English and Spanish, and provides information about food assistance for Texas families.

**Training Updates & Opportunities:**

- TDA's Online Training Page: https://squaremeals.org/fandnresources/training/onlineeducationandselfstudy.aspx

- USDA's Team Nutrition recently announced the availability of new training slide presentations for CACFP. The new presentations include:
    - Mealtimes with Toddlers in the CACFP – click here
    - Serving Vegetables in the CACFP – click here
    - Using the WIC Food Lists to Identify Grains for the CACFP – click here
- These and other slide presentations are free to download at https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/meal-pattern-training-slides-cacfp.

The response(s) provided under "Policy Updates" and "Policy Questions" are current as of March 2021. For the most up-to-date information, please refer to TDA's CACFP Handbooks or contact your local Educational Service Center.

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**Information from HHSC:**

**Texas Health and Human Services (HHSC), Child Care Licensing** provides guidance and other information via email blasts to childcare providers. This information is also accessible via each providers Child Care Licensing Account (CCL Account).

HHSC has told providers or concerned parents that if an operation is not following Minimum Standards and/or Emergency Rules for Child Care, they may make a report to Child Care Regulation either to their local office or through the Statewide intake line.

Information on HHSC's Local Child Care Licensing Offices may be found at https://hhs.texas.gov/services/safety/child-care/contact-child-care-licensing

HHSC may be reached at 1-800-252-5400 24 hrs. / 7 days a week and may remain anonymous when reporting a compliance issue or other concern.

HHSC Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8 am - 5 pm.

If an operation is not abiding by local orders or public health guidance, they should contact their local city or county code/health officials or refer the concerns to 311.

**Information from DSHS:**

**Texas Department of State Health Services** (DSHS) lists local health entities on its web site. Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Local Health Entities identifies the local health authority or Public Health Regional Office for each county including contact information (phone and email).

For further guidance on COVID-19 related items, DSHS established the following contacts:

Email: coronavirus@dshs.texas.gov
Phone: Dial 2-1-1, then choose Option 6.
Hours: 24/7

**Information from CDC:**

Additional information on childcare operations during the COVID-19 public health emergency is available on the **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention** (CDC). CDC's Guidance for Child Care Programs that Remain Open includes information on "Food Preparation and Meal Service