CACFP Input Workgroup

9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Friday, May 21, 2021
TEAMS Meeting

CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM

Purpose of the CACFP Input Workgroup: To obtain input from CACFP contracting entities in Texas regarding programmatic issues as TDA implements new policies, processes, and procedures.

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)

9:35 – 10:30 a.m.

2) **TDA Updates**

   a. **Policy Updates** (David Dierksen)
   b. **Application Updates** (Teresa Cornett)
      i. CACFP Compensation Protocol (previously called CACFP Taxable Program Income Protocol
   c. **Training Updates** (Christina Little-Manley)
      i. CACFP LIVE
   d. **SquareMeals.org Revisions** (Helenka L. Ostrum)
      i. Member input on revisions:
         1. How do you feel about those changes?
         2. Are there any other changes you're looking to see that you haven't previously mentioned?

3) **Member Suggested Topics**
   a. TX-UNPS Budget Tool (Tiffiney Freeman) (Teresa Cornett)
   b. Impact of recent SY 2021/2022 waivers on CACFP (Kenyatta Chandler/Tiffiney Freeman) (Catherine Wright Steele)

4) **Subcommittees**
   a. Procurement Reviews (Jon Huss)
   b. COVID-19 Response (Helenka L. Ostrum)

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5) **Wrap-Up (Catherine Wright Steele)**
   a. Key Accomplishments
   b. Input from the Group

6) **2021/2022 Input Workgroup (Brooke Smith)**
   a. Returning members
   b. Membership selection

10: 55 – 11:00 a.m.

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

2021/2022 Input Workgroup Kick-off 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.

Policy Questions:

None

Training Updates & Opportunities:

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

CACFP LIVE

Click here for information on June LIVE (June 9th @ 10:30 AM).

July 14 @ 10:30 AM

The Whole Enchilada: CACFP Application Renewal
Just like a recipe, every part of the CACFP application has its purpose. Join us as we bring each part together to make a final product that would get a five-star review from even the toughest critic. Let us help clear your plate with helpful information on budgets, procurement, management plans, and more! This session will be packed with so much delectable information, you'll want to come back for seconds!

August 11 @ 10:30 AM

Chicken Run: Effective Administration of the CACFP
Calling all birds of a CACFP feather! Join our flock to learn about effective administration of the CACFP. To prevent you from putting all your eggs in one basket, the session will cover a wide variety of topics like CE eligibility, required training topics, frequency, and documentation, filing claims and reimbursements, eligibility and enrollment, and more...to make sure you know how to rule the roost from start to finish. Whether you're a spring chicken or a mother hen, this session is an egg-cellent refresher. You will leave feeling positively sunny-side up about running your program.

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September 8 @ 10:30 AM

Operation CACFP
You have been selected to participate in Effective Operations of the CACFP. Your mission- should you choose to accept- will include acquiring crucial skills and knowledge on meal patterns, menu planning, creditable foods, documentation, and several other top secret subjects. Participants will learn to unlock previously uncharted portions of their brain to become experts in operations, preparing you for future assignments in the CACFP. This message will self-destruct in 5...4...3...2...

As a reminder, CEs register for these sessions via their local ESC.

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.

The response(s) provided under "Policy Updates" and "Policy Questions" are current as of May 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 Operating Child Care Programs During COVID-19 includes information on "Food Service."