

Our office will be closed on Friday, March 30th

37 YEARS AND STILL GOING STRONG

In March 2018 the Child Nutrition Program of Southern California celebrates its 37th year as a sponsor of the USDA Child & Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). We would like to thank all of our Child Care Providers for their continued support and participation in CACFP.

CLAIMING AM SNACK AND LUNCH FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN DURING SPRING BREAK

Schools may be closed in March and April for Spring Break. Please remember to document the school out days for all school-age children including children who attend Preschool, Even Start, Head Start, Pre-Kindergarten or Transitional Kindergarten to receive reimbursement for the additional meals you may claim.

UPDATED ALLOWABLE CEREAL LIST ON KIDKARE

On March 1, 2018 we updated the list of allowable cereals in KidKare that meet the new cereal regulations (cereals must contain no more than 6 grams of sugar per dry ounce Effective 10/1/17). If you find a cereal that you feel meets the regulations, please let our office know, so that we can check it out and add it to the list.

ARE YOU READY FOR AN UNANNOUNCED STATE REVIEW?

In 2018 our program will have a State Review; State Representatives will conduct our Program Review which will include about 50 unannounced Site Reviews with our providers (randomly chosen by the State). Site Reviews could be any day, any month in 2018. Per your signed agreement, if you are chosen, you are required to allow the State Representative in your home to conduct a Site Review. State Representatives always have picture identification and in most cases your regular Field Representative will be with them. Please review the following:

- Make sure your monthly claim is always up to date.
- Make sure your helper or assistant's know where your claim records are if you are not available.
- Always call the office in advance when you will be away from your home during your meal times or closed for the day.
- Make sure your license and Building for the Future poster is posted, and always be within your license capacity.
- Make sure you have your red pocket folder available with your required Food Program Records.
- Always wash your hands before preparing a meal and always have your children wash their hands before eating.
- Make sure you are following all the USDA Meal Pattern for the children in your care.
- Make sure all foods, including the milk is served at the same time.
- Make sure you are serving one whole grain-rich food each day.
- Make sure you have the CN label for foods you serve, such as chicken nuggets.
- Always serve 1% or Non-fat Milk to children 2 years and older.
- Always serve Whole Milk to children 1 year thru 23 months.
- Make sure bottles prepared by the child's parent and/or expressed breast milk have the child's name and the date the bottle was prepared or the date the breast milk was expressed on it.

February 2018 reimbursement checks will be mailed in April 2018*

March 2018 reimbursement checks will be mailed in May 2018*

*Checks are mailed when we receive the funds

Checks for late claims are mailed when we receive the late claim funds