

Food and Nutrition Service

Identifying Whole Grain-Rich Foods for the Child and Adult Care Food Program Using the Ingredient List

The **ingredient list** is printed on the food packaging of products. This list includes information on flours, grains, and other ingredients that are in the product. On the ingredient list, the ingredients are listed in order of quantity. If a whole grain is listed first, you know there is more of that whole grain than anything else in the food.

In the United States Department of Agriculture's Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), you can identify grains that are whole grain-rich by looking at the first three **grain** ingredients that appear on the ingredient list. This method is known as the *Rule of Three*. If the ingredient list does not include three grain ingredients, you only have to look at the grain ingredients that are present. Some whole grain-rich foods may have only one grain ingredient.

In the CACFP, at least one offering of grains per day must be whole grain-rich for children and adults. Grain-based desserts may not count towards the grain component in the CACFP, even if the grain-based dessert is whole grain-rich.

Step-by-Step Guide To Identifying Whole Grain-Rich Foods Using the Rule of Three



1. Find the ingredient list ▶



This ingredient list is for bread. In this example, you would look at the full ingredient list to determine if the bread is whole grain-rich.

The ingredient list shown here is for a frozen cheese pizza. Because pizza is a combination food, you can see the ingredients for all the foods within the cheese pizza, such as the crust, cheese, and sauce, are listed within one ingredient list. In this example, you would look at the ingredients for the crust, to determine if the grain component of this food is whole grain-rich.

INGREDIENTS: Whole-wheat flour, water, yeast, brown sugar, wheat gluten, contains 2% or less of each of the following: salt, dough conditioners, soybean oil, vinegar, cultured wheat flour, citric acid.

INGREDIENTS: Crust: Whole-wheat flour, enriched wheat flour (bleached wheat flour, malted barley flour, niacin, reduced iron, thiamine mononitrate, riboflavin, folic acid), wheat bran, water, soybean oil, dextrose, baking powder, yeast, salt, dough conditioners, wheat gluten, contains less than 2% of each of the following: vegetable shortening, sesame flour, preservatives. Shredded mozzarella cheese: Pasteurized part skim milk, cheese, cultures, salt, enzymes. Sauce: Water, tomato paste, pizza seasoning, modified food starch.



2. Simplify the ingredient list ▶

Look at the "Disregarded Ingredients" list below. Do not consider these ingredients. Some sound like grains, so it can be helpful to cross them out at the beginning.

Disregarded Ingredients:

- Cellulose fiber
- · Rice starch
- Wheat gluten

- Corn dextrin
- Tapioca starch
 Wheat starch

- Corn starch
- Water
- · Modified food starch · Wheat dextrin
- Any ingredients that appear after the

phrase, "Contains 2% or less of ... "

INGREDIENTS: Crust: Whole-wheat flour, enriched wheat flour (bleached wheat flour, malted barley flour, niacin, reduced iron, thiamine mononitrate, riboflavin, folic acid), wheat bran, water, soybean oil, dextrose, baking powder, yeast, salt, dough conditioners, wheat gluten, contains less than 2% of each of the following: vegetable shortening, sesame flour, preservatives.

This ingredient list shows some ingredients that can be crossed out to simplify the list.

INGREDIENTS: Crust: Whole-wheat flour, enriched wheat flour (bleached wheat flour, malted barley flour,

niacin, reduced iron, thiamine mononitrate, riboflavin,

folic acid), wheat bran, water, soybean oil, dextrose,

baking powder, yeast, salt, dough conditioners, wheat

gluten, contains less than 2% of each of the following: vegetable shortening, sesame flour, preservatives.

The first grain ingredient is "whole-wheat flour," which

is a whole-grain ingredient.

3. Look at the first ingredient ▶

If you have a combination food, like a pizza, look at the part of the ingredient list that refers to the grain product. For this food, the grain product is the pizza crust.

Is the first ingredient a whole-grain ingredient?

- ✓ Yes: If the first ingredient is whole-grain and the food is not a ready-to-eat breakfast cereal, go to Step 4 below.
- ✓ Yes: If the first ingredient is whole-grain and the food is a ready-to-eat breakfast cereal, see "Identifying Whole Grain-Rich Breakfast Cereals in the CACFP" on page 4.
- X No: If the first ingredient is not a whole-grain ingredient, then this food is not creditable as a whole grain-rich food in the CACFP using the Rule of Three.*
- X No: It is possible that the food includes several whole-grain ingredients. When added together, these grains may meet the whole grain-rich requirement. In this case, you would need to request additional information from the manufacturer.

See the Whole-Grain Ingredients chart for some common whole grains. Make sure the first grain ingredient is not listed on the Enriched Grain Ingredients, Bran or Germ Ingredients, or Non-Creditable Grains or Flours charts on the following page.

4. Look for the second grain ingredient ▶

Does the food have another grain ingredient?

No: If the food does not have any other grain ingredients, you can stop here. The food is whole grain-rich!

Yes: If so, is the second grain ingredient whole-grain, enriched, or bran or germ? Make sure the second grain ingredient is not listed on the "Non-Creditable Grains or Flours" chart.

✓ Yes: If the second grain ingredient is whole-grain, enriched, or bran or germ, see Step 5 on page 3.

INGREDIENTS: Crust: Whole-wheat flour, enriched wheat flour (bleached wheat flour, malted barley flour, niacin, reduced iron, thiamine mononitrate, riboflavin, folic acid), wheat bran, water, soybean oil, dextrose, baking powder, yeast, salt, dough conditioners, wheat gluten, contains less than 2% of each of the following: vegetable shortening, sesame flour, preservatives.

The second grain ingredient is "enriched wheat flour," which is an enriched grain ingredient. For more information on flour made from more than one grain ingredient, see "Focus on Flour Blends" on page 4.

X No: If the second grain ingredient is **not** whole-grain, enriched, or bran or germ, then this food is not creditable as a whole grain-rich food in the CACFP using the Rule of Three.*

^{*} This food might be creditable as a grain that is not being served as a whole grain-rich food. See the Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs (https://foodbuyingguide.fns.usda.gov/FoodComponents/ResourceGrains) for information on how to determine if an enriched grain is creditable towards the grain component in the CACFP.

5. Look for the third grain ingredient ▶

Does the food have a third grain ingredient?

No: If the food does not have any other grain ingredients, you can stop here. The food is whole grain-rich!

Yes: If so, is the third grain ingredient whole-grain, enriched, or bran or germ? Make sure the third grain ingredient is not listed on the "Non-Creditable Grains or Flours" chart.

✓ Yes: If the third grain ingredient is whole-grain, enriched, or bran or germ, then this food is whole grainrich! If your product has other grain ingredients, such as a fourth grain ingredient, you do not need to consider them.

X No: If the third ingredient is not whole-grain, enriched, bran, or germ, then this food is not creditable as a whole grain-rich food in the CACFP using the Rule of Three.*

INGREDIENTS: Crust: Whole-wheat flour, enriched wheat flour (bleached wheat flour, malted barley flour, niacin, reduced iron, thiamine mononitrate, riboflavin, folic acid), wheat bran, water, soybean oil, dextrose, baking powder, yeast, salt, dough conditioners, wheat gluten, contains less than 2% of each of the following: vegetable shortening, sesame flour, preservatives.

The third grain ingredient is "wheat bran," which is a type of bran.

√ This pizza crust is considered whole grain-rich because the first ingredient is whole-grain, the second grain ingredient is enriched, and the third ingredient is a type of bran.

Whole-Grain Ingredients

- Amaranth
- Amaranth flour
- Brown rice
- Brown rice flour
- Buckwheat
- Buckwheat flour
- Buckwheat groats
 Oat groats
- Bulgur
- Corn masa/ masa harina

- Cracked wheat
- · Graham flour
- · Instant oatmeal
- Millet
- · Millet flour
- Oats
- Old fashioned oats
- · Quick cooking oats
- Quinoa

- · Rye groats
- Sorghum
- Sorghum flour
- Spelt berries
- · Sprouted brown rice
- Sprouted buckwheat
- Sprouted spelt
- · Sprouted whole rye
- Sprouted whole wheat
- Steel cut oats

- Teff
- · Teff flour
- Triticale
- Triticale flour
- Wheat berries
- Wheat groats
- · White whole wheat flour
- Whole corn
- Whole durum flour
- Whole grain corn

- · Whole grain corn flour
- Whole grain oat flour
- · Whole grain spelt flour
- · Whole grain wheat
- · Whole grain wheat flakes
- · Whole grain wheat flour
- Whole rve flour
- · Whole wheat flour

Enriched Grain Ingredients

- · Enriched bromated flour
- · Enriched corn flour
- · Enriched durum flour
- Enriched durum wheat flour
- · Enriched farina
- · Enriched rice
- · Enriched rice flour
- · Enriched rye flour
- · Enriched wheat flour
- · Enriched white flour
- · Other grains with the word "enriched" in front of it.

In addition to the ingredients listed above, if the ingredient list states or includes the nutrients used to enrich the flour. then your product has enriched grains. For example, an ingredient list might read: "Durum flour (niacin, iron, riboflavin, folic acid, thiamin)." The vitamins listed in the parenthesis indicate that the durum flour is enriched.

Bran or Germ Ingredients

- Corn bran
- · Rice bran
- Wheat bran

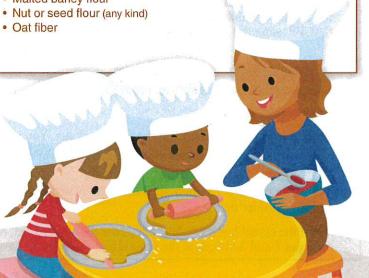
- Oat bran
- Rye bran
- Wheat germ

Non-Creditable Grains or Flours

Cannot be one of the first three grain ingredients for whole grain-rich items.

- · Barley malt
- · Bean flour (such as soy, chickpea, lentil, legume, etc.)
- Bromated flour
- Corn
- · Corn fiber
- · Degerminated corn meal
- Durum flour
- Farina
- Malted barley flour

- - Potato flour
 - Rice flour
 - Semolina
 - Wheat flour
 - · White flour
 - · Yellow corn flour Yellow corn meal



Focus on Flour Blends

You may see an ingredient list that includes a flour blend as an ingredient. The flour blend will be followed by a list of sub-ingredients that make up the flour blend. These sub-ingredients are shown in parenthesis.

Treat these flour blends as one grain ingredient when applying the *Rule of Three*.

If the flour blend is the first grain ingredient on the ingredient list, then you must determine if the flour blend is a whole grain. If the flour blend is made up of only whole-grain ingredients, then the flour blend is a whole grain. You can now proceed with examining the second and third grain ingredients as described on pages 2 and 3.

If the flour blend includes any grains that are not whole grains, then the flour blend is not considered a whole grain under the *Rule of Three*.

If the flour blend is the second or third grain ingredient, then the flour blend may be made up of whole grains, enriched grains, bran, and/or germ. If the flour blend includes any non-creditable flours or grains, then the flour blend is not a creditable grain ingredient.

INGREDIENTS: Whole grain flour (whole-wheat flour, brown rice flour, whole grain oat flour)¹, water, flour blend (graham flour, enriched wheat flour, enriched corn flour, wheat bran)², yeast, salt.

- The whole-grain flour can be considered the first grain ingredient when using the Rule of Three. The whole-grain flour contains only whole grain-ingredients, so it is a whole-grain ingredient.
- The flour blend can be considered the second grain ingredient when using the Rule of Three. The flour blend contains whole-grain ingredients (graham flour), enriched ingredients (enriched wheat flour, enriched corn flour) and bran (wheat bran).
- 3. This product does not have a third grain ingredient.
- √ The product is considered whole grain-rich.

INGREDIENTS: Flour blend (durum flour, bromated flour, brown rice flour), water, salt.

This flour blend includes two non-creditable flours (durum flour and bromated flour), so the flour blend is not a creditable grain ingredient.

Identifying Whole Grain-Rich Breakfast Cereals in the CACFP

For ready-to-eat breakfast cereals only, if the first ingredient is whole-grain, and the cereal is fortified, then the cereal is whole grain-rich in the CACFP. Remember to check that the cereal also meets the CACFP sugar limit. For more information on sugar limits for cereal, see "Choose Breakfast Cereals That Are Lower in Added Sugars" at https://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp-meal-pattern-training-worksheets.



To determine if a ready-to-eat cereal is whole grain-rich:

1. Look at the first ingredient >

Is the first ingredient a whole-grain ingredient?

- ✓ Yes: If the first ingredient is whole-grain, go to Step 2.
- **No:** If the first ingredient is not a whole grain, then this food is not credible as a whole grain-rich food in the CACFP using the *Rule of Three*.*

INGREDIENTS: Whole grain oats¹, corn flour, sugar, salt, tripotassium phosphate, vitamin E. Vitamins and Minerals²: calcium carbonate, iron and zinc, vitamin C, vitamin B6, vitamin A, vitamin B12.

- The first ingredient is "whole grain oats," which is a whole-grain ingredient.
- 2. The presence of "Vitamins and Minerals" on the ingredient list indicates that this cereal is fortified.
- √ This breakfast cereal is whole grain-rich because the first ingredient is whole-grain and the cereal is fortified.

Is the cereal fortified?

2. Look for fortification >

Look for the words "fortified" on the food package. You can also look at the ingredient list to see if it lists any vitamins and minerals that have been added to the product. Cereals that are not fortified would not have any added vitamins and minerals.

- ✓ Yes: If the cereal is fortified, then this food is whole grain-rich! If your cereal has other grain ingredients, you do not need to consider them.
- **No:** If the cereal has a whole grain as the first ingredient, but is not fortified, then follow the *Rule of Three* instructions on pages 2 and 3 to look at the second and third grain ingredients.



Breakfast cereals are a major source of added sugar for children, which is why there will now be a sugar limit on creditable cereals. Cereals must contain LESS THAN 6 grams of sugar per dry ounce. WIC cereals are all creditable. You can find a list of those cereals online. All of the cereals that are approved on the Utah WIC program are store brands. You are welcome to serve the name brands as long as the serving size and grams of sugar are the same in the store brand that is WIC approved. The following list is not all inclusive and may change:

Cream of Wheat

1 Minute 2 1/2 Minutes Instant Instant Whole Grain Regular or Instant Whole Grain

General Mills Cereals: Ancient Grain Cheerlos

Cheerios Corn Chex Corn Flakes Crispix Original Honey Kix Klx Mini Wheats (defrosted) Multigrain Cheerios Rice Chex Rice Krispies Total Whole Grain Wheat Chex Wheaties

Great Value Bran Flakes

Corn Flakes Crisp Rice Crunchy Honey Oats Crunchy Nuggets Crunchy Oat Squares Frosted Shredded Wheat Oatmeal (hot cereal) Toasted Com Toasted Oat Toasted Rice

Toasted wheat Kellogg's Corn Flakes

Mini wheats (unfrosted)

Rice Krispies

Kroger Bran flakes Corn Flakes

Crispy Rice Frosted shredded wheat (bite-size, Original, Blueberry or Strawberry)

Honey Crisp Medley (Original or Almonds)

Instant Grits Original (hot cereal) Living Well



Multi-Grain Toasted Oats **Nutty Nuggets** Oatmeal (hot cereal) Oat Squares Rice Bitz

Malt O Meal

Cocos Hot Wheat (hot cereal) Corn Flakes Crisov Rice Frosted Mini Spooners (Original, Blueberry or Strawberry Cream) Oat Blends with Honey (Original or Almonds) Original Hot Wheat (hot cereal)

Market Pantry

Bran Flakes Crispy Rice Frosted shredded Wheat (bite-size: Original and Strawberry) Honey Crisp Medley (Original or Almonds) Living Well Multi-Grain Toasted Oats **Nutty Nuggets**

Post Cereals:

Honey Bunches of Oats

Quaker Cereals:

Corn Bran Crunch King Vitamin Life (Original) Puffed Rice Puffed Wheat

Western Family

Com Flakes Com Squares Creamy Wheat Farina (hot cereal) Creamy Wheat Farina (hot cereal) Crisp Rice Frosted Shredded Wheat (bite-size) **Nutty Nuggets** Oatmeal (hot cereal) Oats and More (Original and Almond) Rice Squares Toasted Oats Wheat Bran

Winco

Wheat Squares

Bran Flakes Corn Flakes Crispy Rice Frosted Shredded Wheat (bite-size) Oatmeal (hot cereal) Toasted Oats

100% WHOLE WHEAT / WHOLE GRAIN RICH BREADS

Bimbo: 100% whole wheat Dunford Bakers: wheat, multigrain Franz: 100% whole wheat Great Grains: 100% whole wheat Nature's Own: 100% whole wheat with honey, honey 7 grain

Orowheat: 100% whole wheat



Pepperidge Farms: 15 grain, 100% whole wheat, 15 grain, oatmeal, German dark wheat, whole grain double fiber, Farmhouse Multi-Grain

Sara Lee: classic 100% whole wheat. delightful multi-grain, soft and smooth sandwich, home style 100% whole wheat Smiths: 100% whole wheat round top Wonder: 100% whole wheat

WHOLE WHEAT PASTA

BUY: 100% Whole Wheat Pasta Barilla: Whole Grain Spaghetti, Whole Grain Great Value: Whole Wheat Elbow, Whole Wheat Egg Noodles Ronzoni; Healthy Harvest 100% Whole Grain

Whole wheat flour and / or whole duram wheat flour must be the only flour ingredients listed

WHOLE WHEAT TORTILLAS

First ingredient must be whole wheat or whole grain rich Don Pancho Great Value Herdez Kroger La Victoria Las Banderita MiCasa Ortega

CORN TORTILLAS

First ingredient must be "whole corn" "whole grain corn". Corn mass flour may not meet the "whole grain" requirement. Ortega Taco Shells (Crisp) Great Value Taco Shells (Crisp)

WHOLE GRAIN RICH CRACKERS

Crunchmaster original multi-seed Harvest whole wheat Kasha Original 7 grain Milton's multi-grain Pepperidge - Baked with whole grain Premium Rounds whole grain Ritz whole wheat Traders Joe's Pita bite Triscuit Original Wellington Org. Flax / Wheat Wheat Thins Original Sun Chips: 100% Whole Grain Original

YOGURT

All Greek vogurts

Must have LESS THAN 23 grams of sugar per 6 oz Dannon Activia Fruit varieties Fruit fusion Light Greek Nancy's vanilla low-fat: lemon low-fat Chobani

CACFP SUGAR REQUIREMENTS

Yogurt and Ready to Eat Breakfast Cereal

In an effort to reduce the amount of added sugar in children's diets, the updated meal pattern places restrictions on the amount of sugar in yogurt and ready to eat breakfast cereal that can be served and claimed for reimbursement. These requirements are effective as of October 1, 2017.



Ready to Eat Breakfast Cereal

Breakfast cereals served to infants, children, and adults must contain no more than 6 grams of sugar per dry ounce. (21.2 grams of sugar per 100 grams of dry cereal)

Breakfast Cereal Sugar Limits		
Serving Size	Sugar Limit	
27-28 grams	0-5 grams	
29-32 grams	0-6 grams	
33-37 grams	0-7 grams	
38-42 grams	0-8 grams	
43-47 grams	0-9 grams	
48-51 grams	0-10 grams	
52-56 grams	0-11 grams	
57-60 grams	0-12 grams	



Yogurt

Yogurt should contain no more than 23 grams of sugar per 6 ounces.

Yogurt Sugar Limits			
Serving Size	Sugar Limits		
2.25 ounces	0-8 grams		
3.5 ounces	0-13 grams		
4 ounces	0-15 grams		
5.3 ounces	0-20 grams		
6 ounces	0-23 grams		
8 ounces	0-30 grams		



CHILD NUTRITION LABELS

What are child nutrition labels?

Child Nutrition (CN) labels identify how a product contributes to the meal pattern. The manufacturer submits their product to the USDA to get it CN labeled. The CN label will be on the product packaging in the same area as the nutrition facts label.

When do I need a CN Label?

Any time you're serving a commercially prepared product that contains more than one component, for example: chicken nuggets/patties, corn dogs, fish sticks, meat balls, lasagna, pizza, etc.

What if I can't find a CN labeled product?

Option 1: Contact the manufacturer to get a Product Formulation Statement (PFS). On the PFS, the manufacturer demonstrates how a product may contribute to the meal pattern. See the reverse side to learn what's needed for a PFS to be valid.

Option 2: Make the product from scratch! You can find simple recipes to create favorites for the kids in your care. That way you're in control of what goes into the product and what stays out. This is the easiest way to make sure that you're serving foods that can be credited on the food program.

This 5.00 oz. Pizza with Ground Beef and Vegetable
Protein Product provides 2.00 oz. equivalent meat/
meat alternate, 1/2 cup serving of vegetable, and 1
CN 1/2 servings of bread alternate for the Child CN
Nutrition Meal Pattern Requirements. (Use of this
logo and statement authorized by the Food and
Nutrition Service, USDA, 00/98**)

Why can't I find a CN label? When the Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act was implemented in 2010, the nutrition requirements for products being served in school lunches became more stringent. As a result, fewer manufacturers are going through the process of getting their products that they sell to the general public CN labeled. They have one product that they sell to schools that are CN labeled and then a different product that they sell in stores that isn't labeled.

Recipe Resources

The USDA has a variety of recipes that have been credited for you – they tell you how much to serve in what amount and how it credits toward the meal pattern.

www.whatscooking.fns.usda.gov

Chicken Nuggets 25 servinas Ingredients Measure Directions Enriched dry 1. In a small bowl, 3/4 CUP bread crumbs combine bread crumbs, salt, and Salt 1 1/2 tsp pepper. Reserve for step 3. Ground black or 1/2 tsp white pepper Raw boneless. 50 pieces In another bowl. skinless chicken. (about 3.5 coat chicken with cut into 1 inch pounds) yogurt or salad pieces (at least dressina or 1.1 oz. each) mayonnaise. Lowfat plain 3. Roll chicken pieces 1/3 cup in bread crumbs to yogurt coat OR 4. Place 25 pieces of Reduced calorie chicken in a single layer on each halfsalad dressing sheet pan (13" x 18" x OR 1") which has been lightly coated with pan Low fat release spray. For 25 mayonnaise servings, use 2 pans. 5. Bake: 500° F for 13-17 minutes, Heat to 165° or higher. Serving: 2 pieces provide 1 1/2 oz. of cooked poultry

Recipe courtesy of: USDA Recipes for Child Care

What you can't do if you don't have a CN label for a product that needs one

*Take the product apart and weigh each component and credit it using the weights that you get.

"Serve chicken nuggets with a piece of bread because you know there's chicken, so you'll just add the grain component – you don't really know how much chicken is in each nugget because of fillers that are added. The only way to really know is to get a CN label or PFS.

*Use a CN label or PFS that you found on-line from a similar product - the documentation must be for the exact product that you're serving.

*Use an old CN label. If a product changes, you'll need to get updated documentation.

Requirements for a PFS to be valid

- On signed company
 letterhead
- Include:
 - Product code name
 - number
 - Serving/portion size
- Ingredients are creditable and have a similar description as listed on the product label
- Ingredients match or have a similar description to a food item listed in the Food Buying Guide
- Provides information to calculate crediting
- Calculations are correct
- Creditable amount never rounded up
- Meat/meat alternate credit cannot exceed the total serving size of the product

National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) VEGETABLE SUBGROUPS 1

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) meal patterns for the NSLP and SBP include five subgroups of vegetables that count toward the daily and weekly vegetable requirements. These subgroups are based on the recommendations of the 2010 Dietary Guidelines for Americans. ² The chart below identifies some commonly eaten vegetables in each subgroup.

REANS AND DEAS

DARK GREEN resh, frozen and canned resh, frozen and canned		(LEGUMES)* Canned, frozen or cooked from dry	
arugula endive beet greens escarole bok choy fiddle hea broccoli grape leav broccoli mesclun broccolini mustard g butterhead lettuce (Boston, bibb) spinach cabbage, Chinese or celery red leaf le chicory romaine le cilantro turnip gree collard greens watercress	pumpkin red peppers salsa (all vegetables) sweet potatoes/yams tomatoes tomato juice ttuce winter squash (acom, butternut, Hubbard)	beans kidney beans lentils lima beans,	navy beans pink beans pinto beans red beans refried beans soy beans/ edamame split peas white beans Does not include green peas, green lima beans and green (string) beans
STARCHY fresh, frozen and canned	fresh, fro	THER zen and canned	
black-eyed peas, fresh (not dry) corn cassava cowpeas, fresh (not dry) field peas, fresh (not dry) green banana green peas jicama lima beans, green (not dry) parsnips pigeon peas, fresh (not dry) plantains potatoes poi taro water chestmuts	bean sprouts (alfalfa, mung) kol beans, green and yellow leei beets mu Brussels sprouts okr cabbage, green and red oliv cactus (nopales) oni cauliflower pea celeriac pea celery per chayote (mirliton) per chives	nel lic seradish perg lettuce llrabi ss shrooms a res ons s in pod, e.g., snap s, snow peas	cucumber) radishes rhubarb shallots sauerkraut snap peas snow peas spaghetti squash tomatillo turnips wax beans yellow summer squash zucchini squash

All vegetables are credited based on volume except raw leafy greens count as half the volume served and tomato paste and puree are credited based on the volume as if reconstituted (see the USDA's Food Baying Guide). Vegetable juice must be pasteurized 100 percent full-strength juice and cannot count for more than half of the weekly vegetables component.

daikon (oriental radish)

For more information, see the Dietary Guidelines at http://health.gov/dietaryguidelines/dga2010/DietaryGuidelines2010.pdf and the vegetables group in Choose My Plate at http://www.choosemyplate.gov/food-groups/vegetables.html.

Family style meal service

In family style service, containers with food to accommodate all children are placed on the table, and children, with adult supervision and assistance, are expected to serve themselves. Family style allows some flexibility in the size of initial servings because food is actually available at the table for additional helpings. However, service must comply with the following guidelines:



- Enough prepared food must be placed on the table to provide minimum portions of all required foods for all children, and to feed program adults supervising meal service at the table.
- When the full required portion is not initially served, the provider or provider's helper must actively encourage the children to accept more during the course of the meal.

Pre-plated meal service

If you choose to pre-plate the children's food, be sure to serve *at least* the minimum portion size according to the child's age on the CACFP food chart.

Family Gathering (meal)

You may not claim meals for your daycare children if their parents (parent) are present for that meal. A family gathering or party is not considered "daycare" and that meal cannot be reimbursed. "Daycare" is when neither parent is present in the home and you are caring for their child(ren) until their return. A holiday dinner or barbeque held at your home for all of the family is not reimbursable.

Summer Food Programs

If you take your daycare children to a summer breakfast or lunch program, you are ineligible to claim those meals.



Daily records

Daily records are **mandatory** – **NO EXCEPTIONS**.

If you cannot get online you <u>must</u> keep the following documentation:

- 1. Menu number or components served for EACH meal / snack
- 2. EACH child in attendance (non-participation also)
- 3. Meal that EACH child was served (B, A, L, P, D, E)

All enrolled children, including the providers own, are required to be signed in/out on a daily basis and documented with:

- 1. Times in/out
- 2. Signature or initials of the parent/guardian or other authorized designated person who picks up and drops off children.
- 3. Provider should review sign in / outs at the end of each day. Provider may sign child in / out (times) and then initial; **HOWEVER**, the parent or guardian must review and sign a minimum of once per week.

Point of Service Meal Counts

Point of Service is defined as the point in the meal service when the child has received (preplated) or has the opportunity to receive (family style) the complete reimbursable meal. POS is required if 12 or more children are being served the meal.

Record Maintenance Requirement

As a participant of the CACFP you are required to keep records for three years, plus the current year.

You are required to <u>maintain</u> on file documentation of each child's enrollment and must maintain daily records of the number of children in attendance and the number of meals, by type, served to enrolled children.

You must have records in your home for the current month, as well as the previous twelve months. These records must be available for immediate review. You may store the remaining three years of records offsite; however, they must still be in your control and accessible with a reasonable amount of time. Records can be kept in hard copy or electronic format, provided that they are readily available to Alliance for Children reviewers, Utah State Board of Education reviewers or USDA officials. Failure to maintain records will be grounds for the denial of reimbursement.

Sign In / Out Sheets

AFC is required to monitor and complete drop-in visits on any day / hours a provider claims. Because we do not have personnel available to monitor major holidays, you may **not** claim the following days.

New Year's Day
Easter
Thanksgiving
Christmas Day



You are required to have sign in/out sheets signed by a parent when you claim the following:

Saturdays Sundays

Care provided outside of hours on the child enrollment form
Shift work (claiming more children than licensed for)

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Presidents' Day

Memorial Day

Independence Day (4th of July)

Labor Day

*Note: Holidays must be pre-approved on the FDCH application before claiming for reimbursement.

If you need to submit a copy of your sign in / outs (see above reasons) please make sure that you always keep a copy in your home. You may fax, email, scan, copy, or use regular mail to submit copies to AFC office.



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Home Visits

A home visit is done within initial 28 days of program participation. Your monitor will ensure at this time that you are on the right track and assist you to follow the program guidelines.

After the initial visit, drop-in visits are done at least three times per year. The monitor will review all required program records (including daily meal counts, menus, required paperwork in your binder, and attendance records), children in care, sanitation and safety of your home.

If you bring the documents to the monitor as soon as they arrive, they can begin their paperwork while you attend to the children. Your monitor will do their best to not disrupt the children. AFC monitors understand you are busy with the kids and are there to answer any questions you may have, as well as monitor your participation on the CACFP.

At least once a year a monitor will watch you prepare and serve a meal.

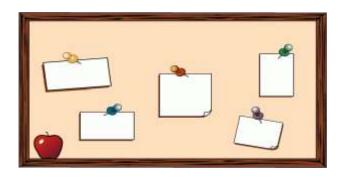
AFC staff wears identification. It is best to not allow someone inside your home without proper identification.

The State Board of Education will review AFC periodically and will make visits to many of our providers' homes. Provider homes are chosen randomly and these visits are to make sure all regulations are being followed.

If there are any findings of non-compliance to program rules at the home visit, you will be asked how you plan to correct the problem. A written Corrective Action will be completed at the visit.

Post in your home:

- Building for the Future Poster
- Current WIC Flyer
- Menus
- License / Certificate



Alliance for Children Binder

We have provided a three ring binder – please keep all required documentation organized and in this binder.

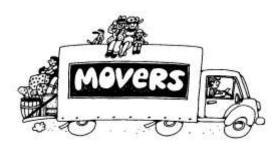
- Sponsor / provider agreement copy
- **Provider FDCH Application** copy (always keep the most current in your binder) Once you have been on the program more than a year, you can put this in a file to KEEP for a minimum of four years. (monitor will review meal times to be sure times are still accurate)
- Home review copies (monitor will review last three visits for any training issues)
- **Initial enrollment form** for each child (monitor will check original enrollments for each child) including most current **annual re-enrollment**.
- AFC Training Certificate(s)
- **Quick Reference** signed and dated by the helper, once provider has trained helper. This needs to be done annually.



Newsletter

AFC publishes a newsletter every month. It is sent with the direct deposit notice monthly. Please read – information in these newsletters is our way to get new rules and regulations to you. You are responsible for the information in these newsletters.





Change of Address: Please notify us if you plan to move. Your license automatically expires the day you move. You need to have a new license at your NEW address before you can begin claiming on the CACFP again.

Telephone

If you change your telephone number, notify the office immediately. It is required that you have a working phone. A cell phone is allowable, but be careful – it must be available at all times with the children. If it is taken out of the home by a family member, you are without a telephone, and you could be putting the children's safety in jeopardy with no way to contact emergency care, if needed.





Reimbursement Process

Claims are due in our office by the 2nd working day of the month.

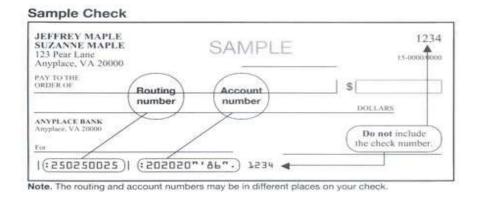
Direct Deposits are deposited once AFC recieves the funds from State of Utah. For example: January claim will be reimbursed end of February beginning of March.

Direct deposit information needs to be in the AFC office no later than the 15th of the month to allow time to process the information to deposit the following month into your account.

Direct Deposit

There is a form for direct deposit in your binder pocket. Please complete the form and include a "voided" check or deposit slip for either a checking or savings account.

When you receive your Direct Deposit Summary or your check in the mail, please pay attention to the messages and enclosures. We are giving you information you need to know and you are responsible for this information.

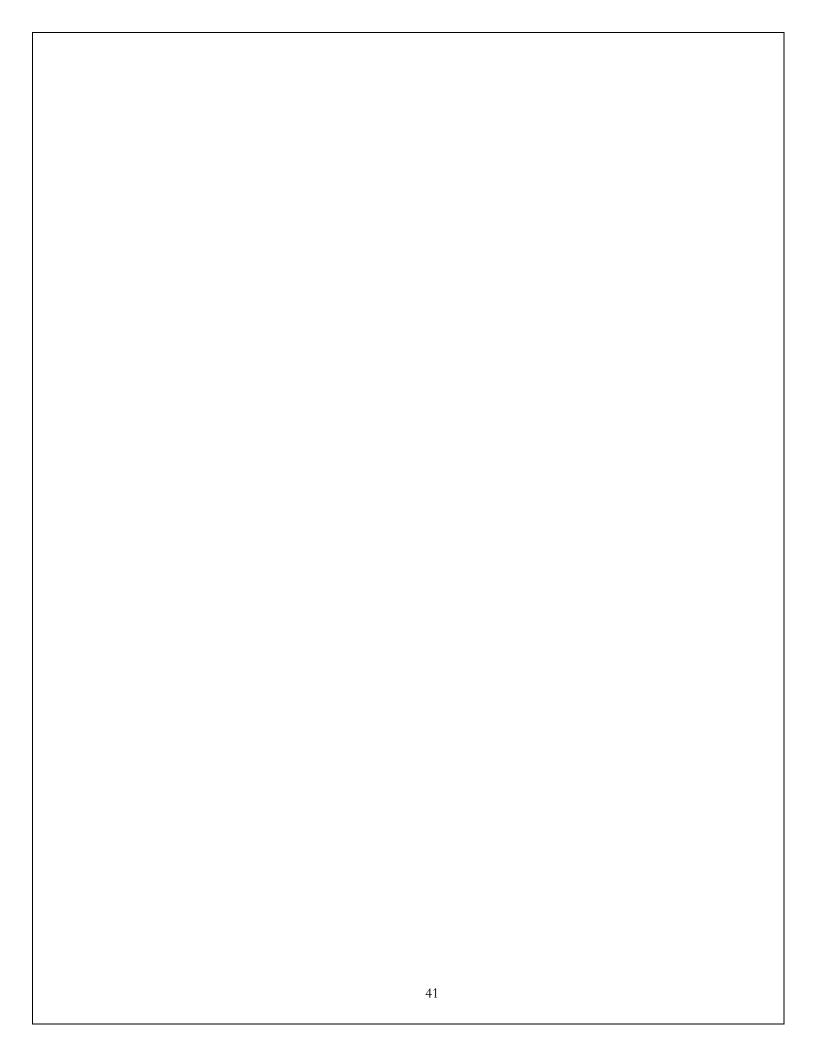


Disallowed Meals

It is the policy of AFC, mandated by the USDA and USBE, to prohibit reimbursement of meals if the program guidelines are not met.

Common Reasons for Disallowed Meals are:

- Meal component missing (i.e. milk missing at breakfast, lunch or supper).
- Any change in meal components needs a special diet statement
- Food (s) listed do not meet meal pattern requirements
- Two different food groups not chosen for snack
- More children than your license limit / capacity allows
- Claiming children who are not enrolled on the food program, or claiming your own children when no enrolled daycare children are present and being served for a meal / snack
- Child enrollment form indicates the child doesn't normally attend meal / day of the week
- Provider is not approved for given meal serving / shift
- School age child was claimed for am snack and / or lunch
- Provider served meal outside of approved meal times; infants excluded (see approved meal times on FDCH application or most recent FDCH application change form)
- Expired license / certificate / application
- A child was served after the child's enrollment expiration date was reached
- Provider recorded children / meal in attendance and the children were not seen by the Monitor at the home visit
- Meals claimed offsite (away from "approved" home) without "pre-approval"
- Meals recorded before meal service
- Meals <u>not</u> recorded daily or at time of service when 12 or more children are in care
- · Meals not served within approved meal times / days
- More than two meals and a snack (or two snacks and a meal) claimed.
- Not home for monitoring visit during approved meal times
 - 1. First time: the meal will be disallowed.
 - 2. Second time: the entire day will be disallowed.
 - 3. Third time: the entire day will be disallowed and written corrective action will be required. Potential serious deficiency.



Serious Deficiency

Serious deficiency is a tool used to help providers who are either having a difficult time understanding, following and / or learning the rules and regulations or simply refusing to follow them. Additional training may be provided if the serious deficiency is due to an incomplete understanding of the rules and regulations and further training could help the provider follow the rules and regulations.



When a provider is determined to be seriously deficient in operating the food program, a letter of explanation is sent. The letter outlines the steps the provider must take to correct the serious deficiency. If the corrective action is not taken or if the correction is insufficient, Alliance for Children will propose termination and disqualification from the food program. This is required by federal regulation. Because 100% of meal reimbursement is federally funded, we are required to oversee the program to minimize misuse of federal money. This includes inability to operate the program correctly, claiming children for meals when they are not present, and any other action that violates federal, state, and sponsor requirements.

There are several ways a provider may be considered seriously deficient, these may include:

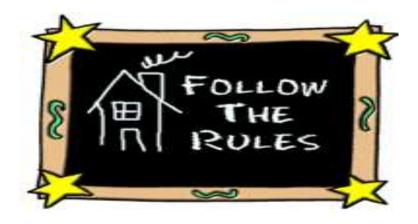
- Submission of false information on the application
- Submission of false claims for reimbursement
- Simultaneous participation under more than one sponsoring organization
- Non-compliance with the Program meal pattern
- Failure to keep required records
- Conduct or conditions that threaten the health or safety of a child(ren) in care, or the public safety (if imminent threat to health or safety the provider will be suspended from the program immediately).
- A determination that the daycare home has been convicted of any activity that occurred during the past seven years and that indicated a lack of business integrity.

- A lack of business integrity includes fraud, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, receiving stolen property, making false claims, obstruction of justice, or any other activity indicating a lack of business integrity as defined by the State agency, or the concealment of such conviction
- Failure to participate in training or any other circumstances related to nonperformance under the sponsoring organization daycare home agreement, as specified by the sponsoring organization of the State agency.

If a provider is seriously deficient, unannounced follow-up visits may be done to show that the provider has corrected the problem.

Alliance for Children wants you to be successful on the food program. We are here to help you understand and follow the rules and regulations from USDA, USOE child Nutrition Programs and Alliance for Children. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the office (800) 773-4731 or (801) 313-1090.

Termination and Disqualification – If a provider is terminated and disqualified from AFC or any other food program sponsor within the United States, the provider will not be allowed to participate with any food program for seven years. (This is a drastic step we hope we don't have to use). Before the final determination, there is an appeal process for those who feel they may have been wrongfully terminated.



Beef Vegetable Stew Recipe Revised From: USDA

Serving Size: 1 cap

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INGREDIENTS Raw beef stew meat, trimmed of any fat, 1° cubes Vegetable oil Fresh onlons OR Dehydrated onions Enriched all-purpose flour Granulated wartic Paprika Black pepper Dried thyme Water or beef broth

Canned sliced carrots, drained

Canned green peas, drained

Canned small whole potatoes, drained

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 Add water or broth. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat and cover. Simmer for approximately 13% hours, or until meat is tendes.
 Add carrots, potations, and peas. Cook until vegetables are heated through and internal temperature reaches 145°E, approximately 15 minutes.

Slow cooker variation: Add beef cubes, onlons, garlic, pagelka, popper, thyme, and beef frenth to slow cooker. Cook on high for 6-7 hours, Whisk flow with 15 cup water in a small book until there are no lumps. Add flow mixture to slow cooker: 50r gently to distribute. Add carrots, potatoes, and peas. Cook an additional 30 minutes.

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Chicken Noodle Soup

Recipe Revised From: USDA HACOP Process: Same day service Serving Size:

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Ages 1-2: 1 cup

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INGREDIENTS Chicken stock/hroth Celery, chopped Carrots, chopped Onions chopped OR Dehydrated onions Dried parsley Ground pepper Pouttry strasoning Enriched medium egg noodles

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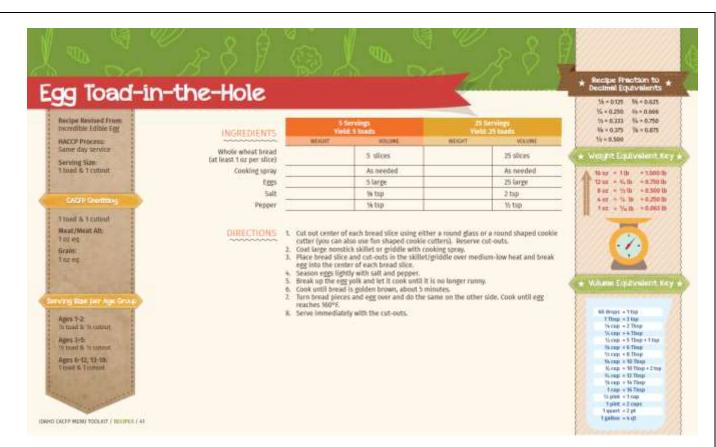
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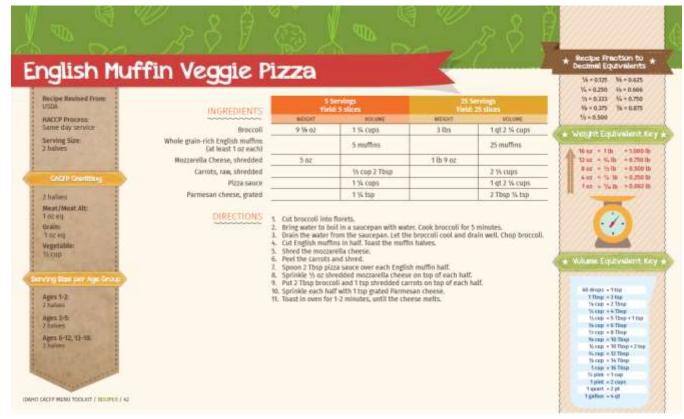
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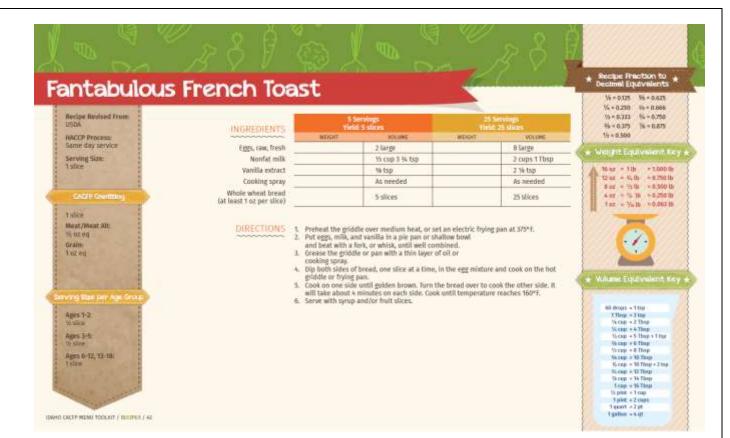


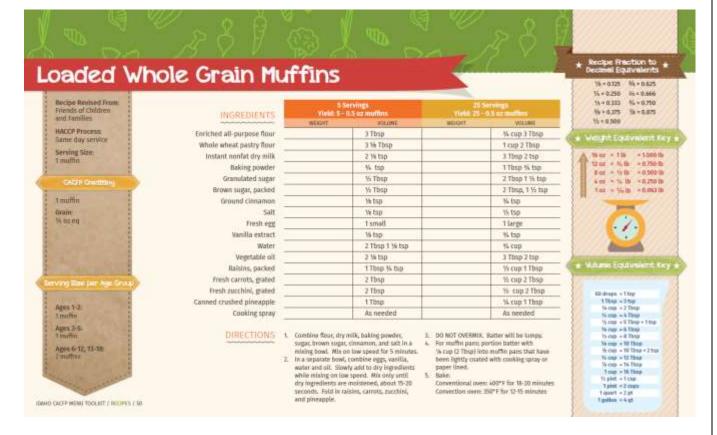




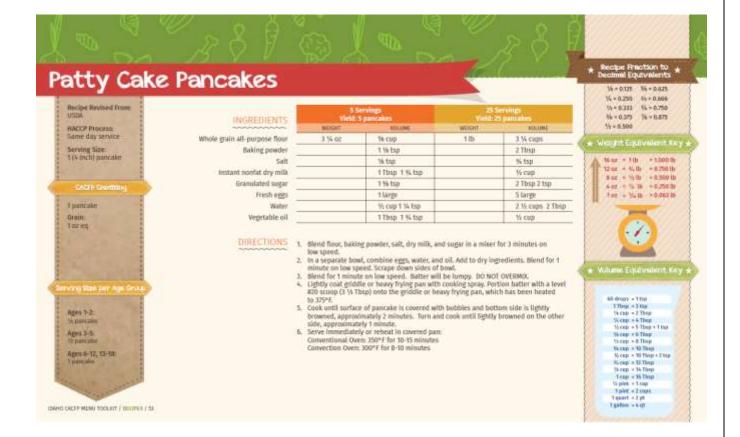




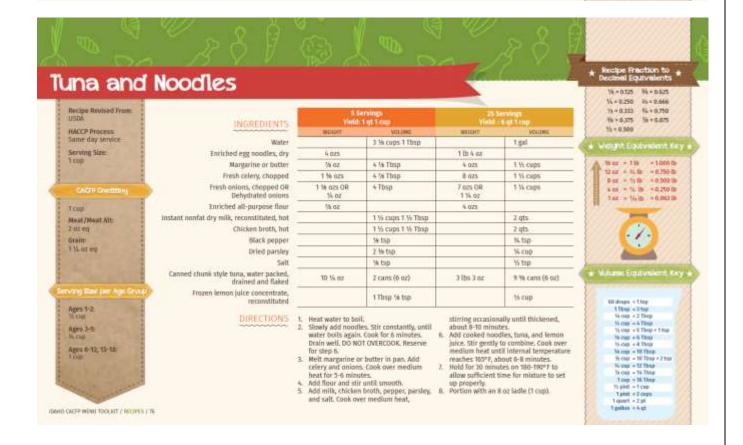




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Sweet Potato Fries % = 0.125 W = 0.625 % = 0.250 No = 0.666 Recipe Revised From: USDA 14+0.333 14+0.750 W+0.075 Na+0.075 INGREDIENTS 10 = 0.500 HACOP Process. Same day service 12 % or Raw sweet potatoes Serving Size: Paprika 10 cm = 1 th = 1,000 th 12 cm = 44, th : = 0.750 th 6 cd = 1/4 th = 0.500 th 4 cm = 16, th = 0.500 th Salt % top 2 tsp (6-6 fries per serving) Black pepper % tsp 56 tsp Canola oil 2.% tsp 14 cup Tor = 1/4 in = 0.003 in Cooking spray As needed As need % cup Vegetable % cup DIRECTIONS Preheat oven to 450°F, Scrub and rinse sweet potatoes. Scrub and rince sweet potatoes. Leaving skin on, cut sweet potatoes into thick French fry strips, about 10° x 30° x 2°. In a large bowl, mix paprika, salt, and black pepper. Add oil. Blend with a fork until there are no lumps. Add sweet potatoe strips to bowl. Toss until they are well coated. Line boking sheet pans with aluminum foil and lightly coat foil with cooking spray. Place sweet potatoes in a single layer in the pans. Bake for 15 minutes. Turn tries over and bake an additional 10-15 minutes, or until friesce bender. are tender. Outrage - Clary Titling - 2 top Vocas - 2 Torp Vocas - 4 Torp Vocas - 5 Torp - Clary Vocas - 5 Torp - Clary Vocas - 5 Torp Vocas - 10 T Ages 1-2 Ages 3-5 Ages 6-12, 13-18: IDAHO CACEP MENU TOOLATE / RECIPES / 69





KidKare Start-Up Guide

Welcome to KidKare! These quick instructions should help you get started.

Step 1: Log In

Go to KidKare.com & click **LOG IN**. Enter your **login ID** & **password** that has been provided to you by your Sponsor. *If you're on a smartphone or tablet, tap the menu icon (three blue lines at the top right corner) to display the LOG IN screen.*



Step 2: Decide what you would like to do next

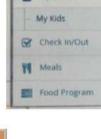
You can access all of the KidKare features from the menu icon.

Click the question mark icon to access Help online.

- Verifying Enrollment

 To verify all children are enrolled, go to Home >>My Kids.
 - If any children are missing, enroll them by tapping the Add Child button on the right.

*You can filter by clicking the settings button (orange gear) on the right hand side.



Recording Meals

1 Meal at a Time:

- Click on Meals>>Enter Meal
- · Verify the date is correct & infant/non infant is marked
- Select the meal you are entering
- Enter the meal components or click on the blue Menus button on the left side and select a menu number from the list.
- Click on the children that are eating the meal (they will turn GREEN)
- · Click the Save button

Editing Menus

- Click on Meals>>Add/Edit Menus
- Click on My Menus (you are unable to edit the master list)
- · Click on the down arrow attached to the menu you wish to edit
- Click the green Edit button
- Make changes & click the Save button

(continue on back)

Entering Multiple Menus at Once (Entire day/week etc)

- · Click Calendar on the left hand side of screen & then on Schedule Menus
- Verify if the menu is for infant/non infant
- Click on date you wish to enter
- Enter meal components for meals
- Hit Save

*If you enter multiple menus at a time you still must mark what children were present for that meal. Meals>>Enter Meal>>select date>>infant/non infant>>select meal>>Click children (they will turn GREEN)

- Before You Submit: Verify that the meals you served are recorded
 - · Click on Calendar on the left hand side of the screen
 - · Click on Provider and Meals on the top of the screen
 - You should see small boxes within the dates (B, A, L, P, D, E) for the meals that you served that day

Sending the Claim to Your Sponsor

At the end of the month when you are ready to submit your claim:

- Click on Food Program>>Send to Sponsor
- View your meal totals and information
- Click I Agree to Terms and Conditions box on bottom left
- Hit Sand
- Once the claim has been sent, you can view it in the View Claims screen

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Check out the other features of KidKare!

Calendar: Review meals, school out days, etc.

*Please note, if you mark that you are closed on your calendar in KidKare, that information does not get transferred to CMA. You are welcome to use that for your reference but <u>you</u> still need to call into the office and let us know you will be closed.

- Messages: Read important information
- Reports: Generate child enrollment reports, claim reports, etc.

LEARN MORE!

The KidKare Knowledge Base has training videos & helpful information to learn more about KidKare. You can even sign up for a free webinar. Just click your name at the top right corner of the screen, and choose the **Get Help** option. That will connect you to help.kidkare.com.





Kidkare.com Helpful Hints and Tricks

- 1. KidKare is a website. KidKare can be accessed on any electronic device that has internet. Tablet, IPad, Mac, desktop etc.
- 2. There is a save button, be sure to save.
- 3. Future meals can only be entered in the calendar tab and then scheduled menus area.
- 4. Providers can change the language on KidKare.
- 5. All babies have their own individual menu where providers enter their meal components specific to what they were served.

HOW TO:

- 6. If you click on My Kids in the upper left corner then all active, pending and withdrawn children will appear. To change who appears in this list click on the orange settings icon on the upper right side of the screen, then click who you want to show.
- 7. To add a child click on My Kids in the upper left corner, then click add child on the upper left side. This will bring you to a page where the child's information will be entered. All starred * areas must be filled in. After completing all 3 pages, print out the enrollment form and have the parent sign the form. Submit all new enrollment forms to AFC just like before. The enrollment forms look the same as before.
- 8. To enter a child's attendance click Check In/Out. The children enrolled and pending will appear. Providers can either click on the child's name to make them present or you can click on the down arrow to enter in the child's in time. The same technique can be used to check a child out. If you want to apply all typical times for all the children click apply enrollment times. The children's in and out times will still be accessible to make changes if needed.

TRAINING VIDEOS:

- 9. Providers can watch videos for free at www.helpkidkare.com. Listed on the right side of the page are several videos you can choose to view. For example: Intro to Kidkare for providers, Withdraw a Child, Record a Meal, Add and Edit Check In and Out Times, and View Pending and Withdrawn Children and much, much more. There is a link to watch a recorded webinar, a place to register for a live one and an area to contact Minute Menu.
- 10. Alliance for Children has a "test" site you can go to and get familiar with KidKare before you begin. Go to https://www.kidkare.com/ Login: 214000001 Password: KidMenu1