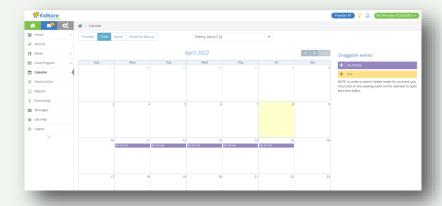


# Spring Break Reminder



### **URGENT REMINDER IF YOU HAVE SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN**

Reporting when school age children do not physically attend school: In order to receive credit for school age children's AM Snack and Lunch meals, you need to log in the school out dates on the child's calendar before the current month ends. To do so click on Calendar on the side tool bar> On the top section, select the child calendar> Then click on the drop down menu to select the name of the child you wish to access >Drag the NO SCHOOL OR SICK box to the applicable dates in which the child did not attend school.

If you make a mistake, simply click on the date and select delete.

## **Ounce Equivalent Implementation Coming Soon**

Effective July 1, 2022 (starting date is tentative), ounce equivalents (oz. eq.) will be used as measurements for creditable grains (bread/bread alternate) in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). You will be required to use ounce equivalents as the method of measuring and portioning items in the grains component in the CACFP. This includes in the infant meal pattern as well.

#### Why do we need to transition to Ounce Equivalent?

- Oz eq helps us know we are serving the right portions of grains to meet the nutritional needs of our participants.
- Using oz. equivalents helps streamline the CACFP with other child nutrition programs, such as
  the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and the School Breakfast Program (SBP), that already use oz. equivalents. It also shows how grains are referred to in the National Dietary
  Guidelines for Americans (DGA) and in consumer messaging such as MyPlate. So, we are getting CACFP up to speed with what is going on in the realm of other nutrition programs.

#### How will training be provided?

As your sponsor, we will provide you with informative tools and training on various methods to calculate creditable grains for each age category/meal to serve to your daycare children. Providers will be provided with the training materials via KidKare messages and their personal emails.

If the provider needs additional training after reviewing our training materials, we will be providing group training sessions via zoom. Within the next few weeks, we will announce the training dates and times. Stay tuned.



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