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Newsletter

Evergreen Child Care, Inc.

Child Nutrition Program

Important Notice: USDA Claims Validation Review (CVR) – CACFP

Evergreen would like to inform you of an email notice we received from CDSS (California Department of Social Services) regarding the upcoming **USDA Claims Validation Review (CVR)**, which will be conducted through **April 2026**.

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) CACFP Branch, which oversees CACFP operations in California, has notified all program operators that the USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) will be conducting a nationwide Claims Validation Review of CACFP operations. This review follows investigations involving child care fraud in Minnesota and is part of strengthened federal oversight to protect the integrity of the program.

USDA has selected ten states for review, and **California is one of them**.

On-Site Reviews (In-Person Visits)

- On-site visits **will NOT be announced**.
- FNS plans to visit CDSS during the week of **April 6–10, 2026**.
- During that time, a small number of unannounced visits to daycare providers may occur.

FNS staff will carry official USDA identification, and CDSS representatives will accompany them.

Off-Site Reviews (Virtual Visits)

- FNS has selected **132 California CACFP sites** for off-site review.
- Providers selected for this portion have already been notified directly.

If you did not receive communication, you were not selected for the off-site review at this time.

The purpose of these reviews is to observe meal service and validate meal counting and claiming procedures.

Please remember that reviews are a normal part of program oversight. Just as sponsoring organizations receive state reviews, providers may also be reviewed as part of federal and state monitoring requirements outlined in your CACFP agreement.

We strongly encourage all providers to print and review our updated **Monitoring Visit Checklist** (see link below) to ensure you are prepared for any monitoring visits conducted by CACFP representatives.

<http://www.evergreencacfp.org/uploads/1772217554provider-check-list-for-monitoring-visits.pdf>

Thank you for your continued dedication to the CACFP and children you serve.

MARCH IS NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH

March 15-21, 2025 is CACFP Week

What is National CACFP Week?

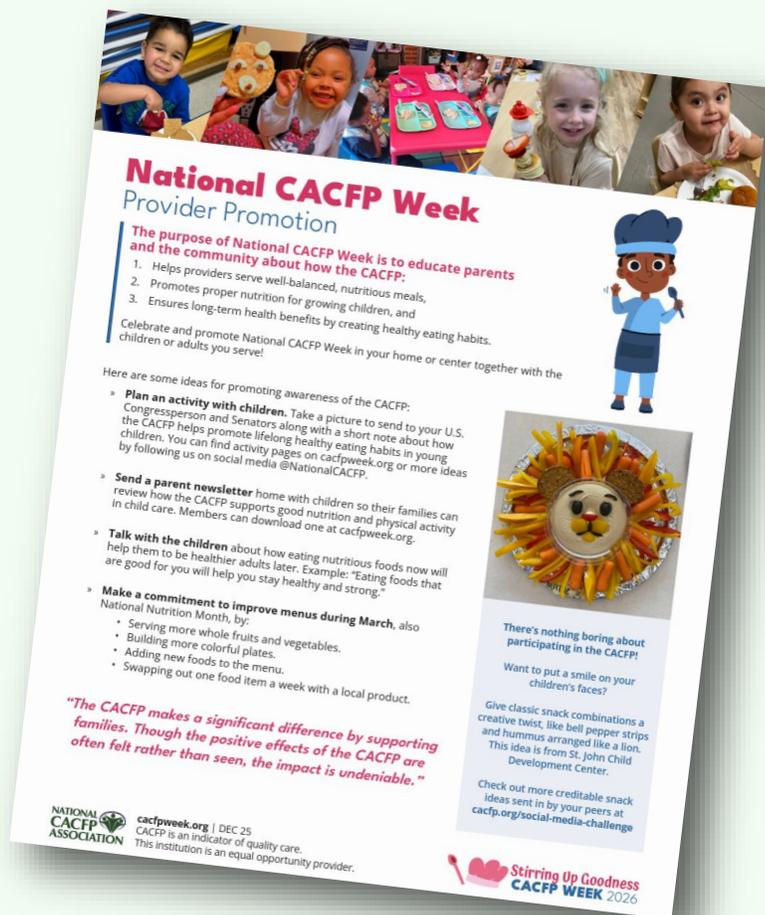
CACFP Week is a national education and information campaign sponsored annually the third week of March by the National CACFP Sponsors Association. The campaign is designed to raise awareness of how the USDA's Child and Adult Care Food Program works to combat hunger. The CACFP brings healthy foods to tables across the country for children in child care centers, homes, and afterschool programs as well as adults in day care.

This year we're highlighting Stirring Up Goodness. This guide includes resources and usage tips to help you participate in National CACFP Week with confidence. Designed for programs of all sizes and capacities, these materials work whether you're brand new or a longtime champion.

<https://www.cacfp.org/assets/pdf/2026+CACFP+Week+-+Resources+Guide+cacfp.org/>

Link to Provider Promotional Flyer (available in English & Spanish):

<https://www.cacfp.org/assets/pdf/CACFP+Week+2026+Provider+Promotion+EN-SP+cacfp.org/>



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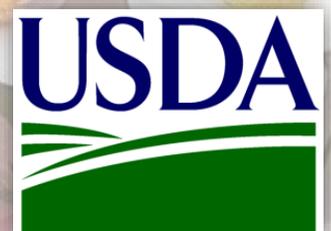
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