

Wildwood *at home* April 2015

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President's Message

There are 15 days left to comment on the proposed meal pattern! All comments are due either by letter or going to the Federal Register website (<http://goo.gl/YHQrZ2>). The USDA wants to hear from you! Listed below are some of the proposed changes:

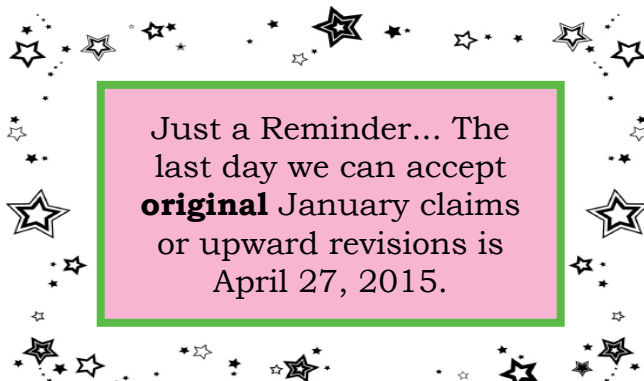
- Two age groups 0 through 5 months, 6 through 11 months
- Prohibit serving juice to infants through 11 months old
- Require fruit or vegetable in the snack meal pattern for the 6 through 11 month age group.
- Allow reimbursement for meals to infants under 6 months of age when the mother directly breastfeeds at the facility
- Allow ready-to-eat cereal as a grain for infants in the 6 through 11 month age group.
- Eliminate the option of serving cheese, cottage cheese, cheese food or cheese spread and yogurt to infants under 1 year of age
- Divide fruits and vegetables into separate components for lunch/supper and snack (which means a fruit and a vegetable must be served at lunch and dinner).
- Grain-based desserts excluded from the grain/bread requirement
- Tofu creditable as a meat/meat alternate
- Flavored milk served to children over 2 years of age must be fat-free
- Frying not allowed as a method of on-site preparation
- Meat or meat alternate may be served in lieu of up to ½ of the grain/bread requirement at breakfast

Now is the time for your voice to be heard. Follow the links to read more about the proposed regulations and make your comments! Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

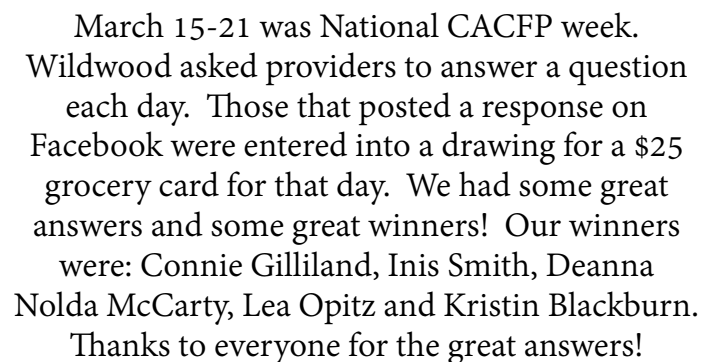
The proposed Meal Pattern is out and USDA wants to hear from you! The entire proposed Meal Pattern and how to comment can be found here:

<http://goo.gl/YHQrZ2>

Kati Wagner



Just a Reminder... The last day we can accept **original** January claims or upward revisions is April 27, 2015.



March 15-21 was National CACFP week. Wildwood asked providers to answer a question each day. Those that posted a response on Facebook were entered into a drawing for a \$25 grocery card for that day. We had some great answers and some great winners! Our winners were: Connie Gilliland, Inis Smith, Deanna Nolda McCarty, Lea Opitz and Kristin Blackburn. Thanks to everyone for the great answers!

Claims Corner

If your license was due for renewal in March, Wildwood must have a copy of the license with the 2015 sticker attached before we can request funds to pay your claim. Please mail, email or fax a copy to the office. Watch for your continuation notice to arrive in the mail and act on it as soon as possible.

- It's time again to start thinking of planning and planting your garden. The children love to be involved in helping with this process and watching the various vegetables grow then preparing and eating them for their meals and snacks.
- Take the children to a park and have a picnic and feed the ducks.
- Visit a farmers market and choose a new vegetable or fruit to fix for lunch.
- Take a hike around your neighborhood and see the trees leafing and the flowers blooming.
- Get outside every day and run and play.

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- **WHAT:** Circle of Friends Child Care Conference
Sponsored by: Pueblo County Professional Child Care Association
- **WHEN:** Saturday April 18th 8:00am - 4:00pm
- **WHERE:** Trinity Life Center
36 Merritt Court
Pueblo, CO 81001
- **WHY:** Six hours of continuing education training
- **HOW:** Contact Janell (719-564-1933, bjbars5@comcast.net)
or Lisa (719-250-4693, littleworldofdaycare@live.com)



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~ Wildwood Resources Update ~

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