



March 14-20 is CACFP Week!

March is a great time to spread the word about what CACFP is and how the program positively impacts child care providers and children.

CACFP Week is an educational campaign the third week of March promoted by the National CACFP Sponsors Association. The campaign is designed to share information about 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.

Check out the website below to find a parent letter, social media campaigns and promotions for child care providers.
<https://www.cacfp.org/national-cacfp-week-campaign/>



Share some fun St Patrick's Day crafts with your kiddos to create rainbows, lucky hats, pots of gold, shamrocks, leprechauns and stories of Irish lore.



Switch to online claiming for a chance to

WIN A FREE TABLET!!!

Providers who switch to online claiming will be entered in a drawing to win one of **10 tablets to be given away by Wildwood CACFP.**

(See contest details below)

Current online claimers can enter by calling 303-730-0460 or emailing

info@wildwoodcacfp.org

- To make the switch, contact your field representative or the Wildwood office.
- Children currently enrolled are already in the online system, so switching is easy.
- Wildwood's knowledgeable staff will provide personalized training to get you started.
- Online claiming through KidKare is available in Spanish for easy access.
- Avoid delayed reimbursement due to slow mail service by claiming online.
- Claims are due by the 5th of each month and are submitted with the click of a button.
- LIVE prize drawings will be held on Tuesday June 15, 2021!

Contest Rules: Promotion runs January 1, 2021 through April 1, 2021 and is open to all actively claiming providers on Wildwood's food program. To be eligible, participants must switch to online claiming (or already claim online) using KidKare by April 1st AND submit at least two consecutive, monthly claims before the drawing date.

When grocery shopping, do you ever wonder how much edible fruit is in a pound? (amounts listed are approximate)

Apples: 3.7 Cups per pound

Bananas: 1.75 Cups per pound

Berries (fresh): 2.5 Cups per pound

Berries (frozen): 3.5 Cups per pound

Grapes: 2.5 Cups per pound

Oranges/Cuties: ¾ Cup per pound

(serving size of small oranges is 2-4 pieces of fruit per child)

Tax Time: Help your clients with taxes by providing a W-10 form showing the total amount each family paid you for child care for 2020. A blank W-10 form is available on the Wildwood website: Wildwoodonline.org (W-10 can be found on the Forms and Documents page)



CORNER

CLAIMS

We want you to receive the most money possible each month. Claims Corner has useful reminders and hints to help you do just that.

- Reminder: Claims received by Wildwood on (or before) the 5th of the month, will be processed and paid the following month. When your claim arrives late, your payment will be delayed.
- For providers receiving Tier 2 reimbursement: If parents of children in your care have been laid off or are currently unemployed, it may be helpful to have them complete an updated Income Eligibility Form (IEF) to see if they qualify for Tier 1 reimbursement rates.
- Restaurant meals are not allowed for reimbursement by CACFP.

Help us to “clean-up” the list of children by withdrawing children who are no longer in your program. After a child leaves your program, we ask that you keep them active for one month beyond their departure date so that your claim can be processed and paid.

***The last day we can receive original WY & CO January claims for processing is March 24, 2020.**

***The last day we can receive original WY & CO February claims for processing is April 23, 2020.**

Do you have a substitute or helper?

The state of CO requires helpers and/or substitutes to complete Key Staff Training each year.

Please have all helpers or substitutes complete Key Staff Training. Include the name of the licensed provider in the “License Number” space to help us match the helper with the correct child care provider.

Hints for daily Whole Grain-Rich Requirement

Did you know that white rice is not whole grain rich? It’s true. The only rice that credits as WGR is brown or wild rice.

Did you know that Ritz Crackers are not Whole Grain Rich? It’s True. Ritz crackers have a misleading label that says “Made with Whole Grain”, but the packaging does not specify the amount of whole grain in the product. By checking the ingredient label, you can verify that the first ingredient of Ritz crackers is not Whole Wheat Flour, which means they are not a WGR product. You can still serve Ritz crackers, but please don’t mark them as WG. A great alternative is Wheat Thins, which are Whole Grain Rich and can be marked WG.

We have added resources on our website to help providers determine which foods qualify as Whole Grain-Rich.

Find WHOLE GRAIN-RICH RESOURCES under “What’s New?”



Steps to download your 2020 Tax Report

1. Log in to your Kidkare account
2. Select “Reports” from the left side of the screen
3. Select “Claim Statements” from the list of choices
4. Select “Tax Statements” from the list of choices
5. You will be prompted to choose the year you want
6. Click “Run” to generate your report
7. The document will open as a PDF file in the lower left corner of your screen.
8. You can save the digital report or print it for your records.

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