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Wyoming Workshops continue through September. Sign up for an event near you.



Wildwood received grant funding to provide a face-toface training workshop to child care providers in every county of Wyoming. We're bringing this fun training to you through September 2020.

To find the date and details check out the News and Events page on www.wildwoodonline.org

Please RSVP by calling 303-730-0460

We have planned these events with social distancing in mind, but please plan to wear a mask to protect yourself and others.

Update:

This training will soon be available as a WEBINAR for those who are not comfortable attending an in-person training due to the pandemic.

Last year we shared Guidance for popcorn

We saw a lot of popcorn on menus at that time, but we haven't seen it on menus lately. Just a reminder that the USDA had approved home-made or plain varieties of commercially produced popcorn as a reimbursable GRAIN component at meal or snack. Popcorn is WHOLE GRAIN and can be check marked as WGR on your daily menu when the appropriate amount is served to children in the CACFP.

To prevent the risk of choking, providers should consider children's developmental readiness and the ability to chew and swallow properly. Popcorn IS a choking hazard for young children and is not recommended for children under 4 years of age.



Age 3-5: 1.5 Cups of popcorn = 1 Grain Age 6-12: 3 Cups of popcorn = 1 Grain

Celebrate fun crafts with Egg Cartons

This fun flower or the critters below can be created by cutting egg cartons and colored paper, pom-poms, googly-eyes, and some washable paint.

















Resources from National CACFP 2020 Circus Acts: Lessons for Life Calendar

September Parent Connections Link September Circus Acts Child Activities Link Monthly Motivation Poster Link

Visit www.CACFP.org for more resources

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CLAIMS

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

- We have removed pie filling item from the food list. Pie is considered a dessert food and may be served as an extra but cannot be reimbursed on the food program.
- If you send meals home with parents due to COVID-19 please continue to make note of these meals on your meal records. .

Some foods are not usually eaten alone

Occasionally, we see menus that list onions as the vegetable component. We may question whether a full serving of onions was provided to each child in care. Although some foods items, like onions, peppers, mushrooms, and pickles are often included in combination foods, please keep in mind that the food components listed on the menu should represent a full serving of that item. If you are not providing a full serving, please serve another vegetable along with the meal to be creditable.

Thanks for submitting necessary documentation in a timely manner while we are doing phone visits. When Scanning or sending a photo of records to Wildwood, please open the



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*The last day we can receive original July claims for processing is September 25, 2020.

*The last day we can receive original August claims for processing is October 23, 2020.

2020 Wyoming training deadline: September 30

Wyoming providers have been notified of any missing trainings for 2020 by email or USPS Mail. A HUGE thank you to those who got the training done right away. Another reminder will be sent for those who still have incomplete training. To check on your training status, please call the Colorado office to verify. 303-730-0460

If you have not already done so, please complete these training topics by September 2020. If you prefer paper courses, let us know, and we'll mail them to you right away.

> **Civil Rights Online Training 2020 Online Nutrition Training 2020** Online Program Training2020

Referral Bonus! In challenging times, childcare providers need all the support they can get. Do you know providers who do not participate in the food program? Help us make a connection by referring them to your Wildwood field representative. After your referral joins Wildwood and submits their first claim, you will receive your choice of 2 hours of training from our PAID courses as a Bonus. Together we can help small businesses succeed!

Site visits are being done by phone to protect the health of all parties. This is due to a waiver by USDA which has been extended through September 30, 2021. If your program representative leaves a message, please call them back as soon as possible to complete the phone review.

Let us know if you have questions or need menus, attendance, or enrollment forms. 303-730-0460

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