



PROVIDERS FOOD PROGRAM FEBRUARY 2010



EEC REGULATIONS

The new EEC regulations went into effect on Jan. 22nd. You are now officially known as “educators” instead of providers. The new regulations are available for download on the EEC website. One regulation deals with hours of operation. You are no longer allowed to provide child care for more than 12 hours a day. If you are a provider/educator that is open all day and evening, you must now have an assistant to work above the 12 hours. You might consider having her work the middle of the day or even the mornings breaking up your 12 hours.

While we are on the subject of evening care, if you provide evening care, weekend care or double sessions your enrollments must show you have a need for these extended hours or you will not be able to claim for them. They must also show that you are not overenrolled during any time period.

ENROLLMENTS

When your day care parents are filling out the enrollments have them be very specific. If a child comes different hours on the weekend than during the week, you need to record that. If a child is school age, you need to show what time they leave for school and return back to your house. If they will be at your house during school vacations, snow days, or because they are not feeling well, your enrollments must show that their schedule varies depending on whether it is a school day or not. If you allow children to come on a day they are not scheduled for, your enrollment needs to show that their schedule might vary. If your enrollments do not allow for a particular meal or snack you are claiming for, it will be disallowed.

TRAININGS

Every provider should have the first training for this fiscal year. This was handed out at your last home visit. This record keeping training deals with the rules and regulations of our food program. Answers can be found in your manual that was passed out at your last home review. Also your monthly newsletters contain information on many of the questions asked. These are available on our website www.providerresources.org.

At your next visit you will receive the nutrition training and also one on food safety. As always you have one month to complete the training.

Please be aware that the training requirement for EEC has also changed. You are now responsible to complete 10 hours of training a year. You will be required to turn in your hours yearly.

FEBRUARY IS DENTAL MONTH

With tooth brushing now becoming part of the new regulations for EEC what better way to start off the new policy than with some activities around teeth and brushing.

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW MONITORS

Over the past few months we have hired a few new monitors for home reviews with our Spanish providers. They are:

Patricia Rosario – Boston area
Yomaris Garcia – Worcester
Juana Estrada – Springfield Area

NAME THAT FOOD

When writing out your menus, please be very specific with the names & types of the food you’re serving. Name what type of chicken, potato, beef, juice, cracker, just to name a few.

INFANT MENUS

Please include the ounces offered to your infant when filling out your menus, not the amount consumed.

Children Deserve Better: Improve the Child and Adult Care Food Program

Representative Paul D. Tonko (D-NY) introduced legislation that would improve young children’s access to nutritious meals in child care centers, family child care homes, and Head Start and Early Head Start programs. With your help, we can gain support for the Access to Nutritious Meals for Young Children Act of 2009 (H.R. 4402). **Take action now** so that we can reach even more hungry children. To find your congressman log onto this site:

<http://action.nwlc.org/site/PageServer?pagename=homepage>

There is a link titled “Take Action Now” which will bring you directly to page to locate your congressman.



MARCH 14th-20th is National CACFP week.

Take a few minutes to let your congressman know how important nutrition is to your day care children and the vital role the CACFP plays in it.

