



# PROVIDERS FOOD PROGRAM



## TIERING

The new income guidelines have been released. Please take a moment to review them. If you are currently a provider that is Tier 1 based on her income, or you are a Mixed Home provider that gives out parent packets to income qualify your day care children, you will be receiving material in the mail to reapply for the upcoming year.

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	YEAR	MONTHLY	WEEKLY
1	\$19,240	\$1604	\$370
2	\$25,900	\$2,159	\$499
3	\$32,560	\$2,714	\$627
4	\$39,220	\$3,269	\$755
5	\$45,880	\$3,824	\$883
6	\$52,540	\$4,379	\$1,011
7	\$59,200	\$4,934	\$1,139
8	\$65,860	\$5,489	\$1,267
For each additional person add	\$6,660	\$555	\$129

For providers that are currently Tier 2- Does your family income fall into these guidelines? If so, you most likely qualify for Tier 1, which is the higher reimbursement rate. What that means is you would be reimbursed at the Tier 1 rate for every child in your day care, plus you can claim your own children under the age of 13. If your family is on food stamps or TANF, you automatically qualify. Call the main office to have the paperwork sent to you.

If your family does not qualify, but you have day care children that might, we will send you parent packets to pass out to all your day care parents. If any of the children qualify, you will be paid the higher rate of reimbursement for those children.

Also, remember that Foster children do qualify for Tier 1 whether it is a day care child, or the provider's foster child.

## RECORD-KEEPING

Your home visitor will be bringing to you the record-keeping training. This is also available to download on-line from [www.providerresources.org](http://www.providerresources.org)

**REMEMBER**- you should have already returned your nutrition training, and if you have taken CPR since last October, send us a copy of your card.

## WANT TO SEND YOUR MENUS FASTER?

The fastest way to send your menus is by internet via minute menu. It is very easy to do and one way of guaranteeing that your menus make it to us for the first bill.

If you are interested in learning how to do menus on-line we will be offering small group instructions around the state. Please contact the office for further information.

## SUMMER SCHEDULES

With summer comes relaxed days and well deserved vacation time. A lot of providers take field trips or walks to the park. Although summer time visits are announced, if you would like to give us your cell phone number in case you are taking a walk or your home visitor is running behind schedule, it will be a way for us to reach you. If you would like to give us your cell phone number, please call the main office.

Also, please let us know your vacation schedule so we can plan our visits accordingly.

Don't forget- if you are going away on vacation and have finished day caring for the month, send in your menus before you leave. One great advantage to doing your menus on-line is if you forget to submit them prior to leaving, you can use any computer to submit them from.

## SCHWAN'S

Schwan's is a home delivery food service. Although it is not part of our program, it does offer discounts to providers participating in Providers Food Program. To get further information on their program contact them at 1-888-SCHWANS. Our access code is:40-092-220

## SERVE NEW ENGLAND

Do you volunteer 2 hours month? Serve New England is a food co-op that everyone can belong to. The only requirement is you perform 2 hours of volunteer service which they consider "anything you do for someone else, outside of your immediate family, without pay." You decide how you want to serve in your community. When you have volunteered 2 hours, you can purchase top quality food for a 40% discount.

June menus are due in the office by **JULY 5<sup>th</sup>**  
Please mail your menus on the last day you have day care in June.