



PROVIDERS FOOD PROGRAM OCTOBER 2011



NEW REGULATION REGARDING MILK

We recently sent out a letter to all the providers on our program. If you did not receive it, this is what it said. Many of you are aware that children's obesity has made the headlines over the past year. Our nutrition training Recommended Modifications to the Meal Pattern offered suggestions how to help the children in your day care eat healthier and ways to cut fat and sugar consumption while the children were in your care. Although we had an idea this might be coming, we were just notified that as **Oct. 1st** that the USDA has changed milk requirements for all CACFP programs.

- **Children over two years of age may not be served Whole milk and/or reduced-fat (2%) milk.** Fluid milk served to children ages two and older: must be: fat-free or low-fat (1%) milk.
- The milk served must be pasteurized fluid milk that meets State and local standards and may be flavored or un-flavored.
- Children under 2 year of age still are required whole milk

This takes effect Oct. 1ST in child care homes as well as our schools. Please follow these new regulations to avoid deductions on your meals. If you have any questions please call the main office for further assistance 781-939-9292.

NOT HOME MESSAGE LINE

If you are planning a vacation, field trip, or closing for a day and will not be home during your approved schedule meal time, please leave a message on our "not home" line or call the main office. This is a requirement and not following the procedures may lead to all meals being disallowed for the day, instead of the single meal service. Continual non-compliance will lead to serious deficiency.

781-287-1464 MESSAGE LINE
781-939-9292 MAIN LINE
781-939-9261 SPANISH LINE

IMPORTANT

HAVE YOU COMPLETED ALL YOUR TRAININGS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR WHICH ENDED SEPT. 30TH? Part of the requirements for being on a food program is completing 6 hours of training per year. Please call the office if you are not sure.

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WEEKENDS, EVENINGS AND DOUBLE SESSIONS.

It is that time of year to renew your double sessions, evenings and/or weekend approval. If you are currently approved, you will be receiving a new form in the mail which is due back by Oct. 15th. If you are not approved currently to claim weekends, evenings or double session, please contact the office to have a form sent to you. Please keep in mind that EEC's policy is:

- You cannot work longer than 12 hours a day. If you are working more than 12 hours, you need to have an approved assistant.
- Our office will need a copy of the assistant's license if we do not have one already.

In addition, The Dept. of Elementary & Secondary Education requires us to have on file an e-mail or letter that you sent to EEC licenser letting her know that you are doing extended hours. This is not a requirement of ECC, but of the food programs. Please add Donna Greenlay's e-mail address (Donna@providerresources.org) to your e-mail, so she receives a copy of the e-mail.

MINUTE MENU ON LINE MENUS

There is confusion regarding the entering of children on internet menus. If you currently do your menus on-line you should still enroll the child on your system. This allows you to start claiming the child immediately What you cannot do is use the form that prints out when you activate the child. The parent must fill out a "paper child enrollment". If the child is an infant, the parent must complete 2 pages of the enrollment, part 1, 2 and 3.

CYCLE MENUS

Some providers prefer to use cycle menus with their bubble menus. These are menus that the provider has written/typed up showing the foods being served over the next few weeks. The nice thing is you can choose which cycle menus to use each week, make copies of them to submit with your menus. If you choose to serve different food or meal then what is listed, you do need to cross it out and write in what you did serve.

EXCITING NEWS FOR OUR ONLINE PROVIDERS.

This month MOBILE APP will be available for our minute menus users. Access it in app stores for iPhone and Android! We will let you know as soon as it available. You will be able to record meals and access the calendar. You will not be able to submit menus from the phone. More details to come.