



## EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES BUREAU

**T**he mission of the Early Childhood Services Bureau is to improve the quality, affordability and accessibility of child care in Montana, with focused efforts on coordinated systems to best meet the needs of young children, their families, and the professionals who work on behalf of young children and families.

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# Child and Adult Care Food Program

Spring, 2016

## National CACFP Week, March 13-19, 2016!

Those who participate in the CACFP know how the program benefits children, but now is the time to spread the word and raise awareness of this USDA program! National CACFP Week is a campaign sponsored annually by the National CACFP Sponsors Association, and is aimed as a way to raise awareness of the CACFP and how it brings healthy foods to children and adults in child care facilities nationwide.

you as a business. Planning activities that highlight nutrition and healthy eating during the week can put the spotlight on the food program, and sending these activities home can keep parents involved in the discussion as well. To reach a wider audience, a press release could be sent to local media outlets to promote the benefits of CACFP participation, or letters can be written to legislators to raise awareness and ask for support.

For more information about National CACFP Week and how you can become involved, visit the National CACFP Sponsors Association at [www.cacfp.org](http://www.cacfp.org), and find snack, craft, and physical activity ideas on their Facebook page.

National CACFP Week: Raising Awareness Across the Nation.

Celebrating National CACFP week can be done in a variety of ways. For instance, you could send a message to parents, telling them you appreciate participation in the CACFP and the funds and benefits it provides to



### SAVOR THE FLAVOR OF EATING RIGHT

NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH® 2016

The timing of National CACFP week is very appropriate, as March is also National Nutrition Month! Originally a week-long event, this became a month-long observance in 1980 in response to growing public interest in nutrition. Visit [www.eatright.org](http://www.eatright.org) for more information and resources.

## Annual Application Updates Due May 31, 2016

All CACFP-participating centers are required to complete an update to their application at least annually. The Montana CACFP has updated our Applications and Application Updates Policy (MT CACFP 2015-2) and beginning this year (FY2016), all application updates are due to the CACFP State agency no later than May 31. Please note this date change and plan to complete your annual update within the next

three months. With the online application, updates are more efficient than in the past, as not all information needs to be input annually. Many items are carried over from year to year, but please review them all and update information as needed. Items such as annual budgets, insurance policies, and sanitarian visits need to be entered each year, along with accepting all required certifications.



## Fast Fact: Did You Know.....



More than 3.3 million children and 120,000 adults receive nutritious meals and snacks each day, thanks to CACFP participation.

Image courtesy of [www.childcareinfo.com](http://www.childcareinfo.com)

## Watch your Mailbox.....

Every year on April 1, the State agency sends out paperwork to complete an annual requirement for CACFP, the Audit Questionnaire. This form requires information regarding total federal funds received by your organization, and is used by the State agency to determine whether or not an A-133 audit is required for your organization. Regardless of the amount of federal money received by your organization, this form needs to be returned to our office no later than June 1. Please help us meet our deadlines by returning the forms in a timely manner.



## And Justice for All....

Earlier this year, all CACFP institutions were sent an updated “And Justice for All” poster for their facility. This poster displays the new non-discrimination statement (NDS), which was released by USDA memo in October, 2015.

Displaying the poster is just one part of fulfilling civil rights requirements in the CACFP. Any institutions that reference CACFP participation on their website,

for example, need to make sure the updated non-discrimination statement is on their site in its entirety. The non-discrimination statement should also be updated on all documents, pamphlets, and brochures. Current supplies of such documents can still be used until new copies are printed, up until September 30, 2016, when the updated statement needs to be used on all documents. If a document is too small to include the entire non-

discrimination statement, the shortened version must be used: “This institution is an equal opportunity provider”. This text cannot be any smaller than the smallest print on the rest of the document.

Civil rights issues are important to us and to our customers. Thank you for your efforts in compliance with these updates.



*“Food is our common ground, a universal experience.”*  
-James Beard

A photograph of a large sunflower head being held by several hands. The sunflower is the central focus, with its seeds clearly visible. The hands are positioned around the base of the sunflower head.

*Save the date!*

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**WELCOME NEW CENTERS!**

**3 R'S EARLY EDUCATION CENTER, HELENA  
FUNDAMENTALS PRESCHOOL, HELENA  
JUST KID N AROUND, GREAT FALLS  
LODGE GRASS PUBLIC SCHOOLS, LODGE GRASS  
PRAIRIE PEACE CHURCH, CUT BANK**

*CACFP Meal Count Totals  
Fiscal Year 2015, 1ST QUARTER*

500,220	Breakfasts
579,279	Lunches
124,927	Suppers
653,894	Snacks
<b>1,858,320</b>	<b>Total Meals and Snacks Served!</b>

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