

Child Care & Nutrition, Inc.

Mini-Teddy Newsletter

January, 2016 Edition

New Year's Resolutions!

As long as we are ringing in a new year, now is a great time to contact CCNI to sign up for **Direct Deposit and Minute Menu!** How easy for you to send your claim electronically! No more lost claims in the mail. And, if not that, at least this is a great time to sign up for Direct Deposit! Did you know that the providers who receive direct deposit regularly receive their funds in the bank before providers who receive checks get theirs in the mail? Your money is already deposited for you and you will receive a statement from us saying when the deposit was made, along with this wonderful newsletter each month! You won't have to make the extra effort to run to the bank to get your check deposited.

New on the Website for January

Check out new uploads to our website monthly at www.childcarenutrition.com. This month, we have a copy of the conference information as printed on the backside of this newsletter. We also have updated links to FDA Exempt Infant Formulas. These updates are under "CCNI News!" (click the 'read more' link). Check the website often for updates and changes!

Claiming Dates for January, 2016

Claim received by noon, January 7
Payment will be sent by January 15

Claim received by noon, January 14
Payment will be sent by January 22

Claim received by noon, January 21
Payment will be sent by January 29

CCNI Announcements!

After 31 years of operation, CCNI is pleased to announce our new Meal Count forms for our paper claimers! The new forms are 8-1/2 x 14 inches (legal length) and will hold up to 10 children. The snacks are no longer combined for the total "count". They are now separated by am, pm and evening snacks. For faster processing and your benefit, please count your meals/snacks and enter at the bottom of the child columns at the end of each month. Then, total the number of meals and snacks in each box on the right side of the form. Here is a sample of how the new forms look:

The image shows a sample of the new Daily Meal Count Form. It is a large grid with columns for children and rows for meals and snacks. The grid is divided into sections for Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner. To the right of the grid are several summary boxes for recording the total number of meals and snacks for each child and for the entire group. The form is titled "Daily Meal Count Form" and includes the CCNI logo and contact information.

Minute Menu Info!

If you are *not* eligible to claim your own children, you do not have to include them in your meal counts for Minute Menu, unless you want to for some reason... CCNI uses our own program for counting capacity on your claim and we include your children from our program, if it causes extra work for you, save a step☺

Also, we do not receive your notes from your claims until we read them. That means if you have special requests regarding your Minute Menu claim, we won't see it until it is almost completely reviewed. So, if you have important information, such as you want us to hold your claim for a new child's enrollment, you must email or call us with those instructions. –Thank you!

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Save the Date!!

February 26th & 27th 2016

KIDS FIRST

CONFERENCE

**PRAIRIE'S EDGE RESORT &
CASINO**

Granite Falls, MN

Conference Hosts:

Child Care Aware West Central District

MN West Community & Technical College, Granite Falls

Child Care and Nutrition, Inc.

AND THE HEAD START PROGRAMS of

Heartland Community Action Agency

Prairie Five Community Action Agency

Southwestern MN Opportunity Council

Western Community Action Agency

Friday night will include hors d'oeuvres from 6-7 p.m., then choice of attending either training below from 7-9:

2 hours CCNI Food program training (FREE)

or

2 hour SUIDS/AHT Training for \$10

Saturday morning

Keynote Speaker

Denita Dinger

"PLAY COUNTS!"

Saturday morning & afternoon

Break-out sessions (you will attend both – one in the morning and one in the afternoon):

"Let Them Play" – Denita Dinger

"Enhancing Young Minds Through Signs: Songs and Stories"
– Dawn Braa

↓ Want to peek ahead and learn more about our ↓
fabulous presenters?

To learn more about Denita, check out her website, blog, or Facebook page:

<http://www.playcounts.com/about.php>

<http://playcountsdenitadinger.blogspot.com/>

or look for her PlayCounts page on Facebook!

and

Check out Dawn Braa's new website, where she brings together many voices to support you in your professional passion!

<http://enhancingyoungminds.com/>

Southwest Minnesota Providers: LOOK FOR
REGISTRATION MATERIALS TO ARRIVE IN YOUR
MAILBOX MID TO LATE DECEMBER!

**CCNI will be sending a flyer to all our
sponsored providers with December
reimbursement in January, 2016**

Don't miss out! This conference will fill up fast!