

Child Care & Nutrition, Inc.

Mini-Teddy Newsletter

September, 2015 Edition

Important Enrollment Updates

Enrollment Packets will be mailed after September 1, 2015. The ink color will be purple this year. Instructions will be in the packet and you can re-enroll children through Minute Menu. All the information will be listed in the packet. We will also put instructions online after September 1.

Minute Menu ~ Enrolling new children: Please enter new children in your Minute Menu program the day you begin claiming them for meals and snacks. The child will show as “pending” until we receive the child’s enrollment in the office. You can continue entering meals daily for the child while they are “pending”, which keeps you current with your daily record keeping. Once we receive the child’s enrollment in the office, we will then change the child to “active” status, which will allow you to submit him/her on your claims.

Claiming Dates for September

Claim received by noon, September 3
Payment will be sent by September 11

Claim received by noon, September 10
Payment will be sent by September 18

Claim received by noon, September 17
Payment will be sent by September 25

School is Starting!

Be sure to send notes with your claims to let us know the following after school starts:

1. If a child is five years old and not attending Kindergarten this fall, let us know with a note on your September claim. That will tell us that he or she will be in care during the day for lunch.
2. We need to know why school aged children are present for lunch during a weekday. So, send us a note explaining when school is out for holidays, teacher in-service, snow days, if a child is sick & home with you, etc. We have to deduct the school age kids lunches if not noted.

Back to School Snack Ideas

Here are some ideas to feed children when they come off the school bus. Easy to fix and serve, kids will love these ideas:

Peanut butter (1-2 tablespoons) and **apple slices** –also **bananas** go well with **peanut butter**

Berries (Put 1/2 cup of strawberries, blueberries, or raspberries, or mix them together, etc) and add 1/8-1/4 cup of **yogurt**. **Peaches** taste good with **yogurt**, too

Cheese chunks-1/2 to 1 ounce go well with sliced fresh **apple**, fresh **pears**, **celery**, **cherries**, (1/2 cup) experiment☺

Cottage cheese-1 ounce (1/8 cup) loves **celery**, sliced bell red or green **peppers**, **carrots**, **broccoli**, **fresh tomatoes** and **peaches**. Spice up cottage cheese with onion or chives.

Of course Crackers, pretzels, bread and other grains and fluid milk go with all of these mentioned ideas! The measurements are per child served. Remember to use items from two different food groups at snacks. **Have a Fun Fall for All!**

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Goodbye to our Friends at Families First and Parent Provider Connections.

We were so sad to hear of closings of two Child and Adult Care Food Program Sponsors in southern Minnesota. Families First has been a sponsor in Rochester for many years (formerly Child Care Resource and Referral). Parent Provider Connection has also been working with providers for 31 years. Apparently, their Boards decided to end the CACFP operations in those agencies. We have enjoyed a great working relationship with both these sponsors and their presence will be greatly missed.

We, of course will welcome all providers who now need a sponsor, and we will help out Families First and Parent Provider Connections in any way we can.

CCNI is hosting an Open House in Rochester and Owatonna at times and dates below. These meetings are open to all providers, including our loyal clients. Please come and meet us in person and bring a friend!

August 17, 2015 from 6pm-8pm
Parent Provider Connections Office
560 Donnell Drive
Owatonna, MN

August 18, 2015 from 6pm-8pm
Wood Lake Meeting Center
210 Wood Lake Drive SE
Rochester, MN

New Providers

8 New providers on the list this month!

Welcome!

Website News!

We revamped our website! Go to www.childcarenutrition.com and see the new, updated site! It is easy to use and has all the great features of our old site including forms to download, resource links, and even staff information with photos!

In the middle of the Home Page, go to the Members Services and click on the "Login Here" link. That will take you to a page to sign up for future emails. So, if you want email notifications about upcoming important events, enter your name and email address (and provider Id number) in that screen and submit. We will send you a notification acknowledging the sign up. If you already signed up and didn't get an email confirmation, sign up for the email alerts again. It is now fully functional.

Go to the bottom of the home screen to log into "Access Online Enrollments". There you can see current enrolled children, claim reimbursement information, etc. Log in with your user name and password. If you don't know it, send us a request at info@childcarenutrition.com and we will send you your user name and password.

Claiming Tips for Providers

- Claim only meals and snacks actually served or consumed by children while in care.
- Never substitute a drop in child for one that is absent that day.
- Always get a new enrollment for drop ins (or decline form if parents do not want their child enrolled).
- Send in the enrollment for new children prior to sending their first claimed meals.
- Keep back up records of attendance.
- Record your meal counts and menus at the end of each day!
- Claims *must* be received by CCNI by noon on Thursdays to receive payment scheduled for the next week (to be sent on Fridays).
- Watch portion sizes of menu components. Be sure to offer enough according to USDA guidelines.