

Child Care & Nutrition, Inc.

Mini-Teddy Newsletter

August, 2016 Edition

Minute Menu Survey

Thank you for participating in the Minute Menu Survey. We are gathering information for changes that Minute Menu may be implementing in the future. Your response helps us plan and make necessary changes with the least interruptions possible. So thanks again.

Thank you For Supporting our Raffle!

We made over \$2,000 in our Summer Fun Grilling Package Raffle we held. The winner was Janet Thomsen of Hendricks, Minnesota. We also want to thank the following businesses for their support: Hendricks Hardware for the grill; Ivanhoe Foods for the meat. Thank you to everyone who supported the raffle.

Welcome New Providers

Katie Adler, Montrose
Calli Backen, Hutchinson
Laura Brezina, Alexandria
Brianna Dahl, Chatfield
Belinda Estrem, Waverly
Lucas Kaplan, Fairmont
Katie Mueller-Frietag, Winona
Ronda Palmer, Walker
Jessica Paulsen, Zumbrota
Megan Tietz, New Ulm
Megan Yeager, Monticello

New providers and long timers! Watch the newsletter for your provider ID number assigned by CCNI! If you find it and call us you win a thank you resource sent from CCNI to you!

Shared Recipes from CCNI Provider

From Calla Thooft

Calla will receive a thank you resource from CCNI for sharing this idea. You can send us a recipe to publish in the newsletter and receive thank you resource, also.

Walking Tacos

This summer idea is great for eating outdoors as a picnic or on a walk for lunch. (Remember to let us know if you are away from your home during a meal time!)

In a clear zip lock bag, add ½ cup whole grain or enriched tortilla chips, add 1 1/2 ounces of taco seasoned ground beef (approximately 1/3 cup). 2 tablespoons shredded cheddar cheese; ½ cup shredded lettuce and cut up tomatoes. Season and dress as desired with onions, peppers, salsa and sour cream. Bring along extra carrot slices and crackers or bread & butter to round out the meal. Serve with appropriate milk for the age group of children.

Claiming Dates for August 2016

Claim received by noon, August 4
Payment will be sent by August 12

Claim received by noon, August 11
Payment will be sent by August 19

Claim received by noon, August 18
Payment will be sent by August 26

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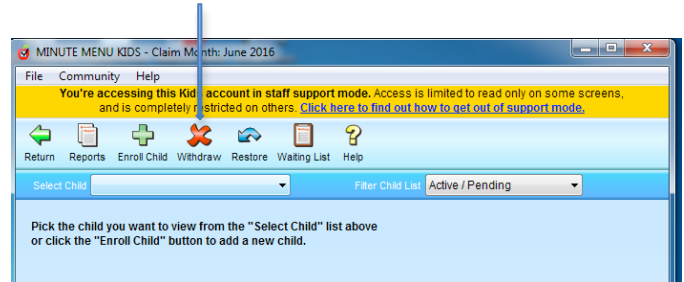
Household Income Guidelines

Family Size	\$ Per Year	\$ Per month	2 x per month	\$ Per 2 Weeks	\$ Per Week
1	21,978	1,832	916	846	423
2	29,637	2,470	1,235	1,140	570
3	37,296	3,108	1,554	1,435	718
4	44,955	3,747	1,874	1,730	865
5	52,614	4,385	2,193	2,024	1,012
6	60,273	5,023	2,512	2,319	1,160
For each additional person	7,696	642	321	296	148

If you have a family who is currently being reimbursed at a higher rate because they are income eligible, you should have received a packet by this time with new Household Income Guidelines for your families to fill out. If you feel you now qualify for the Tier I rates based on the family size and income information above, CHI-026 please contact CCNI and request a Provider HIS form.

How to Withdraw a Child from Minute Menu

On the child information screen, simply use the drop down list to select a child and click on the red "X" to remove them. If you need to reactivate the children, please call us at CCNI as only we have the capability of restoring them to your list.



Veggie Straws...are they creditable?

No. They are like a potato chip. They are made from vegetables, but there is no standard for the amount needed to fill the portion sizes necessary for fruits and vegetables at any meal or snack. So they are not creditable as a fruit/vegetable or snack cracker.

Claiming Tips for Providers

- You must be pre-approved to claim snacks or meals not originally listed on your annual application form. So, if you are adding a meal or snack or split shift, please fill out our yellow provider notes and send before or with your claim. Call the office at 800-634-3359 for more information.
- Also, if you are changing meal and snack serving times, you must have no less than 2 hours between the beginning and ending time of your main meals of the day (breakfast, lunch, supper).
- 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.
- If you have computer trouble and can't get in to Minute Menu for a few days, you **MUST** keep track daily of menus of meals served, children's first and last names, and the children who received the meal must be tracked by first and last name and meal code (b=breakfast, am=am snack, l=lunch, pm=pm snack, s=supper, and eve=evening snack). The Calendar Keepers we give each year have a perfect place for keeping track of each individual child, each meal code and each menu until your computer is up and running again. Keep those paper records three for years, as they are now your point of entry for your record keeping.