



## New Meal Pattern Update

USDA FNS understands that major transitions can be difficult for everyone involved and have shown a fierce commitment to providing ample time to train everyone on proper implementation of the new regulations. We appreciate the attentiveness FNS has shown to State Agencies, sponsoring organizations, and providers in acknowledging the difficulties some may have in implementation of the new meal patterns.

To counter the difficulties anyone may have, technical assistance must be offered during the first year of meal pattern implementation. Ultimately, we hope to work together during this transition to serve as many children in our program the most nutritious meals possible.

### WHY IT MATTERS

As program operators, our primary goal has always been the health of our nation's children. The passage of the revised meal patterns for the CACFP arm providers with the very best nutrition science and consequently, the best for the children we serve. Change can be difficult, but with the opportunity to correct human error as we transition, lighten the burdensome trend of increased paperwork, and provide technical assistance where needed, we will become a stronger program and community.

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## JOIN THE PERFECT CLAIM CLUB :)

What is classified as a perfect claim?

A perfect claim, is a claim that, contains limited adjustments during claim processing resulting in no errors. (Several centers have achieved this goal.)

How to join the 'Perfect Claim Club'?

- ◇ All claim documents are submitted by deadlines. Claim and all verifiable receipts submitted by the 5th of the month.
- ◇ Submit new and renewing Enrollments by the 26th of claim month.
- ◇ Menus have **recipes**, **CN** and **PFS** correctly cited and documented.

Note: Centers that serve 4 meals a day may also join the club when the only errors listed, on the error report, are for the fourth meal served.

What's the Benefit of joining the club? Maximize your claim reimbursement. :) Starting this month. If a center has 4 consecutive months of perfect claims, your center will receive a lower admin percentage for the 5th month. Resulting in a higher reimbursement check. \$

We are glad to offer help and support in achieving this goal. :) Best time to receive technical assistance, from our office, is during the last 2 weeks of the month.



### FY 2018 Training

Trainings will be scheduled for

Region 1

September 2017 (toward end of month)

Region 2

August 2017 (hopefully Sat. the 19th)

Times and Locations will be posted next month

## Small Hands Crafting

White construction paper, forks, washable paints, and paint brushes are all you need to create tulip art!

Using the back of the fork, rock it back and forth in the paint to cover the tines.

Using the fork as a stamp and with the same motion, print these "tulips" onto white paper. Complete flowers by brushing on stems and petals.



# Happy Spring

**Did you know that National CACFP Week is held each year the first week of spring?**

CACFP Week is a national education and information campaign sponsored annually by the National CACFP Sponsors Association. The campaign is designed to raise awareness of how the USDA's Child and Adult Care Food Program works to combat hunger and bring healthy foods to the table for adults in day care and children in child care homes, centers, and in afterschool and summer feeding programs across the country. When we all join forces and work together the message we provide is stronger and will receive more attention.

**Learn more at [cacfpweek.org](http://cacfpweek.org)!**

**Spring Sports Balloon Style: Movement on the First of Spring**

### Balloon Tennis

Create rackets by taping a stir stick to the back of paper plates. Using only the rackets, have your children try to keep the balloon from touching the ground. Teach tennis style scoring to the kids (who doesn't like to say 40-Love?) or use traditional scoring to keep it simple for younger children. This is also a great physical activity to play inside on a rainy day.

### Balloon Soccer

Split the children into two teams. Create a soccer goal for each team by placing a laundry basket on its side. Using only their feet have kids try to get the balloon into the other team's goal.

## Simple Spring Snacks

### *Fruit-a-licious Breakfast Cup*

Low-fat yogurt  
Whole-grain cereal  
Fruit

Using a spoon, layer yogurt, cereal, and fruit in a cup to create a fun pattern.

### *Sassy Fruit Snake*

Small bananas  
Raisins

Peel bananas and cut in half lengthwise. Place two banana halves on small plate end to end, in an "s" shape. Add raisins to the top of banana as eyes.

