



Bite Size: Meeting the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Meal Patterns for Children

Module 1: Introduction to Bite Size and Meal Pattern Overview

Resource List for Module 1

This document contains the resources highlighted in the Connecticut State Department of Education's (CSDE) Bite Size module 1: Introduction to Bite Size and Meal Pattern Overview.

Bite Size: Meeting the CACFP Meal Patterns for Children (CSDE's Meal Patterns for CACFP Child Care Programs webpage):

<https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/Nutrition/Meal-Patterns-CACFP-Child-Care-Programs/Related-Resources#BiteSize>

CACFP Best Practices (U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)):

https://fns-prod.azureedge.us/sites/default/files/cacfp/CACFP_factBP.pdf

CACFP Halftime: Thirty on Tuesday Training Webinars (Institute of Child Nutrition (ICN)):

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/halftime-cacfp-thirty-thursdays-training-webinar-series>

CACFP Meal Pattern Training Slides (USDA webpage):

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/meal-pattern-training-slides-cacfp>

Education and Training Resources for CACFP Professionals (ICN):

<https://theicn.org/cacfp>

Final Rule: Child and Adult Care Food Program: Meal Pattern Revisions Related to the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 (USDA):

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2016/04/25/2016-09412/child-and-adult-care-food-program-meal-pattern-revisions-related-to-the-healthy-hunger-free-kids-act>

Final Rule: Delayed Implementation of Grains Ounce Equivalents in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (USDA):

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2019/09/25/2019-20808/delayed-implementation-of-grains-ounce-equivalents-in-the-child-and-adult-care-food-program>

Final Rule: Transitional Standards for Milk, Whole Grains, and Sodium (USDA):

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2022/02/07/2022-02327/child-nutrition-programs-transitional-standards-for-milk-whole-grains-and-sodium>

Meal Pattern Requirements for CACFP Child Care Programs (CSDE guide):

https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Nutrition/CACFP/MealPattern/Guide_CACFP_Meal_Patterns.pdf

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Meal Patterns for CACFP Child Care Programs (CSDE webpage):

<https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/Nutrition/Meal-Patterns-CACFP-Child-Care-Programs>

Offering Water in the USDA Child and Adult Care Food Program (USDA):

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/offering-water-cacfp>

Online Training: CACFP Optional Best Practices (ICN webpage):

<https://theicn.docebosaa.com/learn/course/external/view/elearning/75/cacfp-optional-best-practices>

Program Guidance for CACFP Child Care Programs (CSDE webpage):

<https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/Nutrition/Program-Guidance-CACFP-Child>

Resources for the CACFP Meal Patterns (CSDE):

https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Nutrition/CACFP/MealPattern/Resources_CACFP_Meal_Patterns.pdf

Water Availability (CSDE's Meal Patterns CACFP Child Care Programs webpage):

<https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/Nutrition/Meal-Patterns-CACFP-Child-Care-Programs/Related-Resources#WaterAvailability>

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Bite Size is the Connecticut State Department of Education's (CSDE) training program for CACFP child care facilities, including child care and Head Start centers, at risk afterschool care centers, emergency shelters, and family day care homes. Bite Size is a series of recorded training modules that provide information on the meal pattern components and crediting requirements of the CACFP meal patterns for children. Each module provides key information in 45 minutes or less. To access the Bite Size training modules and resources, visit the CSDE's [Meal Patterns for CACFP Child Care Programs](#) webpage.

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