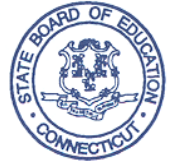




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TO: Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Child Care Centers
and Family Day Care Home Sponsors

FROM: John Frassinelli, Chief
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DATE: November 20, 2013

SUBJECT: **Operational Memorandum #03C-14 and 03H-14**
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Needs Assessment Research Launch

As part of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, Section 221, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service is preparing to launch a nationwide research survey of Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) participants that serve children up to age five. The survey will be conducted by KRC Research, an independent survey research company.

The purpose of the survey is to get input from State agencies, sponsoring organizations, child care centers, and family day care homes across the United States about nutrition, physical activity, and electronic media use in centers and homes. Results from the research will be used in the development of nutrition and wellness resources and technical assistance materials for CACFP providers. The 20-minute survey will be conducted online for all audiences, or by telephone, as needed, among centers and homes. The survey for sponsors, centers and homes will also be available in both English and Spanish.

The researchers are currently compiling contact lists from which the survey samples will be drawn. In the next step of the project, KRC Research will be contacting participating CACFP institutions for information on the centers and homes they sponsor.

Please note that your institution may be randomly selected to participate in the survey when it launches. The Connecticut State Department of Education's Child Nutrition Unit encourages your participation in this project. In addition, we are requesting that you notify staff at your centers and homes about their potential selection for the survey.

Your support of this important endeavor is greatly appreciated.

If there are any questions about this information, contacts are as follows:

Day Care Center Sponsors: Susan Boyle at 860-807-2074, Celia Cordero at 860-807-2076, Benedict Onye at 860-807-2080 or Terese Maineri at 860-807-2145.

Day Care Home Sponsors: Celia Cordero at 860-807-2076 or Terese Maineri at 860-807-2145.

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