

## STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



TO:	Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Child Care Centers and Family Day Care Home Sponsors
FROM:	John Frassinelli, Chief Bureau of Health/Nutrition, Family Services and Adult Education
DATE:	June 24, 2016
SUBJECT:	<b>Operational Memorandum No. 7C-16 and 7H-16</b> Revised Guide for Feeding Infants in CACFP Child Care Centers and Family Day Care Homes

The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) recently updated its guide on feeding infants in the CACFP. *Feeding Infants in CACFP Child Care Programs* provides important information to assist CACFP child care centers and family day care homes with meeting the current U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) regulations (7 CFR 226) and policies for the CACFP infant meal pattern requirements that remain in effect through September 30, 2017. It also highlights the key changes in the new CACFP infant meal pattern that takes effect on October 1, 2017, as required by the USDA final rule, *Child and Adult Care Food Program: Meal Pattern Revisions Related to the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010.* 

The revised guide is dated June 2016, and replaces the previous version dated September 2011. This guide is part of the CSDE's Nutrition Policies and Guidance for the CACFP, and is available in the Feeding Infants section of the CSDE's Nutrition Policies and Guidance for the CACFP Web page. The direct link to the PDF is www.sde.ct.gov/sde/lib/sde/pdf/deps/nutrition/cacfp/NPGinfants.pdf.

The following handouts are also updated, and are available in the Feeding Infants section of the CSDE's Nutrition Policies and Guidance for the CACFP Web page:

- CACFP Infant Meal Pattern (Revised June 2016);
- Accepting/Rejecting Infant Formula in the CACFP (Revised May 2016);
- Weekly Infant Menu Form 1 (Five Days) (Revised June 2016);
- Weekly Infant Menu Form 2 (Seven Days) (Revised June 2016);
- Bottle Feeding Infants (Revised June 2016); and
- Preventing Choking in Infants and Young Children (Revised June 2016).

Please discard any old versions of the guide and handouts.

Questions may be directed to:

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