

CACFP Updates July 2026



CACFP Updates is the Connecticut State Department of Education's (CSDE) electronic newsletter for sponsors of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), including child care centers, family day care homes, emergency shelters, at-risk afterschool care centers, and adult day care centers.

This edition's topics are listed below. Please review and share with appropriate staff members. For previous versions of CACFP Updates, visit the CSDE's [CACFP Updates](#) webpage.

- Updated Civil Rights Complaint Procedures for the CACFP
- Updated CACFP Civil Rights Forms and Resources
- Name Change for USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) to Food and Nutrition Administration (FNA)
- New USDA Webpage: Child Nutrition Programs Food Industry Toolkit

Updated Civil Rights Complaint Procedures for the CACFP

As a reminder, sponsors participating in the CACFP are required to have procedures in place to address any civil rights complaints that may occur. The CSDE's document, [Civil Rights Complaint Procedures for School Nutrition Programs](#) (dated July 2026), assists sponsors in handling any complaints received at the local level.

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Updated CACFP Civil Rights Forms and Resources

Updated versions (dated May 2026) of the CACFP civil rights forms and resources are available in the “[Civil Rights Requirements for the CACFP](#)” section of the CSDE’s Civil Rights for Child Nutrition Programs webpage.

Guide

- [Civil Rights Requirements for the CACFP](#)

Forms

- [Civil Rights Beneficiary Data Collection Form for the CACFP](#)
- [CACFP Civil Rights Beneficiary Data Collection](#)
- [Population by Race per Town Based on 2012 Public School Enrollment](#) (use to complete the Civil Rights Potential Beneficiary Data Determination Form)

Presentation

- Overview: [Civil Rights: Your Responsibilities in the CACFP](#)
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As a reminder, the USDA requires that CACFP sponsors must provide annual civil rights training for all frontline staff who interact with applicants or participants, as well as supervisors of frontline staff. Training is required so that individuals involved in all levels of administration of programs that receive Federal financial assistance understand civil rights-related laws, regulations, procedures, and directives. For questions, please contact the [CACFP staff](#).

Name Change for USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) to Food and Nutrition Administration (FNA)

As of June 1, 2026, the USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is now officially the Food and Nutrition Administration (FNA). The USDA is in the process of updating their website to reflect this change. The CSDE will also be updating applicable documents and resources to reflect this change.

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New USDA Webpage: Child Nutrition Programs Food Industry Toolkit

The USDA's new webpage, [Child Nutrition Programs Food Industry Toolkit](#), consolidates Team Nutrition resources dedicated to food industry partners. These resources support food products available to organizations operating the school nutrition programs, the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), and the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). Resources are grouped by topic, including child nutrition (CN) labels, product formulation statements, crediting, and more. Ideal for orienting new food industry staff and refreshing existing partners, this toolkit aims to provide all relevant resources in one place and reduce the time needed to access information that supports the USDA's child nutrition programs.

For more information, visit the Connecticut State Department of Education's [CACFP Updates](#) webpage or contact the [CACFP staff](#) at the Connecticut State Department of Education, Bureau of Child Nutrition Programs, 450 Columbus Boulevard, Suite 504, Hartford, CT 06103-1841. This document is available at https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfpupdates/2026/cacfp_updates_2026_07.pdf.

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