

Summary of CACFP Updates Topics for 2026

This document summarizes the CACFP Updates topics for 2026. CACFP Updates is the Connecticut State Department of Education's (CSDE) monthly e-newsletter for Connecticut 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](#).

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Month	Topics
September 2026 CACFP Updates September 2026	• CACFP Centers Application Renewals for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27 Due September 18, 2026 • CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Meals (Supper) Program Renewals for FY 2026-27 Due September 26, 2026 • CACFP Annual Training 2026 Questionnaire Responses Due September 11, 2026 • Save the Date for FY 2026-27 CACFP Annual Training • New USDA Resource: Farm to School State Formula Grant Dashboard • September is National Fruits and Veggies Month
August 2026 CACFP Updates August 2026	• On-Demand CACFP Halftime Webinar: Serving Vegetables in the Child and Adult Care Food Program • On-Demand CACFP Halftime Webinar: Serving Meats and Meat Alternates at Breakfast in the Child and Adult Care Food Program
July 2026 CACFP Updates July 2026	• 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

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June 2026 <u>CACFP Updates June 2026</u>	• Updated CACFP Civil Rights Forms and Resources • USDA Final Rule: Expanding Fluid Milk Options in Child Nutrition Programs: Effective June 8, 2026 • Updated CACFP Meal Patterns for Children for Program Year 2026-27 • Updated CACFP Menu Forms for Child Care Programs for Program Year 2026-27 • Updated CACFP Adult Meal Patterns for Program Year 2026-27 • Updated CACFP Menu Forms for Adult Day Care Centers for Program Year 2026-27 • Updated CSDE Menu Planning Guidance Series for the CACFP for Program Year 2026-27 • New CSDE Resource: Offering Lactose-Free and Lactose-Reduced Milk in the CACFP • Updated CSDE Crediting Resources for Program Year 2026-27 • Updated CSDE Crediting Documentation Resources for Program Year 2026-27 • Updated Offer versus Serve (OVS) Resources for Adult Day Care Centers and At-risk Afterschool Programs for Program Year 2026-27 • Updated CSDE Guide and Resources on Meal Modifications for CACFP Child Care Programs for Program Year 2026-27 • Updated CSDE Guide and Resources on Meal Modifications for CACFP Adult Day Care Centers for Program Year 2026-27
May 2026 <u>CACFP Updates May 2026</u>	• Updated Income Eligibility Forms for the CACFP (Dated April 2026) • Updated Enrollment Forms for the CACFP (Dated April 2026) • Updated Monitoring Form for CACFP Child Care Centers and Adult Day Care Centers (Dated April 2026) • Updated Medical Statements for the CACFP (Dated April 2026) • Updated Sample Menus for CACFP Child Care Programs
April 2026 <u>CACFP Updates April 2026</u>	• Revised USDA Resource: Crediting Handbook for the Child and Adult Care Food Program • USDA Resources for Family Style Meal Service with Children in the CACFP • USDA Taste-testing Resources to Encouraging Children to Try New Foods

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March 2026 CACFP Updates March 2026	• USDA Memo SP 02-2026, CACFP 01-2026, SFSP 01-2026: Dietary Guidelines for Americans, 2025-2030 – Eat Real Food • New Food Yields Added to the Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs • Subscribe to the Institute of Child nutrition (ICN) for Updates and Webinar Information
February 2026 CACFP Updates February 2026 Special Edition	• Annual CACFP Nonprofit Status Income and Expenditure Report Due March 31, 2026
February 2026 CACFP Updates February 2026	• Revised USDA Product Formulation Statement (PFS) Templates and Samples • Updated CSDE Resources for Meal Pattern Crediting Documentation • Updated CSDE Menu Planning Guidance Series for the CACFP • Updated CSDE Resource: Meal Pattern and Crediting Resources for the CACFP • Updated CACFP Meal Patterns for Children • Updated CACFP Menu Forms for Child Care Programs • Updated CACFP Adult Meal Patterns • Updated CACFP Menu Forms for Adult Day Care Centers • Using Production Records in the CACFP • Updated CSDE Crediting Resources for the Meats/Meat Alternates (MMA) Component • Updated CSDE Crediting Resources for the Fruits Component and Vegetables Component • Updated CSDE Crediting Resources for the Grains Component
January 2026 CACFP Updates January 2026	• CSDE Relaunches CACFP Updates • New CSDE Webpage: CACFP Updates • CACFP Administrative Review Notice • New CSDE Resources for CACFP Sponsors: Steps for Uploading Administrative Review and Corrective Action Plan Documents to Compliance Module • CSDE Launches CT Fresh Ed: Buy Local Program

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