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
October 2026 **CACFP Updates October 2026 Special Edition**	• New CSDE Training Program Now Available, Bite Size: Meeting the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Meal Patterns • Updated CSDE Crediting Resources for the CACFP (October 2026) • Updated CSDE Menu Planning Guidance Series for the CACFP (October 2026) • New Offer versus Serve (OVS) Guides for Adult Day Care Centers and At-risk Afterschool Programs • On-Demand CACFP Halftime: Thirty on Thursdays Webinar, Using the Nutrition Facts Label in the CACFP
October 2026 **CACFP Updates October 2026**	• Operational Memorandum No. 1A-27, 1C-27, and 1H-27: Schedule for Submitting CACFP Monthly Claims for Reimbursement in Fiscal Year 2027 • Webinar Recording Now Available for CSDE's CACFP Annual Training on September 24, 2026 • Link to USDA's Current "And Justice for All" (AJFA) Poster (Dated March 2025) • Updated Monitoring Form for CACFP Child Care Centers and Adult Day Care Centers (Dated October 2026) • On-Demand CACFP Halftime: Thirty on Thursdays Webinar "Using the Nutrition Facts Label in the Child and Adult Care Food Program" • New Team Nutrition Resources for Promoting Real Food in Child Nutrition Programs

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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 **CACFP Updates June 2026**	• 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 **CACFP Updates May 2026**	• 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 **CACFP Updates April 2026**	• 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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