

Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction



CACFP

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Online Services Downtime (ALL)

The DPI's [Online Services](#) portal will be down for maintenance **starting Thursday September 21 through Monday September 25, 2023**. Agencies will not be able to access Online Services for claim submission, reporting, contract access, or for home provider file updates.

CACFP Training (ALL but FDCH)

There is still time to sign up for and attend CACFP training in Milwaukee on September 20 and Madison on September 28. To register for training go to the [CACFP Training](#) website.

Prospective Waivers for Non-Congregate Meal Service for CACFP At-Risk Programs (AR)

On August 22, 2023, USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) approved DPI's statewide waiver request to allow [CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Program](#) operators to serve meals in a non-congregate setting when congregate meal service operations are limited due to natural disasters, unscheduled major building repairs, court orders relating to school safety or other issues, labor-management disputes, or, when approved by the State agency for a similar unanticipated cause.

If your agency is experiencing any of the above situations, please reach out to us at cnt@dpi.wi.gov.

Afterschool Meal Options for School Food Authorities (AR)

The [Afterschool Meal Options for School Food Authorities](#) comparison chart outlines after school feeding options and requirements for SFAs and Non-SFAs interested in serving meals and snacks after the end of the school day as part of an afterschool enrichment activity. DPI encourages SFAs and Non-SFAs to work together in coordinating snack programs in eligible areas throughout your community. If you have any questions, please contact your [assigned Nutrition Program Consultant](#).

Third Quarter CACFP Financial Report (SO)

Sponsoring Organizations (two or more sites participating in the CACFP) report actual CACFP costs and income on a quarterly basis using the online system. The third quarter report was due on September 1, 2023. The fourth quarter report is due on December 1, 2023. Instructions for submitting the quarterly report can be found under [How to Submit the Quarterly CACFP Financial Report](#).

Sign up for the Wisconsin Great Apple Crunch (ALL)

Celebrate National Farm to School Month this October by crunching into locally and regionally grown apples on **Thursday, October 12!** All early care centers, family day care home providers, schools, and other organizations are invited to participate. Register your organization at the [UW Healthy Eating & Active Living](#) webpage and receive helpful Crunch resources. Visit the [Apple Crunch Facebook page](#) to get updates and see photos from last year's Crunch.

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REMINDER: Claim Submission Deadlines: Federal regulations impose a claim submission deadline of 60 calendar days after the last day of the month for which the claim applies. For DPI's CACFP Claim Submission Deadlines visit [Claim Submission Deadlines](#).

Contact your [assigned CACFP consultant](#) with questions about the items in the bulletin, or other CACFP questions.

Do you have new staff working with the CACFP? Check out this resource [New Staff Responsibilities for CACFP](#).

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Program Abbreviation Key

- CC: Child Care
- AR: At Risk
- FDCH: Family Day Care Home
- HS: Head Start
- ES: Emergency Shelters
- SO: Sponsoring Organizations
- OS: Outside of School Hours Care
- ADC: Adult Day Care
- ALL: Applies to all types

The abbreviation key identifies each type of program in the CACFP. Each section above identifies who the information applies to when implementing the CACFP. If your type of program is not listed in a section, it does not apply.

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