

CACFP RESOURCES



SQUAREMEALS.ORG

This is where CEs can find the most current forms, the CACFP Handbooks, online trainings, meal pattern information and many other program updates. <http://www.squaremeals.org>



USDA FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICE

This is where CEs can find information on all of the food and nutrition programs funded through the United States Department of Agriculture. <https://www.fns.usda.gov>

TEAM NUTRITION

Go to this site for resources on menu templates, staff training, nutrition curriculum for teachers, and nutrition nuggets to share with families. <https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/team-nutrition>

MENU PLANNING

TDA Created Cycle Menus

<http://www.squaremeals.org/Programs/ChildandAdultCareFoodProgram/CACFPMealPatterns/Resources.aspx>

What's Cooking?USDA Mixing Bowl

<https://whatscooking.fns.usda.gov>

FOOD BUYING GUIDE

The Food Buying Guide is now an interactive online resource. Be sure to go here for complete menu item descriptions and to calculate quantities to serve.

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/food-buying-guide-for-child-nutrition-programs>

HEALTHIER CACFP RECOGNITION AWARD

CEs have a great opportunity to apply for grant funds to further nutrition education, eating right and exercise for children. For more information, go to this link. Be sure to contact your ESC if you decide to apply.

<http://www.squaremeals.org/FandNResources/HealthierCACFPRecognitionAward.aspx>

INCOME ELIGIBILITY CALCULATOR

TDA has developed this great tool to ensure CEs are calculating eligibility correctly. Simply enter data from the Meal Benefit Income Eligibility form and it will determine whether the participant is free, reduced or paid.

https://tdaeducationonline.articulate-online.com/p/1071885286/story_html5.html

