



May 2018

Program Updates/Reminders

www.communitybridges.org

What's New in the Child & Adult Care Food Program?

There have been many changes in the last few months in CACFP. Implementing new changes can be exciting and stressful all at the same time. However, many steps can be taken to minimize that impact. In an effort to keep you up to date with the latest changes, please review the summary below:

- 1) **New Program Director:** Leslie Telles was hired last year on 04/26/17 as the new Program Director for Community Bridges, CACFP. She had the pleasure of meeting some of you at the annual training last year or during a home visit. Leslie has worked with Community Bridges for 6 years and is happy to be joining the CACFP community.
- 2) **New office location:** We MOVED to Watsonville! Drop-off or mail **ALL** correspondence to CACFP's new address:

Child & Adult Care Food Program
18 W. Lake Ave, Suite R.
Watsonville CA, 95076

Program Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM; closed from 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM.
Our office is located UPSTAIRS, Suite R.

- 3) **Drop-off Box:** There is a drop-off box available Monday – Friday from 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM, located to the right of the stairs that lead you to CACFP. Additionally, a 24 hour drop-off box is NOW available at the 18 W. Lake Ave entrance.
- 4) **Meal Pattern Transition Period:** The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) issued a transition policy for the first year of the updated CACFP meal pattern requirements. The one year transition period from 10/01/17 – 09/30/18 allows child care providers to adjust to the implementation without having any fiscal impact. Take the time during this implementation process to speak with your consultant on any clarification you may need to ensure your compliance with CACFP policy.
- 5) **SAVE YOUR SEAT!!** : 2018 Mandatory Annual Training Workshops will commence in May 2018. CACFP requires **ALL** day care home providers to complete an annual training. If you have yet to RSVP to one of our five workshops, please mail in your slip soon...seats are filling up fast, so reserve YOURS now!

New Meal Pattern Reminder: MILK

Making Every Sip Count:

1. Unflavored WHOLE MILK must be served to 1 year olds.
2. Unflavored 1%, LOW-FAT, or FAT-FREE MILK must be served to children 2 years and older.
3. OPTIONAL: flavored FAT-FREE MILK may be offered to children 6 years old and older.

*On your menus, you must specify the type of milk you're serving to the children in your care