

SENDCAA NEWS

CACFP Edition | April 2020

FNS Response to COVID-19

USDA FNS Waivers

The USDA has issued flexibility for State Agencies to waive certain monitoring requirements as well as limited case-by-case approval for missing components within the USDA meal pattern. North Dakota Department of Public Instruction (NDDPI) and Food & Nutrition Service (FNS) recognize that in this public health emergency, suspending onsite monitoring is vital to support social distancing.

Additionally, NDDPI and FNS recognize that with many CACFP providers closed due to COVID-19, monitoring of CACFP providers may not be possible. The NDDPI-approved waivers will remain in effect through June 30, 2020 or until expiration of the federally declared public health emergency, whichever is earlier.

CACFP Monitoring

- SENDCAA home monitors will conduct two reviews of each CACFP provider during the 2020 fiscal year instead of the federally required three visits in previous years.
- Review visits will be conducted via a web-based video conferencing system or phone call.
- One review is required to be unannounced and will not require the observation of a meal service.
- The amount of time lapsed between reviews may exceed six months.
- *As always, notify our office if your child care is closed.*

Meal Pattern Components

- Limited case-by-case approval for missing components with the USDA meal pattern.
- All waivers must be pre-approved by SENDCAA CACFP.
- E-mail the completed Missing Component Form or call our office to receive approval.

[Missing Component Form](#)

Has Your Income Recently Dropped?

Household Size	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$23,107	\$1,926	\$445
2	\$31,284	\$2,607	\$602
3	\$39,461	\$3,289	\$759
4	\$47,638	\$3,970	\$917
5	\$55,815	\$4,652	\$1,074
6	\$63,992	\$5,333	\$1,231
For each add'l family member	\$8,177	\$682	\$158

If your household has been financially impacted during this public health emergency, it's possible you may qualify to receive Tier 1 rates. Check out the table above and if your current income is at or below the USDA guidelines listed, we encourage you to fill out a tiering application.

If approved, benefits are in effect for one year. Applications are accepted at any time, so apply now!

[Tier Application](#)

North Dakota Changes

Modified Operating Practices

North Dakota has released a new "child care initiative" in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and is encouraging all childcare providers to continue to serve children and their families.

Required [Modified Operating Practices](#) will be in effect as long as the public health situation calls for the additional precautions.

Key points:

1. Maximum group size has been modified to avoid groups of 10 or more; adjust staff accordingly.
2. Limit access to child care with use of screening questions upon arrival (fever of 100.4, shortness of breath or cough).
3. Minimize interactions that could spread the virus (suspend family-style dining, travel to playgrounds or outdoors parks and sanitize table/meal setting before and after each meal).
4. Use enhanced hygiene and safety practices.



What is CEOG?

The state of North Dakota is offering emergency operations grants to licensed childcare providers during this public health emergency. The [Childcare Emergency Operating Grant \(CEOG\)](#) was created to help childcare providers cover some of the extra costs of operating that will come with the modified operating practices and to help sustain the childcare industry through this period of disruption.

- Childcare providers who operate during the COVID-19 pandemic are **required to use the modified operating practices**.
- If providers **opt out** of the state-provided CEOG, they are **not** required to prioritize health/safety/lifeline workers or modify absence policies.
- Providers who accept the grant must:
 - Agree to prioritize children of health/safety/lifeline worker households;
 - Cap the fees they would typically charge families to hold a spot during extended absences from care to \$50 per month; and
 - Consider offering extended, expanded or alternative hours.

Resources to Help You Manage Your Child Care



Child Care Aware of North Dakota is collaborating with health and human services officials to prevent the introduction and spread of COVID-19. Visit their website for resources on how to run your child care during this difficult time and find online trainings to fulfill licensing requirements.



A Week's Worth of Menu Ideas					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast	Pineapple WG Cheerios® Milk	Blueberries WG Toast Milk	Orange Slices WG Kix® Milk	Pears WG Oatmeal Milk	Banana Slices WG Mini Bagels Milk
Lunch	Baked Tilapia Green Beans Corn WG Brown Rice Milk	HM Chicken Nuggets Sugar Snap Peas Honey Dew Melon Mac & Cheese Milk	Ham & Cheese Roll Ups Spinach Salad Potato Wedges WG Tortilla Milk	Hamburger Peas Cantaloupe WG Bun Milk	Chicken Stir Fry Steamed Broccoli Mandarin Oranges Ramen Noodles Milk
Snack	Carrot Sticks String Cheese	Banana Animal Crackers	Milk Banana Bread	English Muffin Yogurt	Strawberries Waffle
*Whole milk is required for children 1 year of age/1% or skim milk is required for children 2 and older					

Child Enrollment Renewals

Beginning in April, providers with the last names beginning H-N will receive information via email on the steps to take to complete this process.

- If you are a KidKare user, you will be able to access your children's re-enrollment report by going to: **Reports > Worksheet > Enrollment Renewal Worksheet > April**
- If you are a manual claim user, we will email you your renewal report for you to print.
- Please call our office if you do not have printing capabilities so that we can make other arrangements.

Editing and signing the Enrollment Renewals

- Be sure each parent updates any necessary info (address, phone number, child's schedule)
- **Be sure the parent signs the enrollment and dates it in the current month (April 2020)**
- Return enrollment renewal worksheets to our Fargo office, by April 20th, 2020
 - Return forms by mailing to 3233 University Drive S Fargo 58104, emailing to foodprogram@sendcaa.org, or faxing to 701-298-3115.

Mandatory Training

Each year USDA requires all CACFP participants receive training on civil rights compliance and program policies. This training is short and *should* take less than 30 minutes to complete. Because of the short duration needed to complete, it is *not* Growing Futures approved. Deadline is August 30, 2020.

Failure to complete this training by the deadline could result in a corrective action.

Additional Training Opportunities

- Infant Feeding Guide
- 2020 Calendar
- Nutrition & Wellness Tips for Young Children

[Mandatory Training](#)
[At-Home Trainings](#)

Provider Profile

Kristy Boyanovsky started her child care business 17 years ago to be home with her own children after having unfortunate experiences with a few child cares while trying to finish up school. Being a part of those very precious, yet very short younger years were incredibly important to Kristy. She knew she didn't want to be "just another child care". She wanted to provide something different and has worked very hard to provide an environment and home that feels more like the children are going to their favorite Aunt's home vs a child care; where children can thrive, make amazing friendships and are excited about coming each day!

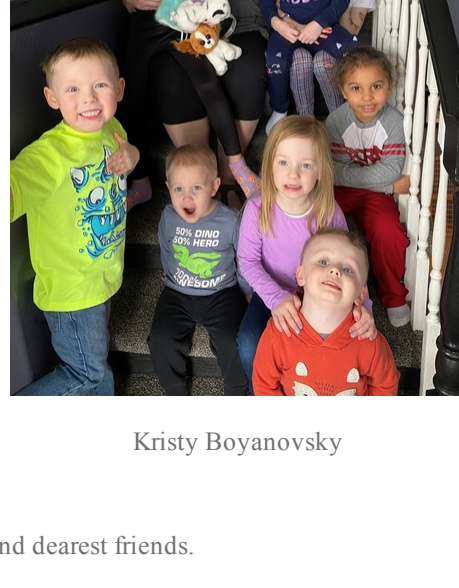
Kristy has had so much fun over the years and so thoroughly enjoys the children and amazing relationships that she has built with her families. Even though her own three children have graduated and grown up, she has a hard time imagining doing anything else. It's by far one of the most exhausting jobs she has ever had some days, but with that it is also one of the more hilarious, entertaining, and fulfilling jobs and she feels blessed with some incredible families that have become some of the best and dearest friends.

Kristy started participating in the Child & Adult Care Food Program the same time she started her child care. She loves everything that the CACFP provides. The nutritional support with tips and ideas and the recipes are awesome. Feeding 12 children is expensive when you want to make sure they have healthy, nourishing foods for their minds and bodies. The CACFP reimbursement helps with some of that cost and is greatly appreciated!

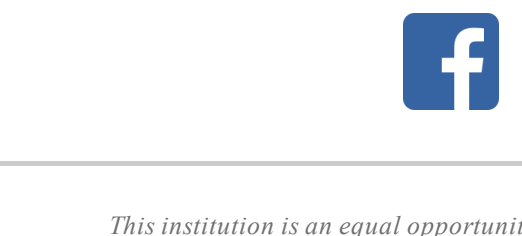
The children's favorite meal at her child care is spaghetti! It's her Grandmother's recipe (no cans or jars in this one - all from scratch) and is frankly pretty amazing. Kristy makes a quadruple batch every time. If she doesn't have enough thirds for each child they will be unhappy children! Children who normally don't like spaghetti sauce gobble it up!

There is a tie between making crafts and dance time for the children's favorite activities. They absolutely love to create things, but also love to crank up the music, shake their tushy's and show off their amazing dance moves!!

Thanks Kristy for participating in the SENDCAA Food Program!



Kristy Boyanovsky



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