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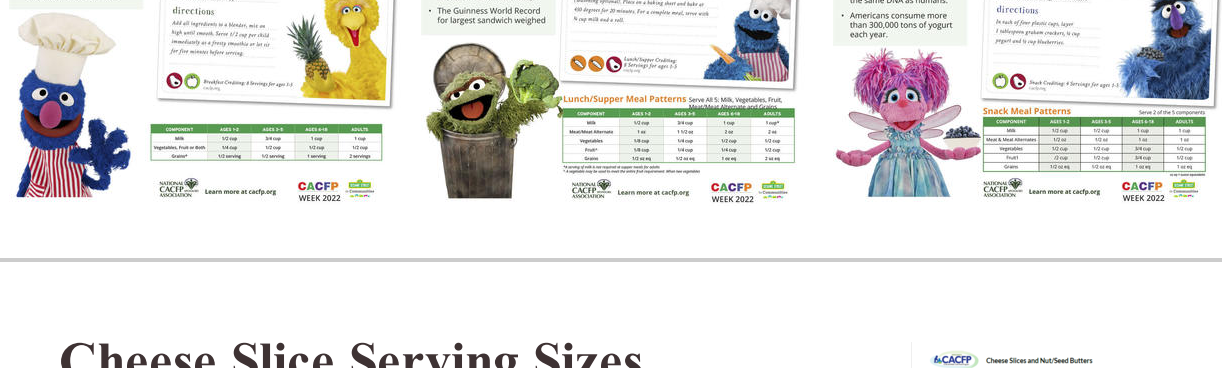
Serving over **4.9 million children and adults** healthy meals and snacks daily.

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CACFP Week - March 13-19

CACFP Week is a national education and information campaign sponsored annually the third week of March by the National CACFP Sponsors Association. The campaign is designed to raise awareness of how the USDA's Child and Adult Care Food Program works to combat hunger. The CACFP brings healthy foods to tables across the country for children in child care centers, homes, and afterschool programs as well as adults in day care. Kick off this special week with a few new recipes to add to your menu!



Cheese Slice Serving Sizes

Packaged cheese slices are often less than 1 oz. (28g) each, so a sandwich with 1 slice of cheese will not be enough to meet the meal pattern requirements. If you find the required serving size to be too big for certain ages, you may want to serve less and then serve another meat/meat alternate alongside. (cottage cheese, beans, or yogurt) or add meat such as turkey or ham to a cheese sandwich.

Be sure you are serving creditable cheese!

Creditable: Packages labeled as Natural or Pasteurized Processed Cheese

Not Creditable: Packages labeled as Imitation or Cheese Product (ex. Velveeta, or Kraft Singles wrapped in cellophane)



Click on the image to download a helpful guide.

New Tortilla Products Not Creditable

Be sure to check the labels of new products. These two varieties of tortillas are not a creditable grain. For a bread/bread alternate to be creditable it must be whole or enriched flour from a creditable grain. Cauliflower flour and almond flour are not creditable grains, nor are they whole or enriched.



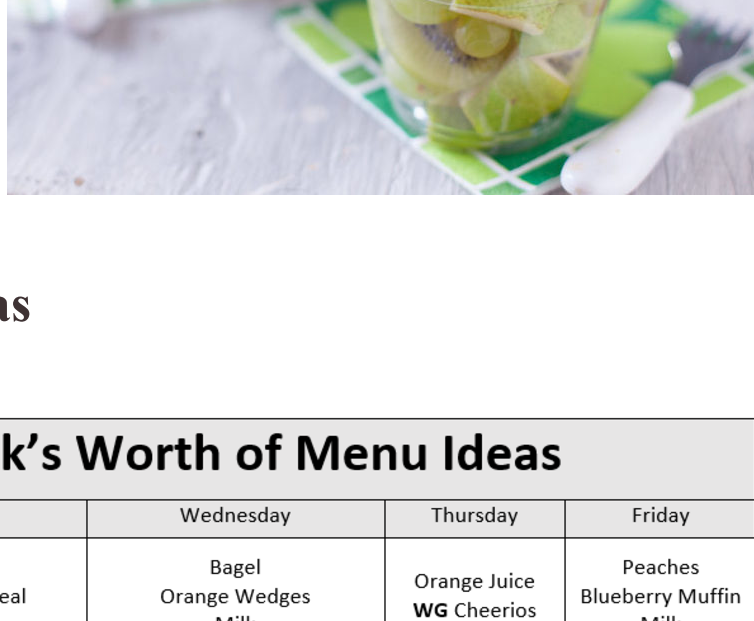
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St. Patrick's Day Snack Ideas

Serve your little leprechauns some green treats! Cucumber hats and green fruit cups are some snack ideas to celebrate the day. What ways do you celebrate St. Patrick's day in your childcare? Share your ideas with us!



Weekly Menu Ideas

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast	Mixed Fresh Fruit English Muffin Milk	Pears WG Kix Cereal Milk	Bagel Orange Wedges Milk	Orange Juice WG Cheerios Milk	Peaches Blueberry Muffin Milk
Lunch	Baked Chicken Breast Peas & Carrots Apple Slices WG Dinner Roll Milk	Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Corn Strawberries WG Bread Milk	Chicken Alfredo Lettuce Salad Black Berries WG Fettuccini Pasta Milk	Ham Scalloped Potatoes Steamed Broccoli WG Bread Milk	Bean Soup Carrot Sticks Cantaloupe WG Bread Milk
Snack	Celery Peanut Butter Milk	Soft Pretzel Milk	Yogurt Milk	Animal Crackers Milk	Kiwi Oyster Crackers

*Whole milk is required for children 1 year of age/1% or skim milk is required for children 2 and older

March Calendar Resources

The National CACFP Association has developed extra monthly resources to go along with your calendar. The Parent Connections monthly newsletters are ready for you to add your own info at the bottom of the page; and the activity pages contain recipes, craft activities, movement activities and more. Click each picture to download the resource.



Training Opportunities

Looking for free training hours? Check out our website for all of the available at-home training modules. SENDCAA training hours are Growing Futures approved and free to SENDCAA providers and their staff.

[2022 Calendar-NEW!](#)

[Nutrition Facts Label](#)

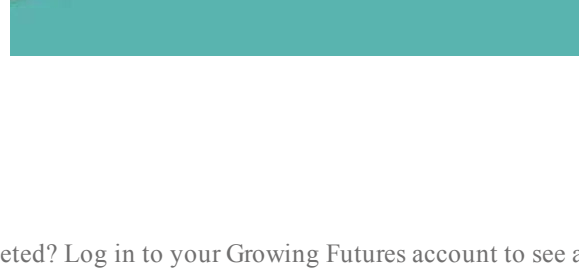
[Infant Feeding Guide](#)

[Nutrition & Wellness Tips for Young Children](#)

[Identifying Whole Grain-Rich](#)

Webinar Training!

Keep your pajamas on and grab a cup of coffee and watch our free one hour, Growing Futures approved, zoom webinar on March 26th at 10:00 am CST. We have scheduled a Sanford Health specialist on child psychology. An email will be sent out in the next couple of weeks to register.



Growing Futures

Can't remember which trainings you have completed? Log in to your Growing Futures account to see all the trainings in one list. Once logged in, choose the training tab along the top to view all your approved trainings. The most recent will be at the top of the list.

[Log into Growing Futures](#)

KidKare

If you are a KidKare user, be sure to be entering your meals in daily. The end of the month has been shown to have very slow load times as all providers are submitting claims across the nation.

Many useful reports can be found in your KidKare account! Here is how to find a few of the most asked about reports: (Look for the Reports tab along the left hand side of your KidKare homepage.)

[Monthly Payment Report](#)

Reports > Claim Statements > Payment Details > Choose Month > Click Run

[Claim Summary and Errors Report](#)

Reports > Claim Statements > Claimed Summary and Error > Choose Month > Click Run

[Tax Report](#)

Reports > Claim Statements > Tax Report > Choose Year > Click Run

Even if you document your claims manually you have access to a KidKare account to see these reports. Contact your home monitor to assist in getting logged in or if you would be interested in switching to documenting online instead of manually.

Infant Menu Documentation

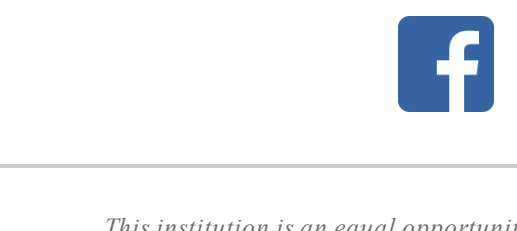
All infants, **6 months and older**, are required to be offered all required components at all meals.

If a child is not developmentally ready or a parent has given special requests on the introduction of solids, a reason needs to be documented on the menu of why components may be missing. If no documentation is recorded, deductions will be made for missing components.

Tax Reports

Tax reports will be sent out by request only. Contact your home monitor or call our office 701-232-2452 ext 132, if you would like your end of the year tax report emailed or mailed out to you.

[KidKare users, you can find your tax report by going to: Reports > Claim Statements > Tax Report > Choose the year > Click Run](#)



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