



**NC CACFP Monthly  
Institution Call  
March 2023**

**All the information on this call is true and accurate as of March 3, 2023.**

# TODAY'S AGENDA

- NC CACFP CONNECTS
- National Nutrition Month® 2023
- National CACFP Week 2023
- CACFP Cooking Videos
- Public Health Emergency Memos
- Additional Information
- Q&A



## Welcome

The North Carolina Child & Adult Food Care Program (CACFP) works to ensure that eligible children and adults in qualifying non-residential care facilities receive nutritious meals.

## Please Login

To access the system, you must have a valid NCID. Press the Sign In button below to sign in using your NCID.

[SIGN IN](#)

If you don't already have an NCID, you can sign up for one by pressing the Register button.

[REGISTER](#)

# NC CACFP CONNECTS

*Get Ready. Get Set. Go.*

TO: CACFP Institutions

FROM: Cassandra Williams  
CACFP Program Manager

DATE: August 22, 2022

RE: NC CACFP CONNECTS Desktop Requirements

## Introduction and Purpose

The purpose of the document describes the desktop or device requirements needed to access the new CACFP app (NC CACFP CONNECTS) from the point of view of the end user (Institutions, Sponsoring Organizations, Day Care Centers) and the State. This document contains standards and recommendations on the workstation specification required to execute the application.

This document identifies, or where necessary, recommends the minimum workstation configuration needed to execute the solution.

The document is comprised of the following sections:

Section 1: CACFP workstation specifications: This contains the minimum recommended standards for utilizing the new CACFP application.

# NC CACFP CONNECTS

## Dates to Remember

- May 1: Last day to submit February 2023 claims
- May 5: Last day to file a monthly claim in NC CARES
- May 8 - 19: **NC CACFP Connects Virtual Training**
- May 9: Last day to access NC CARES
- May 15: **Access Request Begins**
- May 23: NC CACFP Connects opens and claims may be filed in the new system
- May 30: Last day to submit March 2023 claims

# May 8-19, 2023: NC CACFP Connects Virtual Training

## Training Dates for Independent Centers

- Tuesday, May 9, 1:00—3:00 pm
- Wednesday, May 10, 9:00—11:00 am
- Thursday, May 11, 1:00—3:00 pm
- Monday, May 15, 1:00—3:00 pm
- Tuesday, May 16, 9:00—11:00 am
- Wednesday, May 17, 1:00—3:00 pm
- Thursday, May 18, 9:00—11:00 am
- Friday, May 19, 9:00—11:00 am

## Training Dates for Sponsoring Organizations

- Monday, May 8, 1:00—3:30 pm
- Tuesday, May 9, 9:00—11:30 am
- Wednesday, May 10, 1:00—3:30 pm
- Thursday, May 11, 9:00—11:30 am
- Friday, May 12, 9:00—11:30 am
- Tuesday, May 16, 1:00—3:30 pm
- Wednesday, May 17, 9:00—11:30 am
- Thursday, May 18, 1:00—3:30 pm

# May 15: Access Request Begins

North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services  
 Division of Child and Family Well Being, Community Nutrition Services Section  
 Child and Adult Care Food Program



## NC CACFP CONNECTS New Institution User Access Form

<b>Institution Name:</b>				<b>Agreement #:</b>		
<b>Phone Number</b>		<b>Email address</b>				
<p><b>Individual NCID Required:</b> Visit <a href="https://ncid.nc.gov">https://ncid.nc.gov</a>, click <i>Register</i> to obtain a separate <i>Individual</i> NCID for each authorized user. The Individual NCID is a required field and NC CACFP CONNECTS access cannot be provided without it.</p> <p>Complete the following section to request <b>new</b> NC CACFP CONNECTS access for institution staff who are authorized to act for the institution in NC CACFP CONNECTS. Please type or print the full name, title, Individual NCID, check the program type for each user (Center – CTR; Day Care Home – DCH; or both), indicate the type of access to be granted&gt;</p>						
<b>Name</b>		<b>Title</b>		<b>Individual NCID</b>	<b>CTR</b>	<b>DCH</b>
<b>Access to:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Application	<input type="checkbox"/>	Claims	<input type="checkbox"/>	Compliance
	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Training



**National Nutrition  
Month® 2023**



# National Nutrition Month® 2023

- Annual campaign promoting healthy eating choices and physical activity
- 2023 Theme – “Fuel for the Future”
- Website link [here](#) for more details



# National **CACFP Week** March 12-18, 2023



*CACFP Week is designed to raise awareness of how the USDA's Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) brings healthy foods to children and adults in care centers, homes and afterschool programs.*

[cacfpweek.org](https://cacfpweek.org)

# National CACFP Week 2023

- Free webinars March 13-17
- Website link [here](#) for resources and registration

## CACFP Week Webinar Series

### Community

Monday, March 13

Building Healthy  
Bodies with the Foods  
We Serve

### Advocacy

Tuesday, March 14

GOOD NEWS! Sharing  
Your CACFP Story

### Children

Wednesday, March 15

Healthy & Strong with  
Sesame Street

### Food Program

Thursday, March 16

Explore New Foods  
with a Taste Testing  
Adventure

### Participate

Friday, March 17

Tools & Resources for  
CACFP Success

# CACFP Cooking Videos

- Featured in March/April newsletter
- Less than 3 minutes long
- Recipe sizes vary by age group
- Available in English and Spanish
- Visit USDA FNS [YouTube channel](#)





**Public Health  
Emergency  
Memos**

# Public Health Emergency Memos

- Public health emergency declaration ends May 11, 2023
- Off-site monitoring will end
- Emergency shelters
  - Reimbursement ends for young adults (19-24)
- Visit our [Policy Memos](#) page for more information

A close-up, top-down view of a large quantity of fresh, white button mushrooms. The mushrooms are densely packed, filling the entire frame. They have smooth, rounded caps and short, thick stems. The lighting is even, highlighting the texture of the mushroom caps and stems. In the center of the image, there is a dark blue rectangular box containing the text "Additional Information" in white, bold, sans-serif font.

**Additional  
Information**

# Proposed Rule: Revisions to Meal Patterns to be Consistent with the 2020 Dietary Guidelines for Americans

February 8, 2023



*NCA will be reaching out to stakeholders to obtain feedback through the end of February. For immediate feedback contact [policy@cacfp.org](mailto:policy@cacfp.org). Model comments will be available on March 10. USDA is accepting comments until April 10.*

The USDA released a document with **proposed** revisions to Child Nutrition Programs' meal patterns in order to be consistent with the 2020 dietary guidelines for Americans. Key proposed changes that affect CACFP include:

- New "added sugar" standards for breakfast cereals and yogurts
- Flavored milk restrictions, dependent on age-group, in *future* rulemaking
- Vegetables can be substituted for grains in programs that primarily serve American Indian or Alaska Native children
- Nuts and seeds may credit for the full meat/meat alternate component
- Terminology Changes

The proposed rule will be phased, with the first changes taking effect in Fall 2024 and final updates would be complete by Fall 2029.





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## Breastfeeding-Friendly Child Care Designation



- **Next application cycle closes March 31**
- Valid for 3 years
- Receive certificate and advertising materials
- Noted on as a “Facility Special Feature” on DCDEE website
- To apply, visit this link:  
<https://www.ncdhhs.gov/ncbfccdesignation>

# Share Your Experience

How can the Food Program, also known as the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), better support you and family child care providers like you?

This study is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service.



- **What's in it for me?**

- You will receive a \$40 gift card after Westat receives your survey. Your participation will also help improve the Food Program for family child care providers like you.

- **How do I access the web survey?**

- Visit the study website at [FCCH-Survey.org](https://FCCH-Survey.org) or scan the QR code to visit the website. Type in your unique PIN provided in your invitation letter.



- **What if I lost the survey invitation letter?**

- Contact the Westat study team to retrieve your unique PIN and to get additional information about the survey.

## Contact Us

Toll-free hotline: 1-855-545-0288

Email: [FCCH-Survey@westat.com](mailto:FCCH-Survey@westat.com)

Website: [FCCH-Survey.org](http://FCCH-Survey.org)



- **Research Team**

- This study is being conducted by Westat, with funding from the USDA.

- **Schedule**

- **February-June 2023:** Collect survey data
- **September 2024:** Disseminate study findings
- Share your experiences and ideas about the Food Program, also known as Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP).



**IN CLOSING**

# QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

- Please use the “ASK YOUR QUESTIONS HERE” pod to submit your questions.
- We will review what we have time for that pertains to the relevance of the group.
- Questions that apply to one specific Institution will be handled offline.

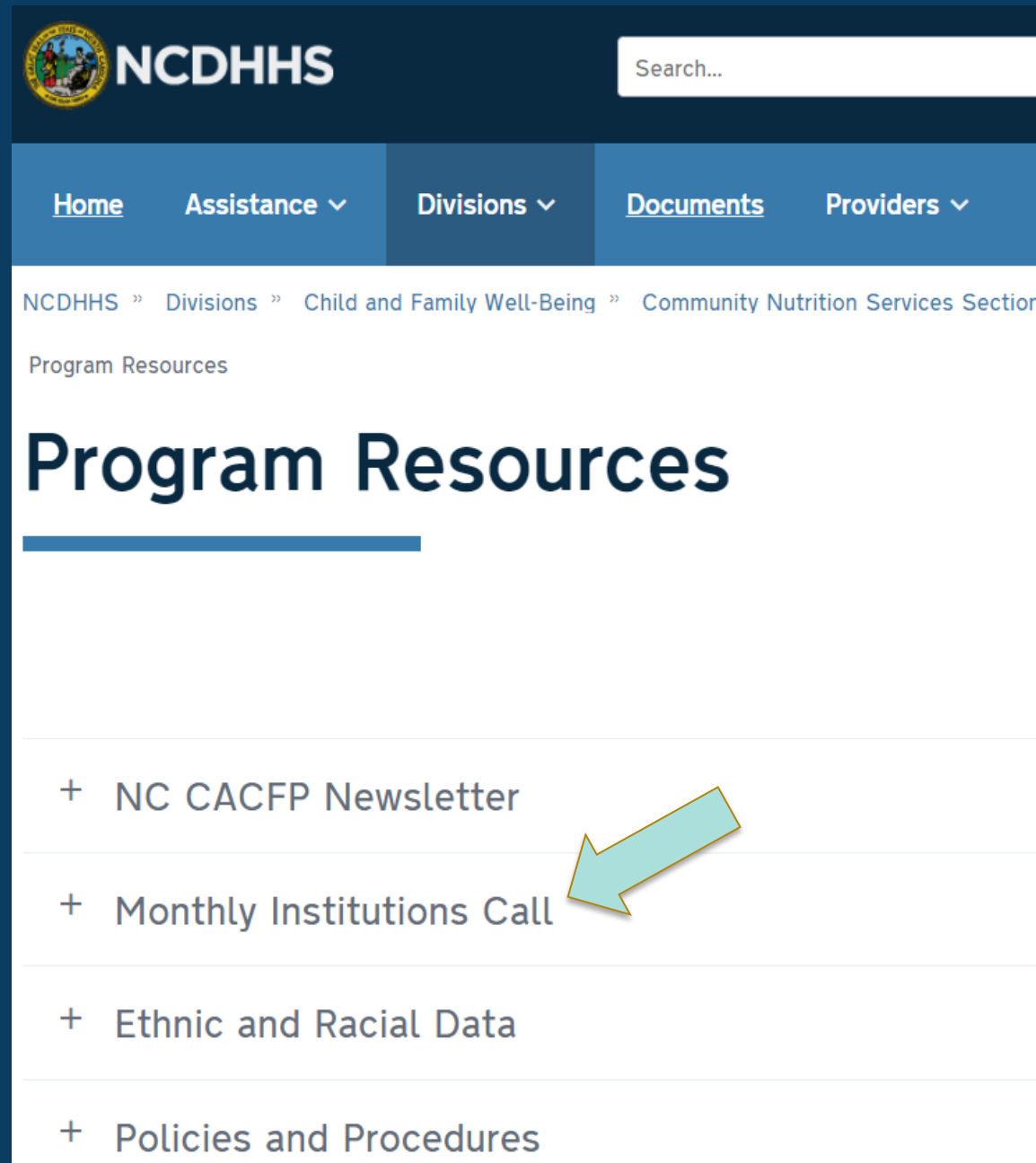


# MONTHLY INSTITUTION CALLS

The PowerPoints for the  
Institution calls are found on  
our website:

[Program Resources Page](#)

Click on “Monthly Institutions  
Call”



The screenshot shows the NCDHHS website interface. At the top left is the NCDHHS logo. To its right is a search bar with the text "Search...". Below the logo and search bar is a navigation menu with the following items: "Home", "Assistance" (with a dropdown arrow), "Divisions" (with a dropdown arrow), "Documents", and "Providers" (with a dropdown arrow). Below the navigation menu is a breadcrumb trail: "NCDHHS » Divisions » Child and Family Well-Being » Community Nutrition Services Section". Underneath the breadcrumb trail is the text "Program Resources". The main heading of the page is "Program Resources", which is underlined with a blue bar. Below the heading is a list of resources, each preceded by a plus sign (+): "NC CACFP Newsletter", "Monthly Institutions Call", "Ethnic and Racial Data", and "Policies and Procedures". A teal arrow with a yellow outline points to the "Monthly Institutions Call" link.

# EVALUATION SURVEY

Please complete an evaluation survey to share your feedback with us

1. Click on “EVALUATION SURVEY” below
2. Complete the survey questions
3. Click the blue “Submit” button



## North Carolina CACFP Monthly Institution Call Evaluation Survey

Thank you for attending the **Monthly Institution Call** for the North Carolina Child and Adult Care Food Program. Please indicate your responses to the below questions.

We appreciate your feedback.

**The objectives of the call were clearly defined. \***

- Yes  
 No (Please explain)

**The objectives were met. \***

- Yes  
 No (Please explain)

**Participation and interaction were encouraged. \***

- Yes  
 No (Please explain)



Thank you for your time!  
Next call is on **Friday, April 14.**