



**NC CACFP Monthly
Institution Call
September 2023**

All the information on this call is true and accurate as of September 1, 2023.

TODAY'S AGENDA

- NC CACFP CONNECTS
- Record Renewal Training
- Policy 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](#)

Project Updates

Completed	In Progress
Go live	Post-MVP schedule and plan
	Development team investigating reported defects
	Creation and testing of hotfix release
	Compliance requirements and design

NC CACFP CONNECTS

- To date:
 - 622 users and 332 have logged into NC CACFP CONNECTS
 - \$978,158.84 claims have been paid

Budgets and Claims

Please correct the following:

The amount of expenses detailed do not meet the amount of reimbursement to be received.

Costs listed, do not match the institution budget expenses approved. Please ensure the institution budget reflects the costs detailed in the claim expenses.

CACFP Claim - July 2023

- Currently, the budgets are not approved in NC CACFP CONNECTS. For this reason, many of you may see this warning above

Requesting User Access

- Requesting user access is a **two-step** process.
 - Step 1.** Completing the **User Transition Form**.
 - Step 2.** Completing the User Access Request in NC CACFP CONNECTS.
- Currently, there are 83 Users that have submitted their request in NC CACFP CONNECTS that have not been approved

Email NCCACFPCONNECTS@dhhs.nc.gov



Record Renewal Training

Record Renewal Training for FY 2023-2024

- Record Renewal will begin September 25, 2023, and end February 29, 2024.
- Institutions will be required to complete a **NEW** record in NC CACFP CONNECTS.
- This will include:
 - All attachments
 - Management Plan
 - Policies (as applicable)
 - Budget
 - Monitoring Plan (as applicable)

NC CACFP CONNECTS Record Renewal Training

Independent Center Trainings

Sept 19, Tues	8:30 am - 12:30 pm	IC NC CACFP CONNECTS Record Renewal
Sept 20, Wed	12:30 pm - 4:30 pm	IC NC CACFP CONNECTS Record Renewal
Sept 22, Fri	8:30 am - 12:30 pm	IC NC CACFP CONNECTS Record Renewal
Sept 25, Mon	12:30 pm - 4:30 pm	IC NC CACFP CONNECTS Record Renewal
Sept 27, Wed	8:30 am - 12:30 pm	IC NC CACFP CONNECTS Record Renewal
Oct 19, Thurs	8:30 am - 12:30 pm	IC NC CACFP CONNECTS Record Renewal

Registration will be available on our Live Webinars [page](#)

NC CACFP CONNECTS Record Renewal Training

Sponsoring Organization Trainings

Sept 18, Mon	12:30 pm - 4:30 pm	SO NC CACFP CONNECTS Record Renewal
Sept 21, Thurs	8:30 am - 12:30 pm	SO NC CACFP CONNECTS Record Renewal
Sept 26, Tues	8:30 am - 12:30 pm	SO NC CACFP CONNECTS Record Renewal
Sept 28, Thurs	12:30 pm - 4:30 pm	SO NC CACFP CONNECTS Record Renewal
Sept 29, Fri	8:30 am - 12:30 pm	SO NC CACFP CONNECTS Record Renewal
Oct 17, Wed	12:30 pm - 4:30 pm	SO NC CACFP CONNECTS Record Renewal

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Record Renewal Training is **Required**

If training is not completed Institutions will:

- be submitted as Seriously Deficient after approval deadline (February 29, 2024)
- not have access to FY 2024 in NC CACFP CONNECTS (starting September 25, 2023)
- not be able to file claims until approval

A top-down view of a black bowl filled with a healthy meal. The bowl contains several slices of roasted chicken with golden-brown skin, a bed of light-colored quinoa, sliced cherry tomatoes, sliced red onions, and sliced avocado. Fresh green herbs, including arugula and chopped green onions, are scattered on top. To the left of the bowl is a small wooden bowl containing a yellow sauce. A lemon wedge is visible in the upper left corner. The bowl sits on a dark wooden surface with a green and white striped cloth underneath. A dark blue rectangular box with the text 'Policy Memos' is centered over the bowl.

Policy Memos

CACFP 09-2023

- Funding allocated to further develop technology used in the CACFP
- May be applied toward system planning, implementation, and/or maintenance, as well as enhancements for State agency operations
- Visit our policy memos [page](#) for more information

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- Child Nutrition Program Integrity Final Rule
- Modernizes oversight of child nutrition programs
- Streamlines oversight requirements
 - Lowers administrative burden
 - Tailored to each organization based on needs
- More detail to follow over next few slides

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- Flexibilities allowed in frequency of reviews for school food authorities
 - Based on good performance reviews over time
- Organizations at risk of serious management issues will receive more frequent oversight
- Effective Date – when the rule becomes active
- Compliance Date - when the provision must be followed

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- What's New?
 - Adds additional criteria for State agency to use when scheduling reviews
 - Requires state agencies to provide fair and timely hearings
 - Adds a provision to require SA's to conduct a more in-depth financial review of SO's
 - Requires SO's to enter into permanent agreements with their unaffiliated centers

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- What has already been implemented through guidance?
 - Increased amount of audit funds
 - Initial app for new institutions; annual updates for renewing institutions
 - Varied timing of SO reviews and type of meal service reviewed
 - Tier II DCH assistance in collecting and transmitting applications to SO's
 - Simplified calculation of monthly admin reimbursement for SO's of DCH
 - Carryover of SO's of DCH administrative funds

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Fines for Violating Program Requirements

- Allows the State agency to impose a fine against an SFA and Allows FNS to impose a fine against a State agency under exceptional circumstances only.

Compliance Date: August 23, 2024

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Food Service Management Companies

- Requires each State agency to annually review and approve each contract and contract amendment between any SFA and FSMC in the **NSLP**
- Defines fixed-price contract in the School Meal Programs.
- Requires that the value of USDA foods accrue only to the benefits of the SFA's nonprofit school food service account

Compliance Date: August 23, 2024

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State Agency Review Requirements in CACFP

- Establishes additional priorities and criteria for State agencies to use in selecting institutions for review

Compliance Date: August 23, 2024

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State Liability for Payments to Aggrieved Child Care Institutions

- Requires State agencies to provide fair and timely hearings through the serious deficiency process.

Compliance Date: August 23, 2024

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Financial Review of Sponsoring Organizations

- Requires the State agency have procedures in place to annually review sponsoring organization's bank activity.
- Requires the State agency have procedures in place to annually review a sponsoring organization's actual expenditures.

Compliance Date: August 23, 2024

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Standard Agreements Between Sponsoring Organizations and Sponsored Child Care Centers

- Requires sponsoring organization to enter into permanent agreements with their unaffiliated centers.
- Adds a new definition of facility and sponsored center.

Compliance Date: September 22, 2023

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CACFP Audit Funds

- Allows FNS to increase the amount of audit funds if a State agency demonstrates that it can effectively use the funds to improve program management.

Compliance Date: September 22, 2023

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Elimination of the Annual Application for Institutions

- Requires an initial application for new institutions and annual updates, as needed, re renewing institutions.

Compliance Date: September 22, 2023

NC Plan

- Due to the implementation of NC CACFP CONNECTS
 - FY2024-All institutions will “Level Set”
 - Permanent Agreement
 - **Attachments A-I**
 - Additional Documentation
 - **CACFP Fact Sheet**
 - **Statement of Authority**
 - **Non-profit status**

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Timing of Unannounced Reviews

- Requires sponsoring organizations to vary the timing of unannounced reviews and vary the type of meal service subject to review.

Compliance Date: September 22, 2023

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Collection and Transmission of Household Income Information

- Adds the right of the tier II day care home to assist in collecting and transmitting applications to sponsoring organizations

Compliance Date: September 22, 2023

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Calculation of Administrative Funding for Sponsoring Organizations of Day Care Homes

- Simplifies the calculation of monthly administrative reimbursement that sponsoring organizations of day care homes are eligible to receive.

Compliance Date: September 22, 2023

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Carryover of Administrative Funding for Sponsoring Organizations of Day Care Homes

- Allows carryover of administrative funds with State agency approval.
- Requires the State agency to establish procedures to recover administrative funds from sponsoring organizations of day care homes.

Compliance Date: September 22, 2023

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Visit our policy memos [page](#) for more information.



**Additional
Information**

On-Demand Orientation Training for NC CACFP CONNECTS

- Now available!
 - Visit our training [page](#) to access.
 - One combined orientation training for ICs and SOs.



NCAS to NCFS

- October 1, 2023, the North Carolina Office of State Controller (OSC) will replace the North Carolina Accounting System (NCAS) with the North Carolina Financial System (NCFS).

NCAS	NCFS
Federal Identification Number	Data Elements from Substitute W-9

- Guidance will be forthcoming
- What institutions must do in order to plan for the switch:
 - Complete Substitute W-9 (once the State Agency has clarification on the form)
 - Go on the IRS.gov website to ensure you have the correct name of your Institution as it is listed on the IRS website
 - All forms that do not match the IRS website will be rejected
 - If forms are rejected, institutions will not be able to file a claim for reimbursement until corrected

NC CACFP CONNECTS FAQs Document

- Now available on the homepage of the website
- Valuable resource for common questions the State agency has received concerning NC CACFP CONNECTS
- May also be downloaded from the files pod



What: Celebrate Farm to School Month with a local produce crunch heard 'round the state! Taste and learn about North Carolina-grown fruits and veggies, and thank all those involved in feeding our communities.

Who: Kids and adults can crunch with their schools, early care and education sites, organizations, families, and communities.

When: Crunch Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at noon, or any time during the month of October.

How: Sign up to participate at www.growing-minds.org/north-carolina-crunch to receive a free guide with tips and resources.

Share about your #NCCrunch on social media. Tag @F2SCoalitionNC and @NCFarmtoPreschool.

Help us reach all 100 counties and 500,000 kids and adults with the NC Crunch!



- ✓ For more information and to register your event, visit <https://growing-minds.org/north-carolina-crunch/>
- ✓ Learn more about the NC Farm to Preschool Network at <https://growing-minds.org/nc-farm-to-preschool-network/>
- ✓ Send NC Crunch pictures and stories to CACFPTraining@dhhs.nc.gov by **Monday, October 23, 2023**



IN CLOSING

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

- Please use the “QUESTIONS” 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.

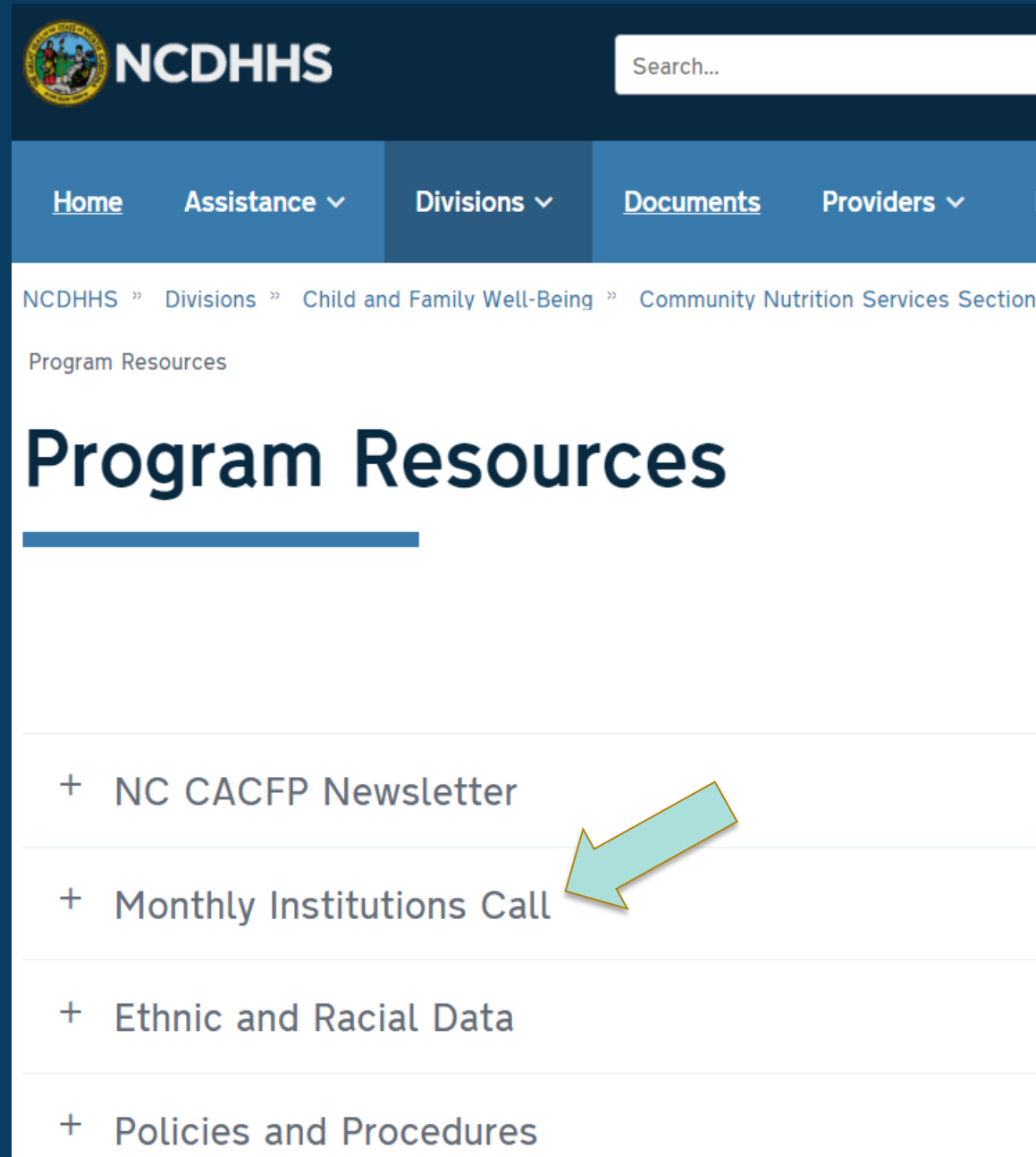


MONTHLY INSTITUTION CALLS

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 thick blue line. Below the heading is a list of links, 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, October 6.**