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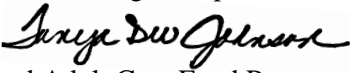
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TO: Child and Adult Care Food Program Sponsors

FROM: Tanya DW Johnson 
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SUBJECT: **Memo #12-1, The 2012 CACFP Application Package**
(Effective dates: 10/1/11 - 9/30/12)

The 2012 Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Application Renewal Package is enclosed for completion. The package must be returned by August 31, 2011 to participate in the 2012 Agreement Year. The Agreement Year begins **October 1, 2011** and ends September 30, 2012. We encourage you to complete the application materials as early as possible!

INCOMPLETE, MISSING DOCUMENTS AND/OR SIGNATURES AND FAILURE TO RETURN THE RENEWAL PACKAGE BY AUGUST 31, 2011 COULD RESULT IN LOSS OF REIMBURSEMENT.

CAREFULLY READ the entire memo, complete the enclosed CACFP renewal package, Schedule A, and checklist. To avoid late approval, be sure that another person within your agency reviews the content of your renewal package to verify that the application is correct and complete with appropriate signatures.

REIMBURSEMENT PAYMENTS FOR THE 2012 AGREEMENT YEAR WILL NOT BE INITIATED UNTIL BOTH THE RENEWAL PACKAGE AND SCHEDULE A WORKSHEET ARE FULLY COMPLETED AND APPROVED. AGENCIES WILL BE INELIGIBLE FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR EACH MONTH SATISFACTORY DOCUMENTATION AND/OR CORRECTIONS REMAIN OUTSTANDING.

IT IS THE SPONSORING AGENCY'S RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THAT THIS OFFICE RECEIVES THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS FOR APPROVAL.

THE APPROVAL PROCESS

NOTE: SECTION 226.11(A) OF THE CACFP REGULATION STIPULATES THAT APPLICATION RENEWAL PACKAGES ARE ONLY APPROVED RETROACTIVELY TO THE FIRST DAY OF THE MONTH PRECEDING THE CALENDAR MONTH IN WHICH A CORRECTLY COMPLETED APPLICATION PACKAGE IS RECEIVED. FOR EXAMPLE, IF A CORRECTLY COMPLETED 2012 APPLICATION PACKAGE IS POSTMARKED NOVEMBER 15, 2011, THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE 2012 AGREEMENT WILL BE OCTOBER 1, 2011. AN EXPLANATION THAT "THE APPLICATION PACKAGE WAS MAILED" IS NOT AN ACCEPTABLE REASON FOR APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE REQUIRED TIMEFRAME.

RECOMMENDATION: TO AVOID LOSS OF REIMBURSEMENT, SEND APPLICATION BY CERTIFIED MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED.

You will receive a cover letter and with Schedules A and B from the CACFP office once the approval process is complete. If you have not received a response from our office by November 10, 2011 regarding the status of your application approval, we strongly recommend that you contact your child nutrition specialist.

Do not delay! If you need assistance completing this application, please call your child nutrition specialist at (609) 984-1250.

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CACFP 2012 APPLICATION RENEWAL HIGHLIGHTS

1. APPLICATION RENEWAL CHECKLIST

The "2012 Child and Adult Care Food Program Application Renewal Checklist" describes the materials that must be submitted for approval. To avoid omissions and a delay in your application approval, complete and check as you prepare each required document. Sign, date and return the checklist with the application documents.

2. 2012 SCHEDULE A WORKSHEET - The Schedule A Worksheet initiates payment to your agency for the 2012 Agreement Year. An example of how you must complete the SCHEDULE A WORKSHEET is attached for demonstration purposes. Be sure to photocopy the Schedule A and any subsequent change(s) you report to the CACFP office for your files. **Failure to return the Schedule A Worksheet by August 29, 2011 will result in forfeiting reimbursement for each month it remains outstanding.**

3. FEDERAL FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY TRANSPARENCY ACT (FFATA)

Annual renewal of CCR registration is required to remain active. Consult your agency's business office, chief financial officer, grant administrator or authorizing official to ensure the DUNS number and Central Contractor Registration (CCR) are current in order to complete the 2012 application renewal package.

For detailed information on the CCR and Step-by-step screen shots of the registration process, refer to the CCR User's Guide or FAQs at: <http://www.ccr.gov/handbook.aspx>, or contact:

CCR Assistance Center (8am - 4pm Eastern Time)
888-227-2423
269-961-5757
DSN: 661-5757

4. CACFP REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT – Be sure to review and transfer the Permanent Agreement to your current CACFP approval files. The “permanent” agreement does ***not*** guarantee a sponsor the right to participate in CACFP in perpetuity; it simply relieves the state agency and sponsor from the paperwork burden of submitting an agreement renewal for every reapplication to participate.

5. CACFP TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FORMS

Be sure to review the attached forms and policies provided to help you achieve and maintain program compliance. Using these forms and the Schedule A to report program changes should reduce or eliminate the need for creating some of the required documents and composing several letters to the CACFP (Also, see Worksheet Schedule A Instructions).

ADDITIONAL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

ONLY COMPLETE THESE REQUIREMENTS IF THE REQUESTED DOCUMENTS APPLY TO YOUR AGENCY AND THE PROGRAMS UNDER YOUR SPONSORSHIP.

1. SPONSOR/CENTER AGREEMENT (Sponsoring Organizations Only)

If the programs listed on the Schedule A are separate legal entities and/or have a separate IRS Letter of Determination 501 (c) (3), complete one Sponsor/Center Agreement and attach a copy of the Letter of Determination 501 (c) (3) for each program.

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2. **MONITORING FORM/ MONITORING SCHEDULE (Sponsoring Organizations Only)**

Submit one copy of a completed Monitoring Form.

Submit Monitoring Schedule (*See enclosed sample*).

The schedules must include, at a minimum, three reviews each year at each center. In addition, at least two of the three reviews must be unannounced and must include observation of a meal service.

3. **PROPRIETARY LETTER OF CERTIFICATION (Sponsors of For-Profit Centers Only)**

The Child and Adult Care Food Program requires that sponsors of proprietary (for-profit) center(s) annually certify that each center is in compliance with program requirements. Complete, sign and submit the enclosed proprietary certification form.

4. **ATTENDANCE ZONE VERIFICATION LETTER (Sponsors of "AT Risk" Centers Only)**

If your agency is operating an "At Risk" After-School Program, an official document must be prepared without variation on the official school letterhead for each site. *For more information, refer to the cover page of the Technical Assistance Forms enclosed with the renewal package.*

Enclosures:

<u>2012 APPLICATION PACKAGE (ITEMS TO RETURN)</u>	<u>ITEMS TO REVIEW COMPLETE and/or MAINTAIN ON FILE</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2012 CACFP Renewal Checklist • Schedule A Worksheet • Sponsor Management Plan • Pre-approval/Monitoring Forms (<i>Sponsor Organizations Only</i>) • Sponsor-Center Agreement (<i>Required for separate legal entity sites</i>) • Proprietary Letter of Certification (<i>For-Profit Centers Only</i>) • Attendance Zone Verification Letter (<i>At-Risk Centers Only</i>) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent Agreement (<i>Review/File with Current Documents</i>) • 2011 CACFP Eligibility Application and Parent Letter • 11-12 CACFP Household Size and Income Scale • CACFP Eligibility Record • Training Documentation Form • CACFP Civil Rights Data Collection and Procedure Form • Field Trip Policy • Outside Employment Policy • Household Contact Policy • Meal Service Duration Policy • Infant Meals Policy • CACFP <u>Required</u> Meal Count Record • CACFP Checklist For Reporting Changes • Appeal Procedure and Complaint Form

REMINDER: It is sponsoring agency's responsibility to ensure that this office receives the necessary documents for approval. Therefore, you should be aware that documents not received within the required timeframes for application renewal will result in a loss of reimbursement. We recommend that you have another person within the agency review the content of your renewal package to verify that your application is correct and complete to avoid late approval.

Vouchers will be mailed under separate cover. It is not necessary to wait for your approval letter before submitting vouchers for the new agreement year. All vouchers must be mailed by the 10th of the month following the month covered by the claim for reimbursement. Federal regulations prohibit payment of any vouchers not received within the required timeframe. An explanation that "the application or voucher was mailed" is not an acceptable reason for application renewal packages and vouchers received after the required timeframe. Therefore, we recommend that you send your application renewal packages and voucher(s) by certified mail, return receipt requested to avoid loss of reimbursement.

The "Appeal Procedure" and "Complaint Procedures" are enclosed for your information. The Child and Adult Care Food Program recommends that you review this procedure carefully so that you may use it effectively throughout the coming year.