



Child and Adult Care Food Program Newsletter

This weekly newsletter from the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) provides important announcements and updates regarding the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA's) Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). CACFP is a federal program that provides reimbursements for nutritious meals and snacks to eligible children and adults who are enrolled for care at participating child care centers, day care homes, and adult day care centers. CACFP also provides reimbursements for meals served to children and youth participating in afterschool care programs, children residing in emergency shelters, and adults over the age of 60 or living with a disability and enrolled in daycare facilities.

Important Updates

2025 CACFP Calendar

Check the [2025 CACFP Calendar](#) to stay up to date with important information, including reminders, deadlines, and training dates throughout the year.

Training Opportunities

In-Person Menu Workshop

Join IDOE on Thursday, February 6, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. ET to discuss infant meal patterns, infant menus, individual infant feeding records, and more. This training will take place at the Indiana Government Center South building. Please register [here](#) as soon as possible as there is limited space available.

Important Reminders

GroMoreGood Garden Grant

The National Head Start Association (NHSA) will award grants from \$2,500 to \$5,000 to supplement needs of existing garden projects, help launch new garden projects, or supplement/launch outdoor green space projects. Click [here](#) to learn more and apply by Friday, January 10.

Patrick Leahy Farm to School Grant Program

On an annual basis, USDA awards competitive Farm to School grants that support planning, developing, and implementing farm to school programs. This grant is open to schools as well as child care institutions, including non-school based institutions that have an agreement with the state agency to operate CACFP. The 2025 Patrick Leahy Farm to School Grant Program request for applications (RFAs) is now open and applications are due by Friday, January 10. This year, the RFA has been split into separate solicitations:

- [Implementation Grant](#)
- [Turnkey Grant](#)

To apply, visit [Grants.gov](#) and follow the instructions found in the RFA.

The USDA Farm to School Team will also host office hours on Tuesday, January 7, from 2 to 3 p.m. ET for applicants to ask questions about the Patrick Leahy Farm to School Grant Program Request for Applications. Please note that USDA will not record these sessions. Participants do not need to attend the full hour, and can come and go at any time. USDA will dedicate the entire time to answering applicant questions. [Register here](#).

Upcoming Dates



Tuesday, January 7, from 2 to 3 p.m. ET	Farm to School Grant office hours
Friday, January 10	Garden Grant application deadline
Friday, January 10	Deadline to apply for NCA scholarship
Thursday, February 6, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.	In-person Menu Workshop
Monday, April 14, through Friday, April	National Child Nutrition Conference in



Department News

12/30/2024 2024 State Graduation Rate Highest on Record

12/19/2024 DeKalb County Teacher Surprised with \$25,000 Milken Educator Award

12/12/2024 Ripley County Teacher Surprised with \$25,000 Milken Educator Award

12/11/2024 New Indiana Diploma Requirements Approved with Unanimous Support

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