New CACFP Meal Pattern:

We are receiving a new CACFP meal pattern October 1, 2017. I’ve been sending each of you correspondence through emails as well as by mail. All of you should have received a laminated tool with several key components to help you with your grocery shopping.

All providers and child care centers should discontinue purchasing any food items that are not going to be creditable on the new meal pattern. It’s a good idea to keep extra items at a minimum because these food items do not increase the amount of reimbursement that you receive.

Graham crackers are not going to be considered a grain-based dessert and these can still be served. Animal crackers are also not considered a grain-based dessert and these can still be served. As a best practice, we ask that you not serve these items more than twice per week.

If you have any questions or need help with developing any new menus that meet the new meal pattern requirements please call our office.

Kidkare.com

Providers who are using Webkids to submit their food program reimbursement will be required to switch over to kidkare.com by October 1, 2017. All providers will use their same login and password that they were using with Webkids.

Kidkare is replacing Webkids, Minute Menu Kids, Minute Menu Kids PRO, and Kids2go. Kidkare is a website that allows providers to record meal counts, enroll children, submit claims, and run reports right from your smart phone or tablet. There’s no cost for using kidkare unless you are interested in using the accounting feature which will come at a charge of around $8.00 per month.

I highly recommend that all providers sign up for the free webinars that are available by going to help.kidkare.com

Providers who are submitting their claims using bubble forms may still continue to use bubble forms moving forward and will not be required to switch to kidkare.com

Fire extinguishers:

All providers are required to have a working fire extinguisher that is accessible in the home. Fire extinguishers need to either be re-filled and tagged annually, or a new fire extinguisher needs to be purchased with the receipt attached to the fire extinguisher. Please be sure that you keep at least one fire extinguisher accessible in your home and updated annually.

We recommend that all providers purchase at least a size 2A10BC fire extinguisher. We check fire extinguishers at every visit that you receive on the food program.

Not at home:

All providers are required to notify our office in advance when they are not going to be providing day care. Providers can either email me or call the office and let us know when you are not going to be providing day care. Please refer to your FDCH food program applications in your binders because these applications tell you the times that you are approved to provide day care in your homes.

Example: if your FDCH application has you approved from Monday through Friday, 6:00a.m. to 6:00p.m. and you are not going to be providing day care during these times you are required to notify our office in advance.
School Update Form:

You should have all received a school update form through email and by mail. These are due back in our office by Thursday, September 7, 2017. If you have not already sent this to our office please fill this information out and send it back to us as soon as possible. If you do not have any school age children, please indicate this on the form and still send it back to our office. You can email or fax the school update form to our office. Our fax# is: (435) 797-7383.