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INTRODUCTION

Background Information

The CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements training was developed based on the updated Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) meal pattern requirements, published on April 25, 2016. This eight-hour training includes an introduction lesson and four core-content lessons: (1) Infant Meal Pattern Requirements, (2) Child and Adult Meal Pattern Requirements, (3) Child and Adult Meal Service, and (4) Optional Best Practices.

To better meet the needs of those in the field, the CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements materials now feature the following supplemental trainings:

- Infant Meal Pattern Requirements
- Child and Adult Meal Pattern Requirements
- Optional Best Practices

Training Overview and Objectives

This Infant Meal Pattern Requirements training features the updated requirements for serving infants based on their growth and development. Through this two-hour training, participants will explore each update to the infant meal pattern, as well as provide tips and strategies for implementation.

At the end of this training, participants will be able to:

- recall at least four changes to the updated infant meal pattern charts,
- summarize at least two requirements for serving breastmilk and infant formula based on the updated meal pattern,
- state three strategies that support infants and their developmental readiness for solid foods, and
- identify at least four new requirements for serving more nutritious solid foods to infants.

Target Audience

This training is designed specifically for individuals operating the CACFP in a child care setting. Target audiences may include, but are not limited to, the following program types:

- Child Care Centers
- Family Child Care Homes

Affiliates, such as sponsoring organizations and State agencies, may also find this training useful when managing or assisting the aforementioned program types.
Functional Area and Competencies

The core competencies, knowledge, and skills, represented in Functional Area #5: Nutrition and Meal Management, in the Institute of Child Nutrition’s Competencies, Knowledge, and Skills for Child Care Providers in CACFP Operations, establishes the foundation for providing nutritious meals to all CACFP participants as well as creating an environment supportive to learning healthy eating behaviors. Therefore, this training focuses on the following competencies:

Competency 5.1: Assures appropriate implementation of meal planning, food purchasing, and meal management that meets CACFP meal pattern requirements.

Competency 5.3: Develops procedures to collaborate with CACFP stakeholders to ensure goals for healthy eating and menu planning are met.


Ground Rules

To help this training run smoothly and allow all participants to benefit from the course, please refer to the ground rules below.

- Be a team player.
- Be respectful of everyone.
- Share ideas with the class.
- Be on time for all sessions.
- Stand up when your mind goes on vacation.
- Always ask for clarification if you do not understand.
- Turn your mind on and your electronic devices to silent or off.

You can also find these rules on the ICN website at http://theicn.org/Resource Overview.aspx?ID=267
### TRAINING-AT-A-GLANCE

#### Introduction
- Infant Meal Pattern Requirements Major Themes
- Training Overview
- Define Training Success
- Pre-Assessment

#### Objective 1: Participants will be able to recall at least four changes to the updated infant meal pattern charts.
- Previous vs. Updated Meal Pattern Requirements
- Age Groups

#### BREAK 1

#### Objective 2: Participants will be able to summarize at least two requirements for serving breastmilk and infant formula based on the updated meal pattern.
- Breastmilk
- Infant Formula
- Meal Accommodations

#### Objective 3: Participants will be able to state three strategies that support infants and their developmental readiness for solid foods.
- Developmental Readiness
- The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) developmental readiness guidelines
- Optional written statement
- Approved food components

#### BREAK 2

#### Objective 4: Participants will be able to identify at least four new requirements for serving more nutritious solid foods to infants.
- Meals and Snack Requirements
- Nutritious Food Choices

#### Conclusion
- Training Summary
- Post-Assessment
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HANDOUTS AND WORKSHEETS

CACFP in the Last 30 Years

Since 1968, the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) has been one of the most rewarding federally funded programs available. In fact, it serves nutritious meals and snacks to over 4 million children and nearly 120,000 adults each day as part of the care received in facilities operating this program. Not only has it provided nutritious meals, but this program has also contributed to the overall health and wellness of young children and adults. However, the nutritional needs and the eating habits of children and adults are quite different today from those when the program first started.

According to the Dietary Guidelines for Americans (DGA), the overall health status of this country has shifted from deficiencies in essential nutrients, such as a lack of vitamins A and C, to chronic diseases, such as hypertension, heart disease, type 2 diabetes, and even some forms of cancer. In addition, there has been a shift in eating habits. The DGA reports many Americans are eating diets high in added sugars, saturated fats, and sodium. In addition, about 75% of Americans’ diets are low in vegetables, fruits, and dairy. Last, about one in three children are overweight or obese, which is often due to poor eating habits and lack of physical activity.

Because of these shifts, Congress called for United States Department of Agriculture to review and revise the CACFP meal pattern requirement to better align with the DGA and to address the current health status of children and adults. Following this call to action, USDA published the new nutritional standards featuring the updated meal pattern requirements on Monday, April 25, 2016.

The updated meal pattern requirements are expected to enhance the overall nutritional quality of meals and snacks served in CACFP settings. Additionally, these improvements are projected to help young children develop healthy eating habits early and safeguard the overall wellness of adult participants.
Summaries of the Updated Meal Standards

USDA recently revised the CACFP meal pattern requirements to ensure infants, children, and adults have access to healthy, balanced meals throughout the day. The changes to the infant meal pattern requirements support breastfeeding and the consumption of vegetables and fruits without added sugars. In addition, these changes are based on the scientific recommendations from the National Academy of Medicine, the American Academy of Pediatrics and stakeholder’s input.

**Encourage and support breastfeeding**
- In addition to serving expressed breastmilk provided by a parent or guardian, providers may also receive reimbursement for meals when a breastfeeding mother comes to the child care setting and directly breastfeeds her infant.
- Only breastmilk and infant formula are served to infants, birth through the end of 5 months, as developmentally appropriate.

**Developmentally appropriate meals**
- There are now two age groups, instead of three: birth through the end of 5 months and 6 months through the end of 11 months.
- Solid foods are gradually introduced around 6 months, as developmentally appropriate.

**More nutritious meals**
- The updated meal pattern requirements:
  - Requires a vegetable or fruit, or both, to be served at snack for infants 6 through 11 months
  - No longer allows juice, cheese food, or cheese spread to be served
  - Allows ready-to-eat cereals for snack only

Handout: Infant Meal Pattern

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<td>Breastmilk or Iron-fortified infant formula</td>
<td>4–6 fluid ounces breastmilk¹ or formula²</td>
<td>6–8 fluid ounces breastmilk¹ or formula²; and</td>
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<td>Infant cereal, Meat/meat alternates, or A combination</td>
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<td>0–½ ounce equivalent infant cereal², 0–4 tablespoons</td>
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<td>meat, fish, whole egg, cooked dry beans, or cooked dry peas; or</td>
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<td>0–2 ounces of cheese; or 0–4 ounces (volume) or cottage cheese; or</td>
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<td>0–4 ounces or ½ cup of yogurt³; or a combination of the above⁴; and</td>
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<td>Vegetable, Fruit, or A combination of both</td>
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<td>0–2 tablespoons vegetable or fruit or a combination of both⁵</td>
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¹ Breastmilk or formula, or portions of both, must be served; however, it is recommended that breastmilk be served in place of formula from birth through 11 months. For some breastfed infants who regularly consume less than the minimum amount of breastmilk per feeding, a serving of less than the minimum amount of breastmilk may be offered, with additional breastmilk offered at a later time if the infant will consume more.

² Infant formula and dry infant cereal must be iron-fortified.

³ Yogurt must contain no more than 23 grams of total sugars per 6 ounces.

⁴ A serving of this component is required when the infant is developmentally ready to accept it.

⁵ Fruit and vegetable juices must not be served.
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<td>0–2 ounces of cheese; or 0–4 ounces (volume) or cottage cheese; or 0–4 ounces or ½ cup of yogurt(^3); or a combination of the above(^4); and</td>
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<td>0–2 tablespoons vegetable or fruit or a combination of both(^5)</td>
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\(^2\) Infant formula and dry infant cereal must be iron-fortified.

\(^3\) Yogurt must contain no more than 23 grams of total sugars per 6 ounces.

\(^4\) A serving of this component is required when the infant is developmentally ready to accept it.

\(^5\) Fruit and vegetable juices must not be served.
## Snack

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<td>Grains</td>
<td>0–½ ounce equivalent slice bread³; or</td>
<td>0–¾ ounce equivalent crackers³; or</td>
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² Infant formula and dry infant cereal must be iron-fortified.

³ A serving of grains must be whole grain-rich, enriched meal, or enriched flour.

⁴ Breakfast cereals must contain no more than 6 grams of sugar per dry ounce (no more than 21.2 grams of sucrose and other sugars per 100 grams of dry cereal).

⁵ A serving of this component is required when the infant is developmentally ready to accept it.

⁶ Fruit and vegetable juices must not be served.
### Previous vs. Updated Infant Meal Pattern Requirements

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<td>0–3 MONTHS</td>
<td>4–6 fl oz breastmilk or formula; and 0–3 tbsp infant cereal</td>
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<td>4–7 MONTHS</td>
<td>4–8 fl oz breastmilk or formula; and 2–4 tbsp infant cereal; and 1–4 tbsp vegetable, fruit or both*</td>
<td>4–8 fl oz breastmilk or formula; and 2–4 tbsp infant cereal; and/or 1–4 tbsp meat, fish, poultry, egg yolk, cooked dry beans or peas; or ½ –2 oz cheese; or 1–4 oz (volume) cottage cheese; or 1–4 oz (weight) cheese food or cheese spread; or a combination; and 0–2 tbsp vegetable, fruit or both*</td>
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*Required when infant is developmentally ready.

All serving sizes are minimum quantities of the food components that are required to be served.
Breastfeeding Friendly Child Care Environment

Establishing a breastfeeding friendly environment is one of the most essential ways to show your commitment to infants and their healthy growth and development. Although there are a number of ways to complete this rewarding task, keep these tips and strategies in mind as you move forward.

Essential Items for Breastfeeding Area
The basic items for establishing a breastfeeding area may include:

- A private area with a door, wall, or curtain
- Appropriate signage identifying the area as a breastfeeding space
- Comfortable chair and small table
- Access to running water and soap
- Electrical outlets

Establishing Breastfeeding Area Checklist

☐ Designate an individual or group to be responsible for development and implementation of the 10 Steps.
☐ Establish a supportive breastfeeding policy and require that all staff are aware of and follow the policy.
☐ Establish a supportive worksite policy for staff members who are breastfeeding.
☐ Train all staff so that they are able to carry out breastfeeding promotion and support activities.
☐ Create a culturally appropriate breastfeeding friendly environment.
☐ Inform expectant and new families and visitors about your breastfeeding friendly policies.
☐ Provide appropriate learning activities for children to learn about breastfeeding.
☐ Provide a comfortable place for mothers to breastfeed or pump their milk in privacy, if desired. Educate families and staff that a mother may breastfeed her child wherever they have a legal right to be.
☐ Establish and maintain connections with your local breastfeeding coalition or other community resources.
☐ Maintain an updated resource file of community breastfeeding services and resources in an accessible area for families.

For additional tips and strategies, refer to the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, *10 Steps to Breastfeeding Friendly Child Care Centers Resource Kit*, the original source of this document, at https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p0/p00022.pdf.
Creditable Infant Formula

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulates infant formulas marketed in the U.S. These infant formulas meet specific nutrient standards and safety requirements, making them creditable for reimbursement in the CACFP. However, a formula purchased outside the U.S. is not likely to be regulated by the FDA, and therefore, not creditable in the CACFP.

When selecting infant formula, it is important to choose those that meet the criteria for a reimbursable meal. Iron-fortified infant formula must:

- state “Infant Formula with Iron” or a similar statement on the front of the package. All iron-fortified infant formulas must have this type of statement on the package.
- list 1 milligram of iron per 100 calories on the Nutrition Facts Label.
- not be a Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Exempt Infant Formula. These types of formulas are specifically for infants who have inborn errors of metabolism, lower birth weight, or other special dietary needs.

For additional information on feeding infants, refer to the CACFP 06-2017 Feeding Infants and Meal Pattern Requirements in the Child and Adult Care Food Program; Questions and Answers.
Pair and Share

**Purpose:** The purpose of this activity is to ensure participants have the opportunity to summarize key requirements for applying the information.

**Instructions:** Use the space below to list any key points noted during your group’s discussion.
Developmental Readiness

Developmental readiness for solid foods is one of the most important times for infants, parents, and guardians. However, when is an infant ready for solid foods? This question is very important because of the significance of the associated health challenges of introducing solid foods to infants too early.

According to the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), introducing solid foods to infants before they are ready increases an infant’s risk of weight gain during the early years and being overweight later in life. In addition, when infants are not physically ready to accept solid foods, they are at a higher risk of choking because they have not developed the necessary skills for eating solid foods. Another major challenge of serving solid foods too early is infants may consume less breastmilk or iron-fortified formula and not get enough essential nutrients for proper growth and development. Therefore, it is important to introduce solid foods to infants around six months when they are developmentally ready to accept them.

There is no single, direct signal to determine when an infant is developmentally ready to accept solid foods. An infant’s readiness depends on his or her rate of development. The AAP provides the following guidelines to help determine when an infant is developmentally ready to accept solid foods:

- The infant is able to sit in a high chair, feeding seat, or infant seat with good head control;
- The infant opens his or her mouth when food comes his or her way. He or she may watch others eat, reach for food, and seem eager to be fed;
- The infant can move food from a spoon into his or her throat; and
- The infant has doubled his or her birth weight.

As an early childhood professional working in a Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) setting, it is important to maintain constant communication with infants’ parents or guardians about when and what solid foods should be served while the infant is in care. You may find it useful when talking to parents and guardians to use the AAP guidelines to help determine if an infant is developmentally ready to begin eating solid foods. Another great way to ensure you are meeting the needs of the infant is to request in writing when you should start serving solid foods to their infant.

For additional information on developmental readiness, refer to the following resources:

- American Academy of Pediatrics’ Infant Food and Feeding
- CACFP 06-2017: Feeding Infants and Meal Pattern Requirements in the Child and Adult Care Food Program; Questions and Answers
- Feeding Infants: A Guide for Use in the Child Nutrition Programs
Apply in Three

**Purpose:** The purpose of this activity is to identify the most important information from this section of the training and methods for applying it in a CACFP setting.

**Instructions:** Write at least three things you learned about supporting developmental readiness and some ways in which you can apply this information in your CACFP setting. Once you have finished, find someone from a different group, and share your responses.

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Nutrition Facts Label

According to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the original Nutrition Facts Label is over 20 years old. As a result, the FDA updated the label to make certain consumers have access to more recent and accurate nutrition information about the foods they are eating. Also, the FDA expects the new label to make it easier for consumers to make better-informed choices when shopping. Manufacturers will eventually be required to update their packages to reflect the new label, and some are already using the new label. Therefore, consumers may see the new label on food packages.

![Side-by-side comparison of original and new Nutrition Facts labels.](image)

Yogurt and Sugar Guide

As of October 1, 2017, yogurt served in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) must not have more than 23 grams of sugar per 6 ounces. There are many types of yogurt that meet this requirement. It is easy to find them by using the Nutrition Facts label and following the steps below.

**Table Method**

Example #1: Serving Size in Ounces

- **Step 1:** Use the Nutrition Facts Label to find the Serving Size, in ounces (oz) or grams (g), on the yogurt. Write it here: 6 ounces
- **Step 2:** Find the Sugars line. Look at the number of grams (g) next to Sugars. Write it here: 19 grams
- **Step 3:** Find the serving size, identified in Step 1, in the table below.

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- **Step 4:** In the table, look at the number to the right of the serving size amount, under the “Sugar Limit” column. If your yogurt has that amount of sugar, or less, the yogurt meets the sugar requirement.

Is it creditable? Yes, this yogurt meets the sugar limit requirement because 19 grams of sugar is within the sugar limit of 23 grams for a Serving Size of 6 oz.
Example #2: Serving Size in Grams

- **Step 1:** Use the Nutrition Facts Label to find the Serving Size, in ounces (oz) or grams (g), on the yogurt.
  
  Write it here: **85 grams**

- **Step 2:** Find the Sugars line. Look at the number of grams (g) next to Sugars. If the serving size says “one container,” check the front of the package to see how many ounces or grams are in the container.
  
  Write it here: **19 grams**

- **Step 3:** Find the serving size, identified in Step 1, in the table below.

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- **Step 4:** In the table, look at the number to the right of the serving size amount, under the “Sugar Limit” column. If your yogurt has that amount of sugar, or less, the yogurt meets the sugar requirement.

**Is it creditable?** No, this yogurt does not meet the sugar limit requirement because 19 grams of sugar exceeds the sugar limit of 11 grams for a Serving Size of 85 grams.
Yogurt, Is it Creditable?

**Purpose:** The purpose of this activity is to determine if each yogurt meets the sugar limit requirements for the CACFP.

**Instructions:** Review each label and then, use the Sugar Limits Table to determine if the yogurt is creditable.

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**Greek Yogurt with Banana**

- **Step 1:** Use the Nutrition Facts Label to find the Serving Size, in ounces (oz) or grams (g), on the yogurt.
  
  Write it here: ________

- **Step 2:** Find the amount for Sugars.
  
  Write it here: ________

- **Step 3:** Use the serving size identified in Step 1 to find the serving size of your yogurt in the Sugar Limits Table.

- **Step 4:** In the table, look at the number to the right of the serving size amount, under the “Sugar Limit” column.

  Is it creditable? ____________________________

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**Plain Yogurt**

- **Step 1:** Use the Nutrition Facts Label to find the Serving Size, in ounces (oz) or grams (g), on the yogurt.
  
  Write it here: ________

- **Step 2:** Find the amount for Sugars.
  
  Write it here: ________

- **Step 3:** Use the serving size identified in Step 1 to find the serving size of your yogurt in the Sugar Limits Table.

- **Step 4:** In the table, look at the number to the right of the serving size amount, under the “Sugar Limit” column.

  Is it creditable? ____________________________

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**Nutrition Facts**

**Greek Yogurt with Banana**

- **Serving Size:** 5.3 oz (150g)
- **Calories:** 130
- **Total Fat:** 2.5g (4%)
- **Sodium:** 50mg (2%)
- **Total Carbohydrate:** 17g (6%)
- **Protein:** 11g (22%)

**Plain Yogurt**

- **Serving Size:** 6 oz (227g)
- **Calories:** 220
- **Total Fat:** 11g (17%)
- **Sodium:** 80mg (3%)
- **Total Carbohydrate:** 9g (3%)
- **Protein:** 20g (40%)

*Percent Daily Values are based on a 2,000 calorie diet.*
### Raspberry Yogurt

- **Step 1:** Use the Nutrition Facts Label to find the Serving Size, in ounces (oz) or grams (g), on the yogurt.
  
  Write it here:  

- **Step 2:** Find the amount for Sugars.
  
  Write it here:  

- **Step 3:** Use the serving size identified in Step 1 to find the serving size of your yogurt in the Sugar Limits Table.

- **Step 4:** In the table, look at the number to the right of the serving size amount, under the “Sugar Limit” column.
  
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### Yogurt with Mixed Berry

- **Step 1:** Use the Nutrition Facts Label to find the Serving Size, in ounces (oz) or grams (g), on the yogurt.
  
  Write it here:  

- **Step 2:** Find the amount for Sugars.
  
  Write it here:  

- **Step 3:** Use the serving size identified in Step 1 to find the serving size of your yogurt in the Sugar Limits Table.

- **Step 4:** In the table, look at the number to the right of the serving size amount, under the “Sugar Limit” column.
  
  Is it creditable?  

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Breakfast Cereal and Sugar Guide

As of October 1, 2017, breakfast cereals served in CACFP must contain no more than 6 grams of sugar per dry ounce. There are many types of breakfast cereals that meet this requirement. It is easy to find them by using the Nutrition Facts label and following the steps below.

WIC Approved Breakfast Cereals List

Use any State agency’s Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) approved breakfast cereal list for creditable breakfast cereals. Similar to CACFP, all WIC approved breakfast cereals must contain no more than 6 grams of sugar per dry ounce (21.2 grams of sugar per 100 grams).

Website: www.fns.usda.gov/wic/wic-contacts

Table Method

- **Step 1:** Use the Nutrition Facts label to find the Serving Size, in grams (g), of the cereal. Write it here: **30 grams**
- **Step 2:** Find the Sugars line. Look at the number of grams (g) next to Sugars. Write it here: **5 grams**
- **Step 3:** Use the serving size identified in Step 1 to find the serving size of your cereal in the Sugar Limits Table.
- **Step 4:** In the table, look at the number to the right of the serving size amount, under the “Sugar Limit” column. If your breakfast cereal has that amount of sugar, or less, it meets the sugar requirement.

Is it creditable? Yes, this breakfast cereal is creditable because 5 grams of sugar is below the sugar limit of 6 grams for a serving size of 30 grams.

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Breakfast Cereal, Is it Creditable?

**Purpose:** The purpose of this activity is to determine if each food item meets the breakfast cereal guidelines for the CACFP meal pattern.

**Instructions:** and then, use the Sugar Limits Table to determine if the breakfast cereal is creditable.

### Multi-Color Rounds

- **Step 1:** Use the Nutrition Facts Label to find the Serving Size on the cereal
  Write it here: __________

- **Step 2:** Find the amount for Sugars
  Write it here: __________

- **Step 3:** Use the Sugar Limits Table to determine if the cereal is within the limit

- **Step 4:** In the table, look at the number to the right of the serving size amount, under the “Sugar Limit” column. If your breakfast cereal has that amount of sugar, or less, it meets the sugar requirement.

**Is it creditable?** ______________________________

### Honey Frosty O’s

- **Step 1:** Use the Nutrition Facts Label to find the Serving Size on the cereal
  Write it here: __________

- **Step 2:** Find the amount for Sugars
  Write it here: __________

- **Step 3:** Use the Sugar Limits Table to determine if the cereal is within the limit

- **Step 4:** In the table, look at the number to the right of the serving size amount, under the “Sugar Limit” column. If your breakfast cereal has that amount of sugar, or less, it meets the sugar requirement.

**Is it creditable?** ______________________________
Rice Puffs

- **Step 1**: Use the Nutrition Facts Label to find the Serving Size on the cereal. Write it here: _______
- **Step 2**: Find the amount for Sugars. Write it here: _______
- **Step 3**: Use the Sugar Limits Table to determine if the cereal is within the limit.
- **Step 4**: In the table, look at the number to the right of the serving size amount, under the “Sugar Limit” column. If your breakfast cereal has that amount of sugar, or less, it meets the sugar requirement.

Is it creditable? ___________________________________________

Champion Flakes

- **Step 1**: Use the Nutrition Facts Label to find the Serving Size on the cereal. Write it here: _______
- **Step 2**: Find the amount for Sugars. Write it here: _______
- **Step 3**: Use the Sugar Limits Table to determine if the cereal is within the limit.
- **Step 4**: In the table, look at the number to the right of the serving size amount, under the “Sugar Limit” column. If your breakfast cereal has that amount of sugar, or less, it meets the sugar requirement.

Is it creditable? ___________________________________________
Cooking Methods

Roasting or Baking

- Roasting or baking involves cooking meat, poultry, fish, or vegetables in the oven without any liquid and no cover on the cooking vessel.
- When roasting or baking meat or poultry, remove all visible fat from poultry or beef.
- Add appropriate seasonings and flavorings to replace flavor lost when fat is removed. Since salt penetrates meat only about an inch and retards browning, most recipes suggest adding salt at the end of cooking. Do not add salt unless the recipe calls for it.
- If a meat thermometer is used, place it in the thickest part of the meat, away from bone or fat.
- Place in the cooking dish/pan. Do not cover, and do not add any liquid for meat or poultry. Place meat on a rack when appropriate so fat will drain and hot air can circulate on all sides.
- For meats, roast or bake following the recipe for the oven temperature until the food reaches the appropriate internal temperature (the temperature specified in the recipe).
- Remove from the oven and serve. For large pieces of meat, like a turkey or a large roast, allow the meat to sit in a warm place for about 15 minutes before carving or slicing. This makes the meat firmer, juicier, and easier to slice. Meats should be sliced across the grain.
- Hold cooked meat and poultry the correct way. If the meat or poultry will not be served immediately, it should be covered and kept in a warmer at the correct temperature or chilled in the refrigerator.
  Never hold a meat product at room temperature.

Sautéing

- Sautéing uses high heat and a small amount of fat to rapidly cook vegetables, meat, poultry, and fish. Searing and stir-frying are also sautéing techniques.
- Prepare the meat or poultry by making sure it is dry. If a marinade has been used, drain it thoroughly and pat the food dry. Food with a lot of moisture will steam rather than sauté.
- Add oil to the pan according to recipe. Measure the oil carefully.
- Heat the oil; add the meat, poultry, or fish. The meat, poultry, or fish pieces should be added to the pan in a single layer. If the pieces are touching, the product will steam, not sauté.
- Cook the meat by gently turning until browned on all sides and cooked evenly. Some recipes suggest that the cooked meat be removed from the pan and the remaining flavored juices be used to make a sauce. Follow the recipe.
- Sautéed meals should be cooked in batches just-in-time for service. Covering a sautéed food during holding causes it to steam, and the advantages of the sauté technique are lost. Serve immediately.
  Never hold a meat product at room temperature.
Braising and Stewing

- Braising and stewing are a combination of dry-heat and moist-heat cooking used for less tender cuts of meat. Braising is used for large cuts of meat. The same technique is called stewing when used for bite-sized pieces of meat, poultry, or fish.

- Trim fat and prepare meat according to the recipe.

- Sear the meat on all sides. Searing meat before braising or stewing adds color and flavor. Follow the recipe to use a small amount of oil or preferably, no oil. Brown the meat on all sides in a hot pan. For large pieces of meat, use a pan in the oven or a steam jacketed kettle. For smaller pieces, use a grill, or brown in a hot oven.

- Remove the meat from the pan and add any vegetables or seasonings called for in the recipe.

- Add the seared meat back to the cooking pan along with the liquid for cooking.

- Cover tightly and simmer until tender. Follow the recipe for the temperature and time for the equipment being used. Do not allow the liquid to boil. The size of the cut of meat and the kind of meat will also influence the cooking time. Braised or stewed meats are done when they are tender.

- Remove the meat from the cooking liquid. Some recipes suggest the cooking liquid be cooked an additional time to reduce the volume and concentrate the flavor. The cooking liquid may also be thickened with a roux.

- Hold cooked meat and poultry the correct way. If the meat, poultry, or fish will not be served immediately, it should be covered and kept in a warmer at the correct temperature or chilled in the refrigerator.
Key Points to Remember

**Purpose:** The purpose of this activity is to reflect on the information covered in this lesson and to list any key points needed for later use.

**Instructions:** Think about the information covered in this lesson. List some key points you wish to remember for when you return to your facility.

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APPENDIX

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Answer Key

* There are no right or wrong answers for this activity. These points are simply some potential responses.

**Answer Key: Pair and Share***

- **Requirement:** Meals may be claimed when a mother breastfeeds her infant on-site.
  Application: Establish a private, comfortable, and sanitary area for mothers to breastfeed on-site.
- **Requirement:** Some infants may not consume the entire serving of breastmilk. In these situations, meals are reimbursable as long as the remaining portion is offered later if the infant will consume more.
  Application: Serve infants based on their eating habits, making certain to never force-feed infants.
- **Requirement:** Infant formula must be regulated by FDA. If purchased and/or marketed in the U.S., it is regulated by the FDA. However, if purchased outside the U.S. it may not be regulated by the FDA; therefore, not creditable.
  Application: Purchase infant formula marketed in the U.S.
- **Requirement:** Write “breastfed on-site,” “mother on-site,” or similar statements on infant meal record sheets when a mother directly breastfeeds her infant on-site.
  Application: Work with my State agency to identify the best form to document on-site breastfeeding.

**Answer Key: Apply in Three***

1. **What did I learn?**
   - Serving infants: Infants may be served before or after 6 months.
   **How can I apply it in my CACFP setting?**
   - I will train my staff on the importance of serving infants solid foods when they are developmentally ready to accept them.

2. **What did I learn?**
   - Recognizing signals: There is no direct signal to determine when an infant is developmentally ready to accept solid foods.
   **How can I apply it in my CACFP setting?**
   - I can use the AAP guidelines to help parents identify when an infant is developmentally ready for solid foods.

3. **What did I learn?**
   - Parent communication: Requesting a written statement from parents is ideal for meeting the needs of infants and parents when serving new foods.
   **How can I apply it in my CACFP setting?**
   - I can request a written statement from all parents to ensure I am meeting their needs when first serving new foods to infants.
Answer Key: Yogurt, Is it Creditable?

**Greek Yogurt with Banana**

- **Step 1:** Use the Nutrition Facts Label to find the Serving Size, in ounces (oz) or grams (g), on the yogurt. Write it here: 5.3 ounce
- **Step 2:** Find the amount for Sugars. Write it here: 14 grams
- **Step 3:** Use the serving size identified in Step 1 to find the serving size of your yogurt in the Sugar Limits Table.
- **Step 4:** In the table, look at the number to the right of the serving size amount, under the “Sugar Limit” column. Is it creditable? *Yes, because 14 grams of sugar is between the sugar limits of 0–23 grams of sugar.*

**Plain Yogurt**

- **Step 1:** Use the Nutrition Facts Label to find the Serving Size, in ounces (oz) or grams (g), on the yogurt. Write it here: 8 ounces
- **Step 2:** Find the amount for Sugars. Write it here: 9 grams
- **Step 3:** Use the serving size identified in Step 1 to find the serving size of your yogurt in the Sugar Limits Table.
- **Step 4:** In the table, look at the number to the right of the serving size amount, under the “Sugar Limit” column. Is it creditable? *Yes, because 9 grams of sugar is between the sugar limits of 0–30 grams of sugar.*

**Raspberry Yogurt**

- **Step 1:** Use the Nutrition Facts Label to find the Serving Size, in ounces (oz) or grams (g), on the yogurt. Write it here: 6 ounces
- **Step 2:** Find the amount for Sugars. Write it here: 25 grams
- **Step 3:** Use the serving size identified in Step 1 to find the serving size of your yogurt in the Sugar Limits Table.
- **Step 4:** In the table, look at the number to the right of the serving size amount, under the “Sugar Limit” column. Is it creditable? *No, because 25 grams of sugar is beyond the sugar limit of 23 for a 6 ounce serving size.*

**Yogurt with Mixed Berry**

- **Step 1:** Use the Nutrition Facts Label to find the Serving Size, in ounces (oz) or grams (g), on the yogurt. Write it here: 2.5 ounces
- **Step 2:** Find the amount for Sugars. Write it here: 19 grams
- **Step 3:** Use the serving size identified in Step 1 to find the serving size of your yogurt in the Sugar Limits Table.
- **Step 4:** In the table, look at the number to the right of the serving size amount, under the “Sugar Limit” column. Is it creditable? *No, because 19 grams of sugar is beyond the sugar limit of 10 for a 2.5 ounce serving size.*
### Answer Key: Breakfast Cereal, Is it Creditable?

#### Multi-Color Rounds

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<th>Cereal</th>
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<td>Honey Frosty O’s</td>
<td>28 grams</td>
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<td>9 grams</td>
<td>6 grams</td>
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<td>Rice Puffs</td>
<td>30 grams</td>
<td>30 grams</td>
<td>12 grams</td>
<td>6 grams</td>
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<td>Champion Flakes</td>
<td>33 grams</td>
<td>33 grams</td>
<td>3 grams</td>
<td>7 grams</td>
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#### Nutrition Facts

- **Breakfast Cereal, Is it Creditable?**
  - **Step 1:** Use the Nutrition Facts Label to find the Serving Size on the cereal.
  - **Step 2:** Find the amount for Sugars.
  - **Step 3:** Use the Sugar Limits Table to determine if the cereal is within the limit.
  - **Step 4:** In the table, look at the number to the right of the serving size amount, under the “Sugar Limit” column. If your breakfast cereal has that amount of sugar, or less, it meets the sugar requirement. Is it creditable? **No, because 10 grams of sugar is higher than the sugar limit of 7 grams for this cereal’s Serving Size.**

- **Honey Frosty O’s**
  - **Step 1:** Use the Nutrition Facts Label to find the Serving Size on the cereal.
  - **Step 2:** Find the amount for Sugars.
  - **Step 3:** Use the Sugar Limits Table to determine if the cereal is within the limit.
  - **Step 4:** In the table, look at the number to the right of the serving size amount, under the “Sugar Limit” column. If your breakfast cereal has that amount of sugar, or less, it meets the sugar requirement. Is it creditable? **No, because 9 grams of sugar is higher than the sugar limit of 6 grams for this cereal’s Serving Size.**

- **Rice Puffs**
  - **Step 1:** Use the Nutrition Facts Label to find the Serving Size on the cereal.
  - **Step 2:** Find the amount for Sugars.
  - **Step 3:** Use the Sugar Limits Table to determine if the cereal is within the limit.
  - **Step 4:** In the table, look at the number to the right of the serving size amount, under the “Sugar Limit” column. If your breakfast cereal has that amount of sugar, or less, it meets the sugar requirement. Is it creditable? **No, because 12 grams of sugar is higher than the sugar limit of 6 grams for this cereal’s Serving Size.**

- **Champion Flakes**
  - **Step 1:** Use the Nutrition Facts Label to find the Serving Size on the cereal.
  - **Step 2:** Find the amount for Sugars.
  - **Step 3:** Use the Sugar Limits Table to determine if the cereal is within the limit.
  - **Step 4:** In the table, look at the number to the right of the serving size amount, under the “Sugar Limit” column. If your breakfast cereal has that amount of sugar, or less, it meets the sugar requirement. Is it creditable? **Yes, because 3 grams of sugar is less than the sugar limit of 7 grams for this cereal’s Serving Size.**
Answer Key: Recall that Term

- **Term Card 1: Breastmilk**
  - Only breastmilk (or infant formula) should be served to infants, birth through 6 months of age. Child care providers may be reimbursed for meals when a mother directly breastfeeds her infant on-site or when a parent or guardian supplies expressed breastmilk.

- **Term Card 2: Gradual Introduction**
  - Infants should be gradually introduced to solid foods around 6 months of age, as they are developmentally ready to accept them.

- **Term Card 3: Infant Age Groups**
  - Infant age groups consist of birth through the end of 5 months and 6 months through the end of 11 months.

- **Term Card 4: Ready-to-Eat Cereals**
  - During snack meals, ready-to-eat cereals may be served to meet the grains component. Ready-to-eat cereals must contain no more than 6 grams of sugar per dry ounce.

- **Term Card 5: 4–6 Fluid Ounces**
  - Infants ages zero through the end of 5 months must be served 4 to 6 fluid ounces of breastmilk or infant formula at each meal.

- **Term Card 6: Vegetables and Fruits**
  - All meals and snacks must include vegetables and fruits when the infant is developmentally ready to accept them.

- **Term Card 7: Juice**
  - Juice is not reimbursable for infant meals or snacks.

- **Term Card 8: Cheese Spreads**
  - Cheese foods or cheese spreads are not reimbursable for infant meals or snacks.

- **Term Card 9: Developmental Readiness**
  - Solid foods must be served when an infant is developmentally ready. Communicate with parents or guardians to determine when and what solid foods should be served.

- **Term Card 10: Yogurt Sugar Limit**
  - Yogurt must contain no more than 23 grams of sugar per 6 ounces.

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**Answer Key: Key Points to Remember**

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<th>There are now two age groups, instead of three: birth through the end of 5 months and 6 months through the end of 11 months.</th>
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<td>Key Point 2</td>
<td>Infants should be gradually introduced to solid foods around 6 months, as developmentally appropriate.</td>
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<td>Key Point 3</td>
<td>Juice, cheese food, or cheese spread no longer credits as part of a reimbursable meal for infant meals or snacks.</td>
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<td>Key Point 4</td>
<td>Ready-to-eat cereals credits as part of a reimbursable snack only.</td>
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Assessments

1. The revised CACFP meal patterns include _________________.
   • D. All of the above
2. How many times can a CACFP operator serve juice to infants in a single day?
   • C. 0 times per day
3. Breastmilk may be served to participants of any age. True or False?
   • True
4. Yogurt must contain no more than _____ grams of sugar per ______ounces.
   • C. 23 grams, 6 ounces
5. Breakfast cereals must contain no more than _______ grams of sugar per dry ounce.
   • C. six
6. The infant meal pattern requirements allow ready-to-eat cereals to be served during ________________.
   • C. snack
7. What are the two new infant age groups?
   • B. birth through the end of 5 months and 6 months through the end of 11 months
8. Cheese foods and cheese spreads are creditable items. True or False?
   • B. False
9. Which frying method is no longer allowed as an approved method for preparing meals on-site in CACFP settings?
   • B. Deep-fat frying
10. Choose the correct statement regarding eggs and infant meals and snacks.
    • B. Only whole eggs are allowed as part of a reimbursable meal or snack.
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## Training Resources

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### Key Terms

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<td><strong>Dietary Guidelines for Americans</strong></td>
<td>The nation’s trusted resource for evidence-based nutrition recommendations. This resource provides policy makers and professionals with the information they need to help the public make informed choices about their diets at home, school, work, and within their communities.</td>
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<td>Expressed milk</td>
<td>Milk that is produced and expelled from the breast, bottled, and served to the infant.</td>
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<td>Family-style meal service</td>
<td>A type of meal service that allows children and adults to serve themselves from common platters of food with assistance of supervising adults.</td>
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<td>Grain-based desserts</td>
<td>Grain-based desserts are those items in USDA’s <em>Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs</em> that are denoted as desserts with superscripts 3 and 4. This definition of grain-based desserts includes cakes, cookies, sweet piecrusts, fruit turnovers, doughnuts, cereal, breakfast, and granola bars, toaster pastries, sweet rolls, sweet crackers, and brownies.</td>
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<td>Food components</td>
<td>Food categories that make up a reimbursable meal, including fluid milk, vegetables, fruits, grains, and meat/meat alternates.</td>
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<td>Meal pattern</td>
<td>A specific template with meal components and minimum serving sizes for different age groups that must be followed in order for the meal to be reimbursed. The template is customized for breakfast, lunch, supper, and snacks.</td>
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<td>Offer Versus Serve (OVS)</td>
<td>OVS is a concept that applies to menu planning and the menu service. OVS allows participants to decline some of the food offered in a reimbursable breakfast, lunch or supper. OVS is not allowed for snacks and can only be used in at-risk afterschool programs and adult day care centers.</td>
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<td>Reimbursable meal</td>
<td>Meals that meet all applicable meal pattern requirements.</td>
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<td>Whole grain-rich</td>
<td>Foods that contain 100% whole grains, or at least 50% whole grains and any remaining grains are enriched.</td>
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