



OCTOBER 2026 NEWSLETTER



T & T TUTOR WORLD, INC.

Welcome to Fiscal Year 2027!

Fiscal Year 2027 officially begins October 1, 2026, and we are excited to begin another year with our participating daycare homes and centers!

Thank you for choosing to continue your partnership with T & T Tutor World, Inc. We appreciate the opportunity to continue serving as your CACFP sponsor and supporting you throughout the new fiscal year.

As we begin FY 2027, we encourage everyone to start the year strong by staying organized, maintaining accurate records, following T & T policies and CACFP requirements. Remember to reach out to our team whenever you need assistance.

We look forward to another successful year of working together to provide nutritious meals to the children in your care. Thank you for continuing with T & T Tutor World, Inc. We are excited to have you with us for FY 2027!

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Infant Meal Pattern Reminder



We have identified several issues with infant meals on recent claims, so we want to remind all daycare homes and centers caring for infants to carefully follow the CACFP Infant Meal Pattern.

Birth Through 5 Months

For breakfast, lunch, supper, and snack, infants must be offered:

- 4 to 6 fluid ounces of breastmilk or iron fortified infant formula
- Solid foods are not part of the CACFP meal pattern for infants birth through 5 months.

6 Through 11 Months

For breakfast, lunch, and supper, the infant menu must include all three required meal components:

- Breastmilk or iron fortified infant formula
- Meat/meat alternate or iron fortified infant cereal
- Fruit, vegetable, or a combination of both

The posted infant menu must meet the CACFP meal pattern requirements and list all required components, even when an individual infant is not yet developmentally ready to receive all of the solid food components.

Important Reminders

- Developmental readiness must be communicated by the parent or guardian. The parent or guardian should let the daycare provider know when their infant is ready to begin receiving solid foods.
- Turning 6 months old does not automatically mean an infant is developmentally ready for solid foods, consult with the parent guardian.
- The posted menu for infants 6 through 11 months must include all required meal components, even if an individual infant is not yet developmentally ready to receive all of them.
- Juice may not be served to infants.
- T & T Tutor World, Inc. has pre approved infant cycle menus available to assist with menu planning.

Infant Meal Pattern Resource

Providers should review the USDA CACFP Infant Meal Patterns for the complete requirements and serving amounts for infants birth through 11 months. [USDA CACFP Infant Meal Patterns](#)



Menu Substitution Reminder



Sometimes changes to a planned menu are necessary. When a substitution is made, it is important to ensure the replacement food continues to meet CACFP meal pattern requirements and that your records accurately reflect what was served.

Whenever a substitution is made:

- Verify the substituted food is an approved, creditable CACFP food item.
- Make sure the substitution meets the same meal pattern component being replaced.
- Update your posted menu before the meal is served.
- Update the menu in KidKare before the meal is served.
- Make sure your menu reflects the food that was actually served.

Centers

Centers should also ensure that receipts, delivery tickets, and other supporting documentation are consistent with the updated menu.

South Carolina Homes and Centers

South Carolina homes and centers must also follow the South Carolina Menu Planning Guidelines when making substitutions. This includes selecting foods from the appropriate fruit or vegetable subgroup when applicable.

Remember, just because two foods are vegetables does not automatically mean they meet the same South Carolina menu planning requirement.

Resource: [South Carolina Menu Planning Guidelines](#), [CACFP Crediting Handbook](#)

CACFP Tip: If your planned menu changes, update both the posted menu and KidKare before the meal is served. Your menu should always reflect what the children actually received.





Keep Enrollment and Income Eligibility Forms Current

Enrollment documentation has resulted in errors on recent claims. All children participating in the CACFP must have a current and complete enrollment form on file, and daycare centers must also maintain current Income Eligibility Applications (IEAs). Providers should regularly check the Child Dashboard in KidKare for enrollment and income form expiration dates. Do not wait until a form has expired before requesting an updated form from the parent or guardian.

Enrollment Form Reminders

- Print the pre populated enrollment form directly from KidKare to help reduce errors.
- Have the parent or guardian review all information for accuracy.
- If information needs to be corrected, the parent or guardian should line through the incorrect information, write the correct information, and initial the change.
- Make sure all required information is completed and the form is signed and dated.
- Do not use white out.
- Daycare centers should also monitor the Child Dashboard for Income Eligibility Application expiration dates and obtain updated forms as needed.
- All enrollment and income eligibility forms must be submitted according to the T & T Tutor World, Inc. Enrollment Policy.

Where to Submit Forms

Daycare Homes: homeenroll@tandttutorworld.org

Daycare Centers: centerenroll@tandttutorworld.org

Fax: 843-998-7676

CACFP Tip: Make checking your KidKare Child Dashboard part of your regular routine. Staying ahead of enrollment and income form expiration dates helps prevent claim errors and disallowed meals.



President's Corner



Fall is here, bringing colorful leaves, cooler days, and a delicious opportunity to help children discover the goodness of apples and pears! These seasonal favorites are rich in fiber, vitamin C, potassium, and other nutrients that support healthy digestion, strong immune systems, growth, and overall well-being.

Early childhood is the perfect time to build healthy eating habits. Providers can make apples and pears appealing by serving soft or thinly sliced apples with cheese, diced ripe pears with yogurt, unsweetened applesauce with whole-grain crackers, or warm apples and pears with oatmeal. For children ages 2–5, prepare fruits in age-appropriate sizes and textures to help prevent choking. During circle time, caregivers can also model safe ways to enjoy raw apples and pears while encouraging children to try something new.

Let's celebrate the fall harvest by making healthy choices fun, flavorful, and part of every child's day. T & T Tutor World, Inc. invites all providers to "Pick Healthy- Pick Apples and Pears!" Together, we can plant the seeds of healthy habits that last a lifetime and help reduce the risk of chronic diseases later in life.

WELCOME TO THE TEAM

Little Dreamers Big Dreams (NCC)

Shykeyma Branch (NC)

Uwanta Gaskins (SC)

Michelle Choate (SC)

Jaquel Allen (SC)

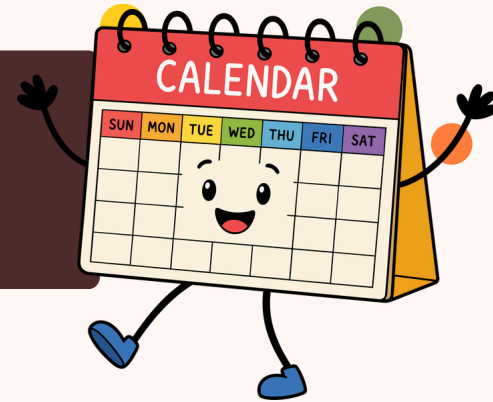
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FY 2027 Required Annual Training



Registration is now open for our FY 2027 Required Annual Training Sessions. Please register in advance and save each training date on your calendar. All individuals with CACFP responsibilities are required to complete the applicable annual training requirements.

Session 1: Meal Pattern Requirements

FY 27 Meal Pattern Requirements Required Annual Training

January 20, 2027 at 1:00 PM

[Register for Session 1: Meal Pattern Requirements](#)

Session 2: Recordkeeping

FY 27 Recordkeeping Required Annual Training

February 17, 2027 at 1:00 PM

[Register for Session 2: Recordkeeping](#)

Session 3: Civil Rights & Serious Deficiency

FY 27 Civil Rights/Serious Deficiency Required Annual Training

March 17, 2027 at 1:00 PM

[Register for Session 3: Civil Rights & Serious Deficiency](#)

Training Reminder: Register early and add all three dates to your calendar so you are prepared to meet your FY 2027 annual training requirements.

