**April** 2025 March Claim Month



# **Nuggets of News**

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### No Pay!

2024-2025 unannounced reviews in progress so stay ready!!

- Posted Building for the Future (English & Spanish) & WIC Brochures.
- CN Labels MUST be available.
- Infant/Child Menus **MUST** be posted.
- **Current** dated Menu posted.
- Serve at **approved** mealtimes.
- **TWO** thermometers required.
- Bank account changes are due by the **10**<sup>th</sup> of each month for timely processing.

### GSK, Shelby County Commissioners, 100 Black Men of New York & Black **Voters Matter**

are helping to fund our mission to make nutrition a priority for children by educating childcare providers by taking the actions below:

- **DONATE** to this cause at www.alphaomegafnp.org & select the **Donate Now** button!
- Share this link with a friend! Thank you!

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> Visit www.AlphaOmegaFNP.org for a special message!

### 2025 Theme:

"THE YEAR OF ASCENSION AND POSSESSION!"



Your Business can be the most powerful force for good when it prioritizes responsibility. Moving from a "me-first" to a "WE FIRST" mindset isn't just an idea it's a necessity in business today. In 2025, this approach feels more urgent than ever. In the context of policy challenges, your business sustainability should be clear and compelling. RISE UP and create long-term business success.

**Scripture:** Luke 16:10 – "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much." Faithfulness in small tasks builds a foundation for greater success. This verse emphasizes that trustworthy actions, even in minor matters, lead to bigger opportunities and long-term success in business.

### WHAT'S GOING ON NOW?

- ✓ TDHS field AUDITS have been completed, but our internal audit is still
- ✓ National Child Nutrition (CACFP) Conference will be held in Dallas TX. April 14-April 19.
- ✓ **KIDKARE Issues -** Submit same day ticket and forward to sponsor during business hours.
- Unannounced ONSITE REVIEWS for 2024-2025 are now being conducted from February 2025 through September 2025.

(Any unsuccessful reviews will result in no payment for the day and no access to KidKare until review has been completed.)



April Snack Attack: Raspberries and Greek yogurt **(Fruit/Meat Alternate)!** Try out these **#CACFPCreditable** *snacks* when you plan your next grocery trip!

## **April is...**

**National Fresh Celery Month!** This month provides an opportunity to experiment with recipes and challenge the way we use the vegetable in our cooking. Click *here* for more info.





### You have our support... We are here to work with you!

View <u>New Claim Due Date Change Memo.</u> <u>CLAIMS DUE BY THE 1st DAY MONTHLY</u> IN 2023-2024 TO ENSURE TIMELY REIMBURSEMENT! ALL LATE CLAIMS WILL BE PROCESSED AT MONTH-END!

### Family Day Homes

# Definition: Children served in your home. SUBMIT UPDATED COPY OF YOUR LICENSE AS SOON AS IT IS RECEIVED!



- All sites must always adhere to their approved meal service times. If your time needs to be adjusted, please complete a meal schedule change form and submit it for approval.
- Submit applications daily as children are enrolled.
- Children can be claimed in a pending status but can not be paid until application is submitted to sponsor
- Daily documentation of meals and attendance is required to be compliant. Read the **Daily Documentation Requirement Memo**.
- Remember to serve and choose at least one whole grain rich food per day in KidKare when documenting daily meals and attendance.

### Daycare & Adult Care Centers



Definition: Adults or children served in a commercial property/facility.
SUBMIT UPDATED COPY OF YOUR TN ADULTCARE OR CHILDCARE LICENSE!

- All sites must <u>always</u> adhere to their approved meal service times. If your time needs to be adjusted, please complete a meal schedule change form and submit it for approval.
- Children enrollment application due by the 20th of each month (DO NOT WAIT) TO SUBMIT WITH RECEIPTS AT END OF MONTH)
- Children can be claimed in a pending status but can not be paid until application is submitted to sponsor
- Daily documentation of meals and attendance is required to be compliant. Read the **Daily Documentation Requirement Memo**.
- Examine your Milk Audit in KidKare weekly to be sure you have purchased enough milk to be compliant and avoid costly loss!
- Provide CN label proof when asked by monitor. See *CN label booklet*.
- Please use your Center Receipt Journal, found in KidKare/Minute Menu, as a check and balance to make sure all your receipts are accounted for & in date order, as listed on the journal. Do not purchase personal items on the same receipt as your daycare purchases.

### At-Risk Aftercare Sites



Definition: Children served after school in a safe structured facility with planned activities.

- According to the 2024-2025 school calendar the last day of class is on Friday, May 23, 2025! Please send your claim early for processing and have a safe summer! We will see you when school starts back in August! Please follow the claim submission instructions provided.
- Daily documentation of meals & attendance is required to be compliant. Keep accurate daily records. Read the **Daily Documentation Requirement Memo.**
- Review your monthly check list to ensure all required documents are submitted.



### **REMINDERS!**

KidKare/Minute Menu support 972-671-5211 support@kidkare.com

Educate yourself in KidKare by utilizing the "Get Help" option to self

PLEASE APPLY SYSTEM UPDATES FOR THE LATEST AND BEST VERSION OF KIDKARE!

Your menu in KidKare will be used for monitoring reviews. Keep them current monthly, print and post them as well. <mark>Inter your daycare closures</mark> in KidKare whenever your daycare will be closed during a meal service time. Enter meals and attendance daily to avoid loss of reimbursement and to be compliant.



### No postings! No payment!

- ✓ Self-composed menus minus creditable meal components = disallowances.
- Take 5 minutes monthly to plan & schedule menus in KidKare.
- Teach children how to measure foods for health, safety & wellness.
- Plan a healthy cook day & get children involved.

### NON-CREDITABLE MILK:

- **✓ 2% MILK**
- **✓ Almond** milk
- ✓ **Rice** milk
- ✓ Coconut milk
- ✓ Cheese (cheese is a meat alternate)

### **CREDITABLE MILK:**

- ✓ Lactose free & lactose reduced milk
- Soymilk, Silk Milk, Pearl, Ultra Soy & Continent Soymilk

### **MILK REQUIREMENTS:**

- ✓ Breakfast
- ✓ Lunch
- ✓ Supper

### **MENU CONCERNS:**

WHOLE GRAIN NOT MARKED - slide tab to YES under grain to indicate whole grain served.

Check for Meal Pattern requirements & resources at www.alphaomegafnp.org.