

# Provider's Network Newsletter

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## August 2024

New CACFP Reimbursement Rates		
July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025		
	Tier 1	Tier 2
Breakfast	\$1.66	\$.60
Lunch/Supper	\$3.15	<b>\$1.90</b>
Snacks	<b>\$.93</b>	\$.26

# On Sale Now!

# **Nutrition and Record-Keeping Calendars**

We only have 100 calendars, so <u>if you</u> <u>would like a 2025 calendar you MUST call</u> <u>or email Lara in the office at</u> <u>lbrown@pnicacfp.com to request one</u>. Calendars are on a first-come first-serve basis so if you do not request a calendar SOON we can not guarantee that one will be available to you. Requested calendars will be mailed starting in November or dropped off to you at a visit anytime after October 1.

# **SCHOOL REMINDER**

As of August 2nd, if any of your preschool or school age children are still out for summer break, you will need to add those "non-school" days in their individual



<u>calendars</u>. Since there are HUNDREDS of school districts throughout Nebraska that have different schedules throughout the school year, each individual provider will need to add all non-school days for the year, as usual, beginning August 2nd to avoid deductions.

# Annual CRF Updates coming in September!! Annual CRF Updates will be mailed after September 15th. Watch your mail for this important, time sensitive information!!

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Know someone newly licensed in your area? Refer them to Providers Network and receive a \$50.00 Visa Gift Card!

For every referral of a newly licensed or legally exempt provider you make to Provider's Network you will receive a \$50.00 Gift Card after your referred provider has claimed for two months. There is no limit to the number of rewards you can receive so the MORE REFERRALS, THE MORE GIFT CARDS FOR YOU!

# Watermelon Cucumber Salad

- 1 small red onion, halved and sliced into thin half-moons
- 2 T. lime juice, or more to taste
- 2 T. extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 seedless watermelon, cut into cubes
- 3 baby cucumbers, seeded and cut into cubes
- 1 C. crumbled feta cheese



1/2 C. mint leaves, sliced thinly (optional)

In a bowl, mix red onion with lime juice. Set aside to marinate at least 10 minutes. Stir olive oil into mixture. Toss watermelon, cucumbers and feta cheese together in a large bowl. Pour red onion mixture over watermelon mixture; toss to coat. Sprinkle mint over the salad if desired; toss and chill.

#### Lunch/Supper Menu Suggestion:

Hamburgers, Whole Grain Buns, Baked Beans, Watermelon Cucumber Salad, and 1% or Skim Milk

# **Got Leftover Watermelon??**

Puree it in a blender and freeze in containers. Use it in smoothies, salads, dips or soups.

Water Play Painting - Kids love painting with water



spray bottles! Mix different colors of washable tempera paint with water in separate water bottles. Lay out different canvases or large pieces of poster board outside. In clothes that can get dirty, let the kids be creative and make a work of art.

Check out our website for important PNI news and ongoing nutrition information! https://www.pnicacfp.com

IMPORTANT
<b>MONTHLY REMINDERS</b>

### Tentative Monthly Direct Deposit Date Range: 19th - 28th

Due to the continued fluctuation in receiving the claim funds from NDE each month, we feel it is best to no longer give a tentative deposit date "guess" in the newsletter, but rather a date range based on historical deposit dates. <u>However, each month, once</u> <u>the funds are deposited into our account,</u> we will send a notification to everyone <u>directly through KidKare Messaging with</u> <u>the specific deposit date.</u> Should there be a deposit delay beyond the 28th any month, we will notify you ASAP through KidKare Messaging so the info is at your fingertips!

Watch KidKare Messaging for the specific deposit date once we receive it!!

- ✓ Per USDA Regulations: all meals and attendance must be recorded by 11:59 pm every day. If you run into login issues, you must call and leave a message at the office or send us an email the <u>SAME DAY</u> of occurrence for reimbursement consideration.
- On-line claims should always be submitted the last day of the month, after your last meal has been entered.
- ✓ All Registration Forms must be received by the end of each month. <u>Mail your</u> <u>CRF's right away when a child starts</u> in your care instead of waiting until the end of the month.
- √ Add non-school days to each school age and preschool child's calendars before the end of each month to avoid deductions.
- √ You must contact the office if you plan on moving or changing directors <u>PRIOR</u> <u>TO THE MOVE OR CHANGE</u>. If you contact licensing, you are responsible for contacting PNI as well.
- ✓ If you call the office and no one answers, please leave a detailed voice mail and your call will be returned within 24 hours. You can also email your advisor, Lara, or Carrie at anytime.