

tasty times

important updates for success and more resources from the child care healthy food program

Dear Child Care Provider,

As we begin a new year, the Healthy Food Program would like to express our gratitude for a great year. We would be nothing without our fantastic providers! We look forward to another great year working together to help the children you care for develop healthy habits to carry forward for the rest of their lives!

—John R. Gadiant, RD LDN, Healthy Food Program Supervisor

providing your time, home and healthy food to children in your care.

ASHONTI JACKSON
Childcare Resource Facilitator

Thank you for all the hard work you do. Wishing you always the best!

MARIA GONZALEZ
Program Generalist

Happy New Year! We have quite a year coming up. I just want each of you to know how encouraged and inspired we are by your commitment that every child should have a healthy meal every day. You make the world a better place by the love you share in your home and your community. Because of you, children grow up in a healthy and supportive environment. This year we are going to take our commitment to healthy children to a new level. There are new federal regulations for the food program. Starting October 1st, you will be required to serve a whole grain every day. Also beginning October 1st, you can only serve 100% juice once a day; children 1 to 5 cannot have flavored milk; you cannot serve cookies, graham crackers, animal crackers, doughnuts, cereal bars, granola bars, toaster pastries, cake or brownies. It is a hard adjustment but a healthy future, here we come! The Healthy Food Program is here to support you through these changes. Keep thinking about the children's health, keep talking to parents about the importance of nutrition, and together we will keep children healthy by bringing child obesity

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**THANK YOU TO OUR PROVIDERS
HAPPY NEW YEAR! – FROM THE HEALTHY FOOD PROGRAM STAFF**

I would like to take this time to thank all my providers for such a momentous year. May 2017 bring health to you and yours.

LUZ LOPEZ
Nutrition Advocate

You make my work interesting every day. Whether through phone conversations or home visits, I personally get to witness the things you do and say that clearly show your level of dedication. Thank you for doing some of the most important and selfless work there is to do. The extent of your dedication to healthy eating and to the children in your care is obvious. Happy New Year and best wishes to you and all your loved ones.

RUBY FLORES
Enrollment & Support Supervisor



Hello to all the providers on the healthy food program. It has been my absolute pleasure to work with many of you. I have learned so much about your dedication to providing superior care to children. It is also a real treat being able to come to your homes and see your hard work in action. I am so glad many of you have stayed committed to working with children and have an amazing and optimistic view for the future. Again thank you for an outstanding year and for

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Welcome New Providers:

Olivia E. Alexander-Young
 Tamara Artis
 Genese Blanchard
 Cynthia Cody
 Thabita Cudjoe
 Jorge Diaz
 Sharon Elder
 Sherla Jones
 Cynthia Julian
 Rosezena Richard-Bey
 Ruby Rodriguez
 Tina Woods

Remember, **December** claims are due **January 5th!**

Warning! Late claims WILL result in late payment!

Please pay attention using paper scan menus or you may lose reimbursement:

- You must sign each sheet that is being submitted for reimbursement.
- Be sure not to write in the area of the menu shaded blue.
- Stay within the space given to write the type of food served.
- Do not fold scan forms.

Healthy Food Program Number

For the Out of Home voicemail, payment information or to speak to a customer service representative:

Call: **(773) 564-8861**



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Thank You to Our Providers

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rates down. Tomorrow will be brighter for our children because of you. Thank you for your tireless commitment to our future and our children.

TOM BROWNING

Director of Childhood Nutrition and Wellness

Thank you, providers, for all that you do to help the children in your care grow into smart, healthy beings. Your work is always greatly appreciated.

DESTINY CONTRERAS

Program Clerk



I want to thank all of the providers for all the hard work you do throughout the year. Caring and teaching children is a big yet rewarding responsibility. I also want to thank you for allowing me to serve you and being patient while I adjust to my new position. I hope you all have a Happy Holiday and a Happy New Year. #2017

NATALIE HOWARD

Program Generalist

I would like to take this time to thank all our providers for opening your homes to us and allowing us to help and teach alongside of you. Thank you for all that you do for the children in your care. May your 2017 be happy and healthy.

YVETTE ALVARADO

Provider Child Care Development and Training Specialist

My, oh, my, has this year flown by. I have been with the Childhood Nutrition and Wellness program for a total of 3 years, and it feels like a lifetime. To all of



our providers, all of your generous compliments have made this an easy, as well as exciting, year for me. I just want to take a moment to thank all of our providers for allowing us in your homes and most of all for feeding the children in Illinois healthy and nutritious meals! I want to let all of you know that the entire Illinois Action for Children Childhood Nutrition and Wellness team appreciates you and without you, there would be no us.

Straight from my heart,

TEKEYLA TATE

Child Care Resource Facilitator

Thank you for all the great work you do with kids, and keep encouraging them to eat their fruits and veggies! Good job and Happy Holidays!

MARLYN TORRES

Child Care Resource Facilitator

Thank you and Happy Holidays to all of our fantastic providers. As we move into a new year, I just want to express what an honor it is to work with so many people dedicated to making the lives of the children of Chicago better. I wish you nothing but the very best!

JOHN R. GADIENT

Claim Processing and Reimbursement Supervisor

Thank you to all providers for this fantastic year. Your work is appreciated.

JAMES CALLAN

Nutrition Advocate

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for Healthy Food Program documents, please put all food program documents in a separate envelope and label the outside of the envelope "Healthy Food Program" to ensure our office receives your paperwork on time.

