

# 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, we at 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 with you to help the children you care for develop healthy habits that they can carry forward for the rest of their lives! —John R. Gadiant, RD LDN, Healthy Food Program Manager

**Dear providers,  
As always thank  
you for the work  
you do, the care and  
time you dedicate to  
the children and for  
allowing me in to your  
home during the year.  
Enjoy the holidays!  
Best regards.**

MARIA GONZALEZ  
*Nutrition Advocate*

## Thank You to Our Providers



Every day I am thankful for all good things in my life. One of which is our work together to bring healthier food to the children in our lives. I am very thankful for all your hard work to broaden children's healthy eating habits. It takes a lot of patience sometimes to work with a child to enjoy the taste of green leafy vegetables or whole grains. Thank you for all your effort. Have a very happy, healthy and safe 2019.

TOM BROWNING  
*Director*

Desperate times call for desperate actions! Thank you to each of you for being the change we need to see. The love, care and attention you extend in the world of home daycare, every day, is imperative to a better world tomorrow. Keep shining like the sun, the world needs you!

GEANNINE G. HARRIS  
*Nutrition Advocate*

**Thank you, providers,  
for the work you do in  
serving healthy meals to  
your kids. You do a great  
service not only for the  
children, but providing  
peace of mind to their  
parents. We do our best  
in serving you so that you  
may continue serving  
the healthiest of meals to  
your young ones.**

MARLYN TORRES  
*Nutrition Advocate*



Congratulations on another year of doing the most important work there is to do—caring for children! This year we all have been working hard to adapt to the new changes, from getting new Field Nutrition Advocates, to having to follow a new meal pattern and even learning how to fill out new menu forms. It has been difficult, but you made it and we applaud you for all your hard work and dedication. As we begin 2019, I wish you beautiful moments and treasured memories.

LUZ LOPEZ  
*Enrollment and Support Supervisor*

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**Welcome New Providers:**

- Alecia Bell
- Felisa Brown
- Valerie Brown
- Rochelle Davenport
- Amairani Favela
- Crystal Golden
- Felicia Hawkins
- Antoinette Holmes
- Diane Jones
- Martha Jones
- Gloria Keller
- Latonia Kyle
- Laura Maldonado
- Gloria McNally
- Sherrie Murphy
- Ollie Thomas

Remember, **December** claims are due **January 7th!**  
**Warning! Late claims WILL result in late payment!**

**Please Keep in Mind:**  
 The Healthy Food Program is a federally regulated program. We appreciate all that you do to supply healthy meals to the children in your care. So, as hectic as your day gets, you are still required to mark you attendance and fill out your menus **daily**. On line providers must also enter meal and attendance into the computer **daily**.

**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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Dear Providers,  
 Thank you for a great job and dedication to the children. Happy Holidays.  
**MARIA GARIBALDI**  
*Nutrition Advocate*

I want to say thank you to all of our providers for the hard work that you do throughout the year. It has been a pleasure working with you during the year, and I look forward to assisting you in the New Year. Happy Holidays to all of you!  
**NATALIE MAGEE**  
*Generalist*



A Big Thank You to all of our providers for their hard work and dedication. Taking care and serving children a healthy meal every day. Wish you all a happy and prosperous 2019!  
**EVELIA MARTINEZ**  
*Generalist Advocate*



The world can be big, and scary, and mean. I believe this sometimes, and I am grown adult. I can only imagine how it can seem to a child, and how much trouble they can have at times processing it all. We adults don't always have the answer for the children when they ask us why the world is what it is...but I don't think we have to. Sometimes they just need someone to give them a hug, sometimes they just need to know someone is there for them. Thank you to our providers, for being that someone to the children of Chicago...even if it's just for a couple of hours each day.

**JOHN R GADIENT**  
*RD LDN, HFP Manager*

**RECORD KEEPING:**  
 The United States Department of Agriculture requires providers keep all Child Care Healthy Food Program related materials on site in your child care home for three years. We suggest you keep all current forms and documents in your Provider Handbook binder in order to keep them at your fingertips for easy reference, and to share with your Nutrition Advocate and/or ISBE monitor at the time of a Home Review. Providers who claim on-line (Web Kids) will have their attendance and menus automatically saved for three years, but all other forms including menus written when having computer difficulties, must be maintained for three years. Any forms over a year old, should be placed in a box and marked for the applicable year. Anything over three years old can be discarded.

**REMINDER:** If you are a license exempt provider and become licensed by DCFS, you must inform the Healthy Food Program immediately. Likewise, any time your license is updated or renewed, please inform the Healthy Food Program immediately. Always let us know any changes in your child care home like address, telephone number, and meal times.

