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Looking for new quality child care providers please refer Children First!

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Mail menus the first mailing day of the month.

What to have ready for unannounced visits?

Children First will complete at least 2 unannounced visits a FY and the State will also conduct unannounced visits during each FY.

Please **STOP** what you are doing, turn your child care manual to the back cover and refer to the home review section and double check you have everything in order. Remember the State and Children First cannot honor, "I did not know the regulation" as an answer.



Mother's Day Craft Enclosed!

Let Children First help you... information in print is important! What got disallowed in March?

Many of these disallowance (loss of payment) are repeating month-after-month, please comply with CACFP regulations or you are sure to lose money.

CUT BACK ON HIGH FATS AND HIGH SUGAR FOODS!

Please double check you have hours listed on your menu, and double check the meals claimed are within the time listed on your child care home provider application! This error can BE HUGE! \$\$\$\$\$\$

- Infant meal not listed.
- SCHOOL AGE: LIST CHANGES SUCH AS SPRING BREAK, CHILDREN HOME SICK FROM SCHOOL, HOMESCHOOL, SUMMER BREAK, if not listed a disallowance will be made.
- Expired Fingerprint Clearance card.
- Expired CPR and First Aid Certification.
- Menus claimed that do not match Child Care Home Provider Application.
- Forgetting to list meals on the menu.
- Child care hours not listed.

May 8th, National Provider Appreciation Day!



May 8th is National Provider Appreciation Day, a time to recognize the outstanding child care providers and child care teachers in our community for their tireless efforts in providing care for the children of working parents. Let me tell you why child care providers are important.

Providers hold a special place in children's hearts and in parents' hearts too. Parents go to work and school each day with peace of mind because they know their children are in good hands.

Providers have the patience of saints. They comfort, soothe and calm crying babies. They bandage cuts, kiss skinned knees and wipe away tears. Providers tie and re-tie shoelaces over and over until the day comes to teach children to tie their own. And even when they've read the same book a hundred times and know it by heart, when children ask, providers will read it again with as much enthusiasm as the very first time. They know that children love the repetition.

Providers have more energy than most active toddlers. If they get tired, they never show it until all the children have gone home. Providers are the kind of people who still like to play peek-a-boo and duck-duck-goose and have pretend tea parties. They love to sing with children and know more songs than most grown-ups. Being with children keeps them young.

Providers teach children so many things - how to take turns, how to pass the peas and say please, colors, shapes, numbers and letters. Providers like to give children the opportunity to be creative with words, paint, glue and play dough, because they know that creativity feeds children's imagination.

Providers are good at giving and getting hugs. Faster than a speeding 4 year-old, more powerful than the most complicated paperwork, and able to leap tall block towers in a single bound, providers are superwomen and men. I'm so proud to have the privilege to work with them. -Peggy

Thank you for all you do for children and families!