

HINU News

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Office of Early Childhood

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Tomato Soup

CACFP Creditable

Healthy | Recipes

Tomato Soup Recipe:

1 cup (8 fl oz ladle)
provides $\frac{1}{2}$ cup
vegetable

*Recipe by the Institute for Child
Nutrition*

This Tomato Soup is a healthy classic
with tomatoes, onions, and garlic in a
chicken broth base with a hint of basil.

[See the Recipe:](#)



Need help planning?

Use the Food Buying Guide for Grocery Lists!

Do you ever wish you could snap
your fingers and the next week's
shopping list would appear? The
Food Buying Guide (FBG) offers
tools to help you do that with a
mouse click or tap of the finger. The
Institute of Child Nutrition has
outlined the three versions of the
Food Buying Guide that will help
you calculate how much food to
purchase and prepare.

[Read the Article:](#)



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UPDATES:



EVEN IN WINTER, FARM-TO-SCHOOL IS UN-BEET-ABLE!

The HNU Outreach team had the opportunity to attend the Department of Agriculture's Farm to School Celebration. Congratulations to all the schools who won!



HEY STAFF, WHAT'S NEW?



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TRAINING REMINDERS:

There are a variety of prerecorded trainings available on the HNU's SNP website in the Resource Library, including:

1. CACFP Refresher and New Participant
2. CACFP At-Risk Refresher
3. NSLP Refresher & NSLP Procurement
4. Civil Rights
5. Onboarding Application Training
6. Cost Allocation Training
7. ...And Many More!

DEADLINE FOR NOVEMBER CLAIMS FAST APPROACHING:

SUBMIT YOUR NOVEMBER CLAIM BY JAN. 29TH

The deadline to submit the November 2023 claim for meal reimbursements will be January 29th, 2024. Please have the November 2023 claim submitted by this deadline.

If you are having any technical problems submitting this claim, please see the contact information listed below to receive assistance:

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REQUIRED SINGLE AUDITS

WELCOMING THE NEW YEAR

This is a reminder that required single audits are due 120 days after the end of your program's fiscal year. For example, if your program's fiscal year concluded on December 31st, 2023, your audit is due by April 30th, 2024.

These audits are required from programs who receive \$100,000 or more in federal or state funding. A certified CPA must submit your audit documentation. Once completed, the audit will be submitted to the Office of Payment Integrity and Audit (OPIA) at the Arkansas Department of Human Services. Extensions are available for programs that need additional time.

You may mail your audit to the following address:

Office of Payment Integrity and Audit
Audit Coordination Unit
P.O. Box 1437, Slot S270, Little Rock, AR 72203-1437

You may also contact the Office of Payment Integrity and Audit:

phone: 501-320-6307

Fax: 501-682-8905

Email: contactdhsaudit@arkansas.gov

COMMON FINDINGS CORNER:

7 CFR 226.17a(b)(1)(ii).

Let's take a look at a common finding that the Review Team sees in eligible At-Risk afterschool care programs:

Note:

Organized athletic programs engaged in interscholastic or community level competitive sports are not eligible afterschool care programs.

(1) To be eligible for reimbursement, an afterschool care program must:

(i) Be organized primarily to provide care for children after school or on weekends, holidays, or school vacations during the regular school year (an at-risk afterschool care center may not claim snacks during summer vacation, unless it is located in the attendance area of a school operating on a year-round calendar);

(ii) Have organized, regularly scheduled activities (i.e., in a structured and supervised environment);

(iii) Include education or enrichment activities;

In order to complete the requirements of this regulation, programs should:

- Have regularly planned enrichment activities;
- Have staff who can supervise and lead activities;
- Have equal access to activities regardless of child ability level.



TRAINING DATES:

CACFP

Feb. 13th, Virtual via Zoom
April 9th, Virtual via Zoom

SFSP

Feb. 20th, In-Person at Little Rock
March 5: Virtual via Zoom
March 19: In-Person at Little Rock
April 16th: Virtual via Zoom

ADH:
Basic Food
Safety

The ADH training is now offered via Google Classroom! You can sign up via <https://forms.gle/N2BC2fN3b6zmVvUg9>.

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