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**Early Childhood Stakeholder
Roundtable Discussion #2**

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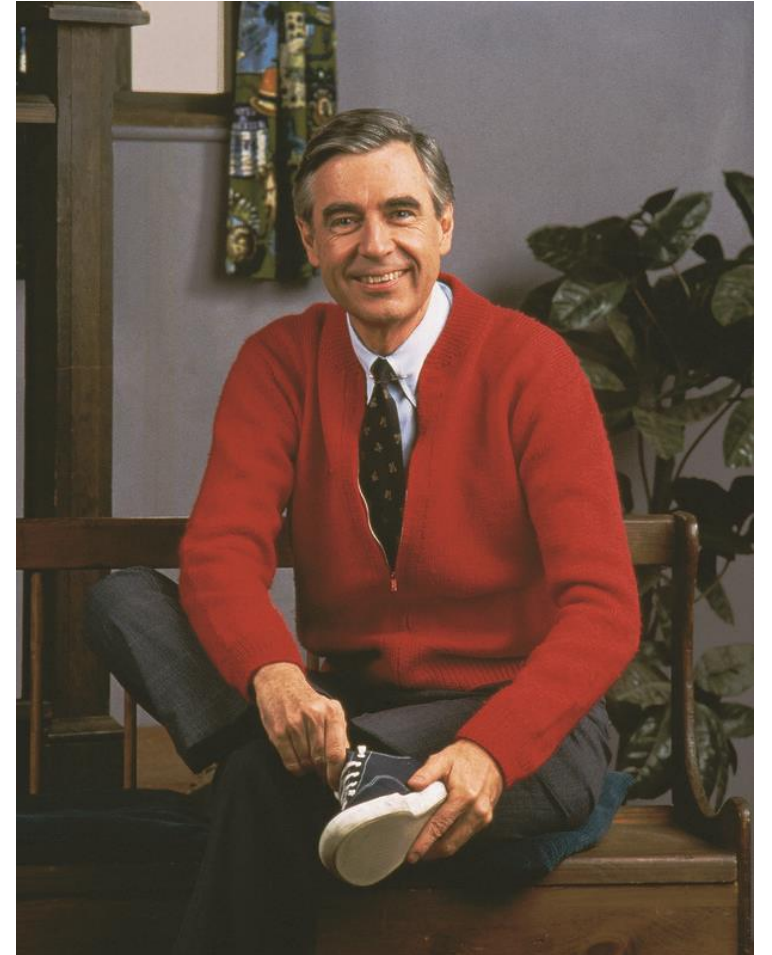
Agenda

- Welcome, Icebreaker and Introduction (LDH)
- Overview of CACFP in Louisiana (LDOE)
- Presentation of GIS Map (Child Care Aware of America)
- Break – 15 minutes
- Overview of LDOE CACFP Pilot Projects (LDOE)
- Spectrum of Opportunities Mapping
- Opportunities for Strengthening CACFP in Louisiana
- Steps for Implementation

Icebreaker

Who Are Our Neighbors?

- Please share the following:
- Name
- Organization
- Current Role
- What is your agency's top 2 priorities related to Early Childhood?





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Overview of CACFP in Louisiana

LDOE: Division of Child Nutrition

Presentation of Louisiana's CACFP GIS Map

**by Jasmin Springfield
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CACFP GIS Map Discussion

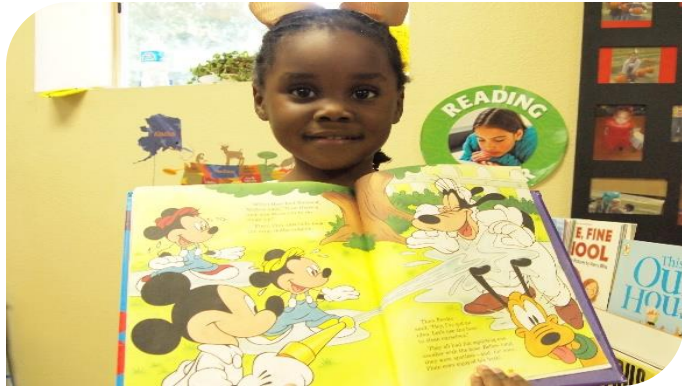
- What are your thoughts after learning about the CACFP disparities in Louisiana?
- What steps are needed to assist child care centers in becoming CACFP providers?
- Do you have any insight on challenges in certain geographical areas that might be reflected on the maps?
- How do you think we could support increased use of CACFP in LA?

15 Minute Break



Overview of CACFP Pilot Project

by LDOE Early Childhood Division



Agenda for Children



CACFP PILOT: OBJECTIVES AND SERVICES

Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Pilot Objectives:

- Recruit 8 centers across 3 regions including 4 centers new to CACFP and 4 centers currently on CACFP;
- Contract with a consultant to implement the CACFP pilot services;
- Support the 4 new centers in successfully submitting CACFP application;
- Implement a CACFP accountability kit including menus, worksheets, ordering forms, meal counts, and monthly reporting documents;
- Implement a structure to review, approve, and submit all documents including record keeping and reimbursements related to CACFP.

The Core Services Delivered By the Consultant will Support Child Care Centers in:

- Creating menus, ordering and measuring CACFP food allotments;
- Mastering the CACFP recordkeeping process;
- Submitting CACFP reimbursement requests within 30 days of the billing cycle;
- Successfully navigate the CACFP food program with reduced admin hurdles.

4 parishes:

- Jefferson, Orleans, St. John, & St. Tammany

CACFP Status:

- 3 New to CACFP
- 2 Returning to CACFP
- 3 Currently on CACFP

Cohort Info:

- 268 Enrolled children
- 136 Publicly funded
- 66% Families eligible Free Reduced Lunch
- 7/8 With CACFP Admin

OVERVIEW OF 8 CENTERS
PILOT SERVICES COMPLETED TO DATE

Orientation:

- 8/8 Cohort onboarded
- 2/8 Still require CACFP Orientation

Application Submission:

5 Centers:

- 3 Submitted
- 2 Completed-pending CACFP orientation

Onsite Support & Training On:

- Record keeping
- Claim review & submission
- Food ordering, prep, & documentation

OBSERVATIONS AND INQUIRIES

Family Size	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
CCAP monthly eligibility	\$2,403	\$2,884	\$3,433	\$3,983	\$4,532	\$4,635	\$4,738
Poverty Level	\$1,353	\$1,702	\$2,050	\$2,398	\$2,747	\$3,095	\$3,443
CCAP as % of FPL	178%	169%	167%	166%	165%	150%	138%
Free or Reduced Price Lunch eligibility	\$2,607	\$3,289	3,970	\$4,652	\$5,333	\$6,015	\$6,696
FRL as % of FPL	193%	193%	194%	194%	194%	194%	194%
Diff. between CCAP and FRL	-204	-405	-537	-669	-801	-1380	-1958

Publicly funded vs Free or Reduce Lunch

FRL rates are on avg 30% higher than publicly funded (8 centers). Raises questions on CACFP access and economic challenges of the families centers serve.

Submission of Reimbursement Claims

Submission within 30 days compared to 60 days appears to result in fewer claim discrepancies and supports management of record keeping process.

Dedicated Administrators to do CACFP

How does the number of dedicated administrators effect the implementation of the CACFP program? What is the bare minimum admin time needed?

OUTSTANDING QUESTIONS



- **How can CCR&R's access FRL data to better support our efforts in serving early child care centers?**
- **How can we strategically identify, develop, and deploy CACFP experts regionally?**
- **Are there any suggestions that may further strengthen this CACFP pilot program?**

CACFP Pilot Discussion

What are some of the lessons learned from the pilot program?

Spectrum of Opportunities Framework



- The spectrum of opportunities was created by the CDC.
- This framework focuses on system-level changes that will have the greatest potential for statewide impact.
- The goal of the framework is to improve ECE facility level policies, practices and environments.

9 Spectrums of Opportunities

- Pre-Service & Professional Development
- Statewide Technical Assistance Networks
- Statewide Recognition & Intervention Programs
- Statewide Access Initiatives (Farm to ECE)
- Early Learning Standards
- Licensing & Administrative Regulations
- **CACFP (Child Care and Adult Food Program)**
- QRIS (Quality Rating & Improvement System)
- ECE Funding Streams (Subsidy, Pre-K, Head Start)



CACFP Opportunity Sub-Options

- Increase CACFP participation and retention rates.
- Promote enhanced standards within CACFP.
- Support a specific obesity prevention facility-level intervention.
- Include full obesity prevention content in CACFP trainings.
- Build technical assistance competencies for obesity prevention.
- Partner with Sponsoring Organization to incorporate obesity prevention into their work.
- Address barriers to full utilization of federal CACFP funds.



Top 3 Opportunities for Strengthening CACFP

1.

2.

3



Steps for Implementation

What steps are needed to implement the opportunities?



Overview of Roundtable Series

- Roundtable Discussion #1: Obesity Prevention in Louisiana
- Roundtable Discussion #2: Strengthening CACFP in Louisiana
- Roundtable Discussion #3: Outdoor Learning Environments & Strategic Planning
- Summer/Fall 2020 formation of an obesity prevention coalition.
- Contact us for more discussion on the topics above.

Thank You!

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