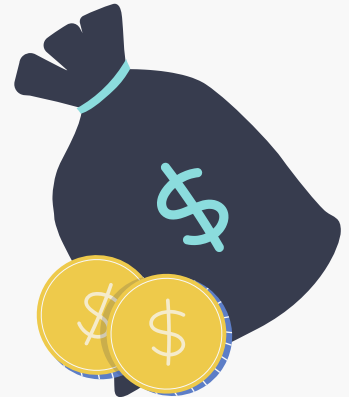


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Hi!

I'm Jessie Rosales, CACFP Branch
Chief at the California Department
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Ice Breaker

What was the first thing
you saved up to buy when
you were younger?

Agenda

- Field Services Bureau (FSB)
Introduction
- Meet the FSB Fiscal Team
- Pre-Webinar Survey
- Child Nutrition: Program Integrity
Final Rule
- Reverse Panel Discussion



CALIFORNIA FARM TO CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM 2025–2027 STRATEGIC PLAN

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California Department of Social Services (CDSS)
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Abstract

A strategic plan for the [California Farm to CACFP Initiative](#) outlining goals and objectives, January 2025–December 2027.

Farm to CACFP Strategic Plan

Farm to CACFP Strategic Plan has
been published!

Visit: California's Farm to Child and
Adult Care Food Program Initiative

CACFP Event Reminders

- **CACFP 101 Training:** May 14-15, 2025 (Sacramento)
 - Registration details on CDSS CACFP Training web page
- **Annual Updates Training Webinar:** Scheduled for July 8, July 10, July 14, and July 16—listserv is coming soon!
- **Meal Pattern Crediting Academy Workshops:** Aug/Sept 2025 (in-person one-day workshops in 6 locations throughout CA)
 - Registration will begin in July 2025





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Join us at the CACFP Roundtable Virtual Deep Dive!

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May 14, 2025 from 9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m.

Please Note: There are registration rates for this event



CACFP News

- Expansion of Field Services Bureau Team
 - Spring of 2024: New Fiscal Section Team was established and onboarded
 - Field has brought on approximately 20 new team members.



01

FSB Introduction

Presented by: Gail Andersen



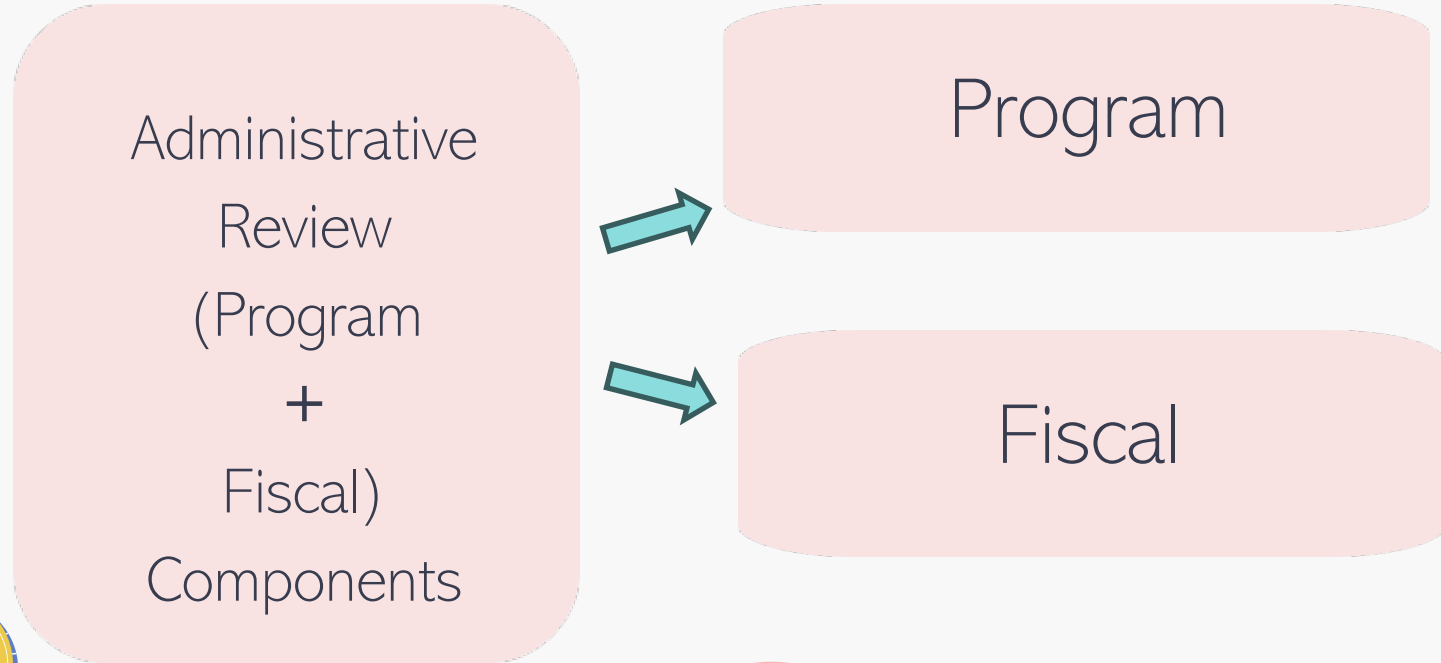
FSB at the CDSS

- Program Alignment of the CACFP
- Focus on our CACFP Operators
- Opportunity for Growth



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From Idea to Reality



Section Goals

- Optimize customer-focused and person-centered connections
- Provide clear, timely information on the Program Integrity requirements



02



Meet the Fiscal Section Team

Let's give them a warm welcome!

Meet the Team!

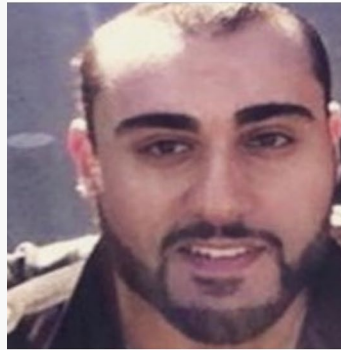
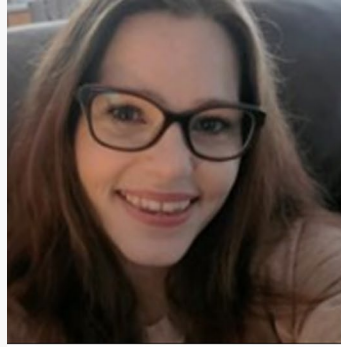


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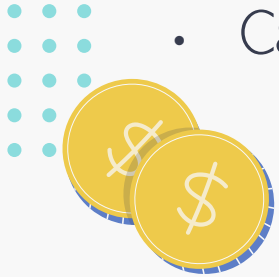
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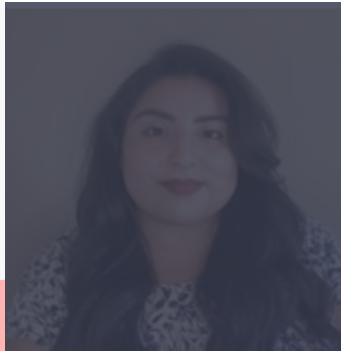
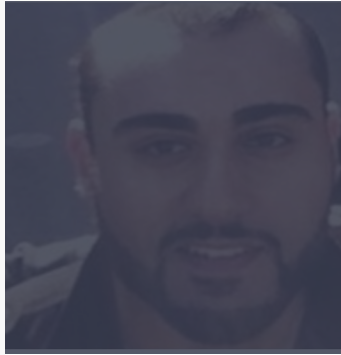
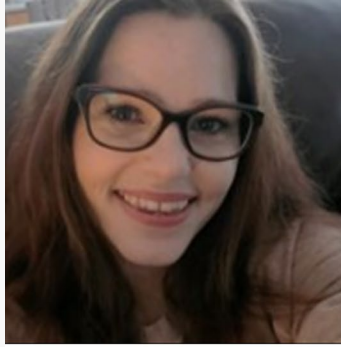


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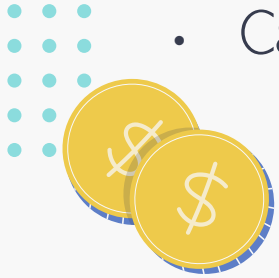
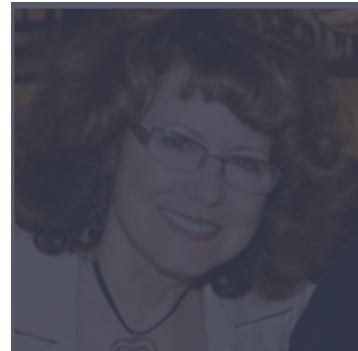
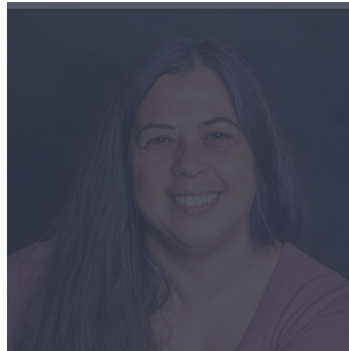
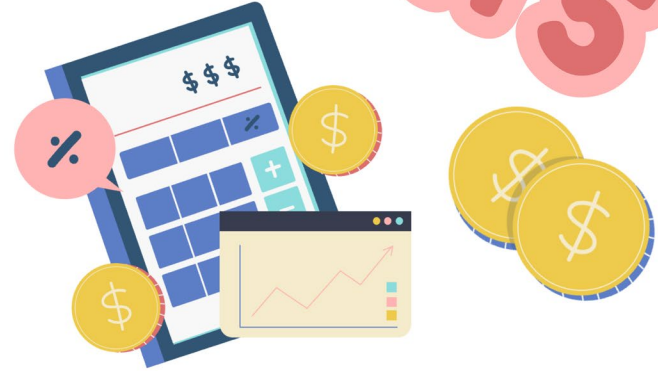


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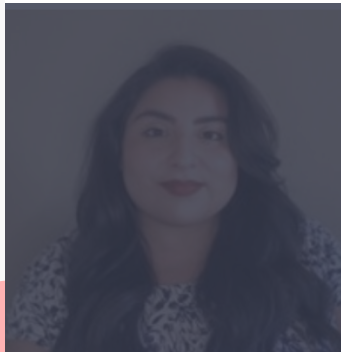
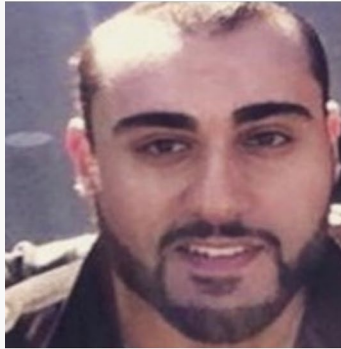
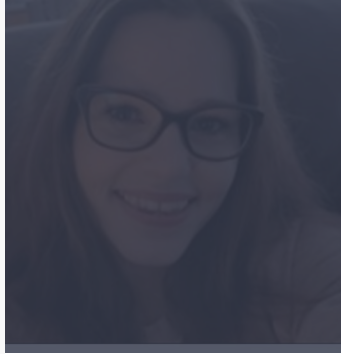


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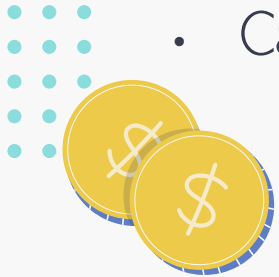
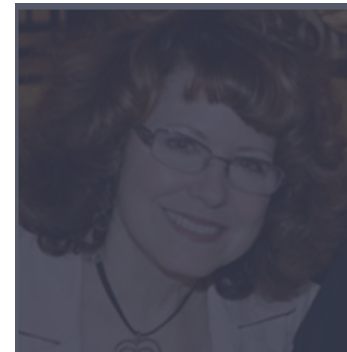
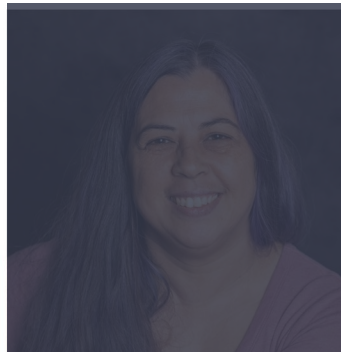


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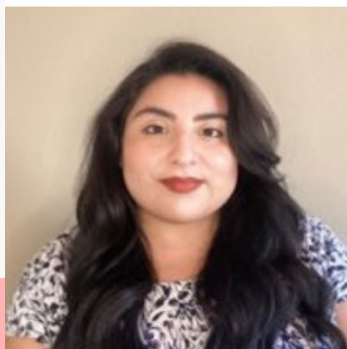
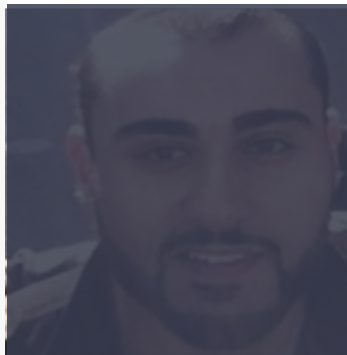
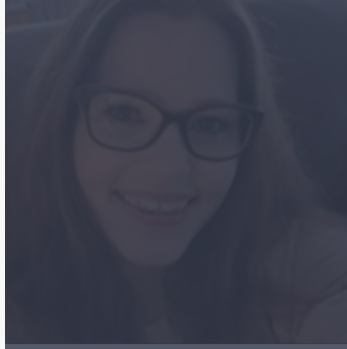


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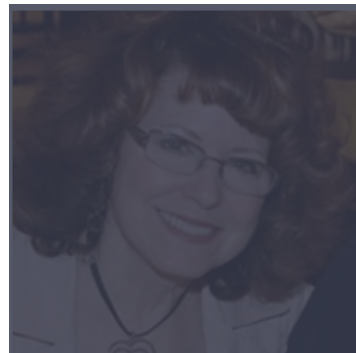
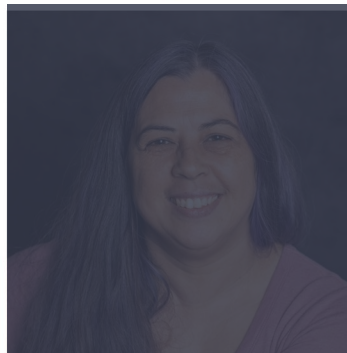
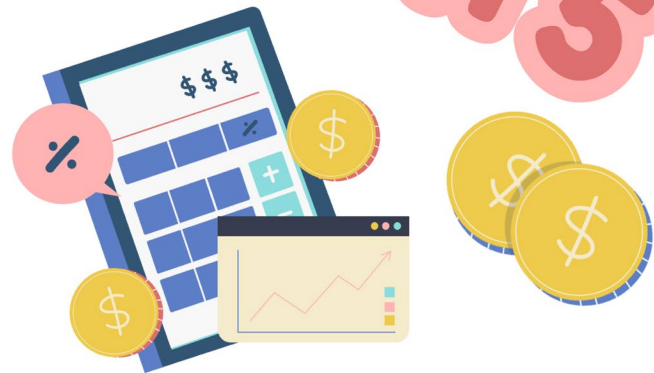


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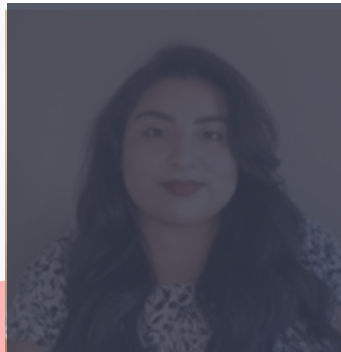
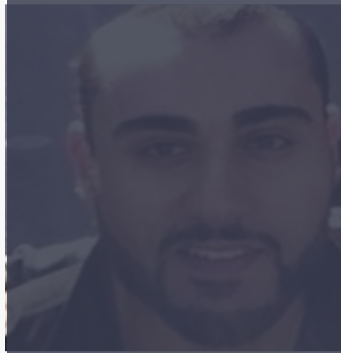
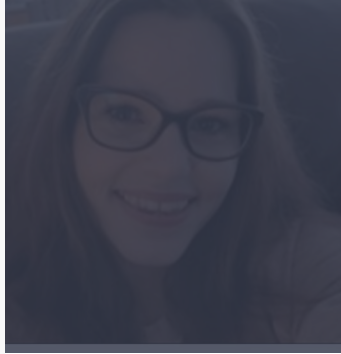
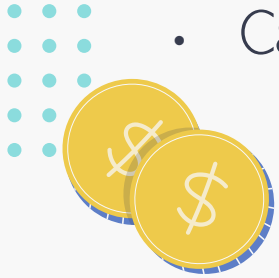


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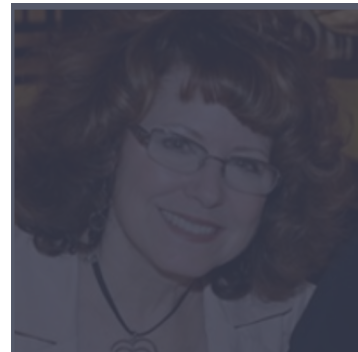
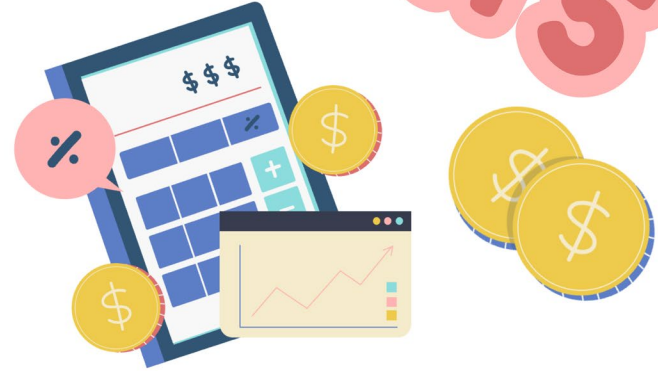


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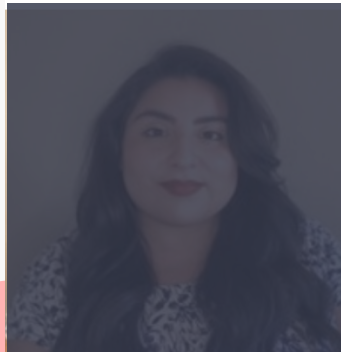
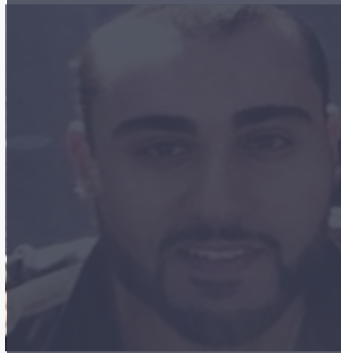
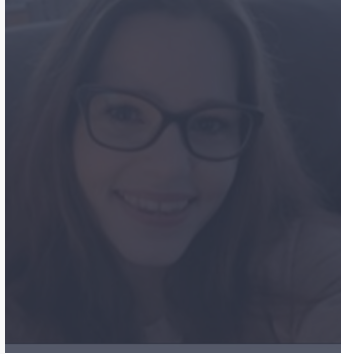
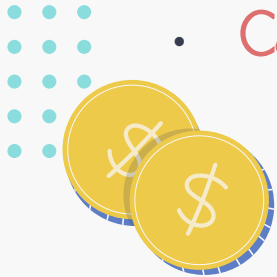


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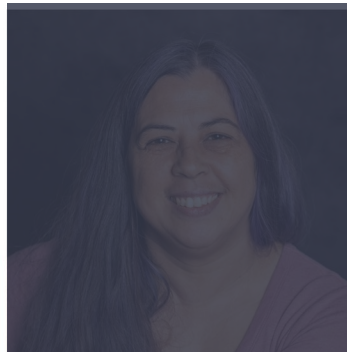
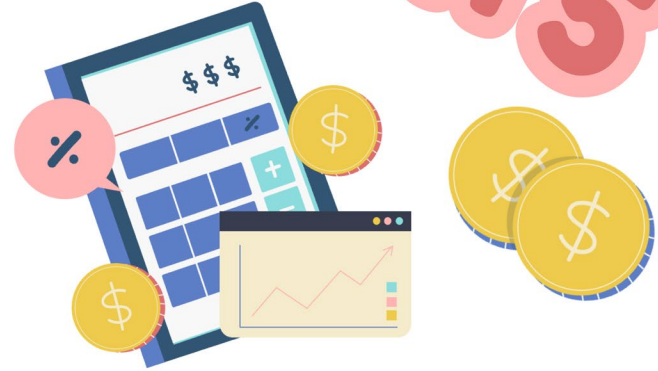


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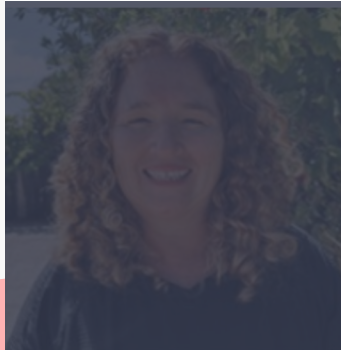
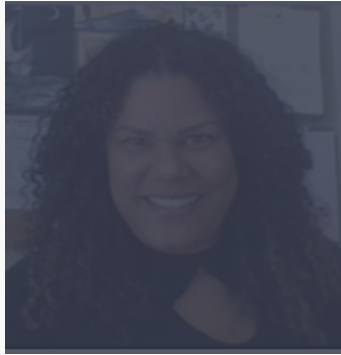


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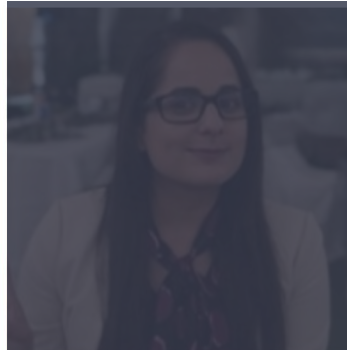


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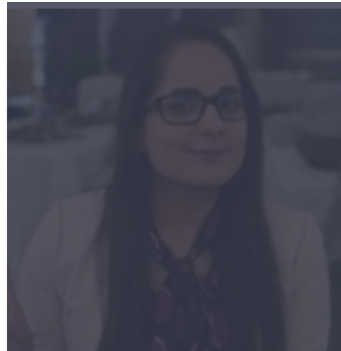
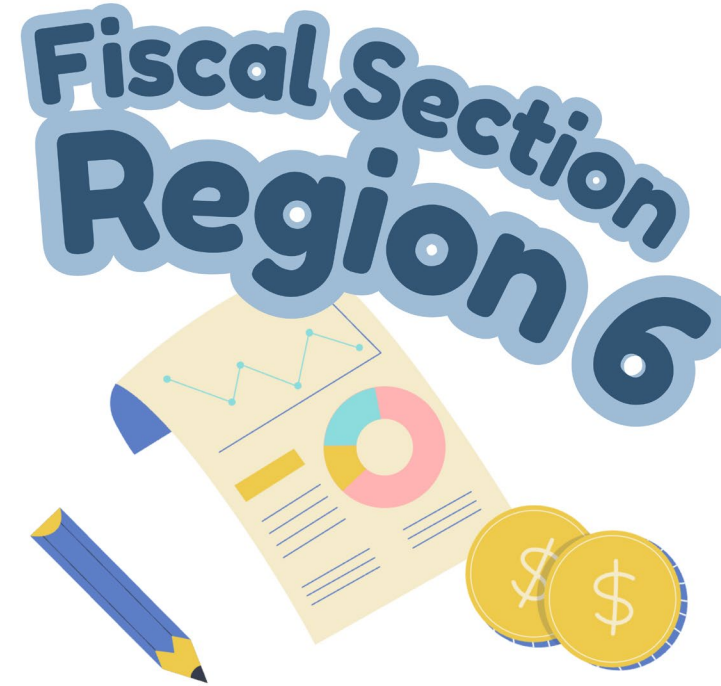
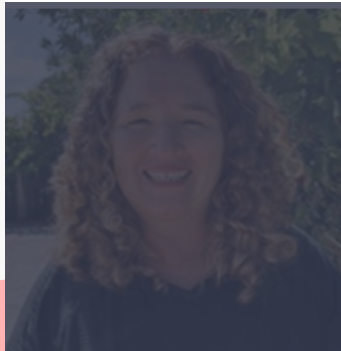
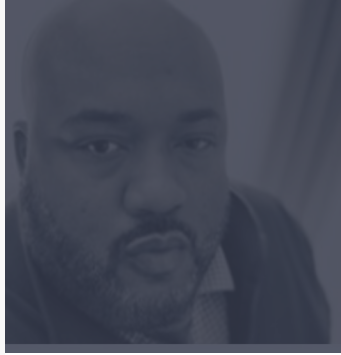


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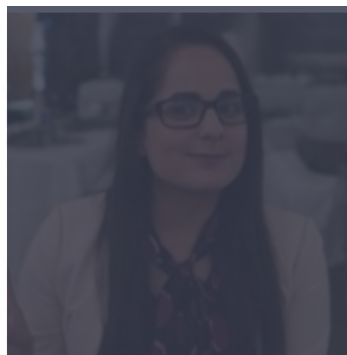
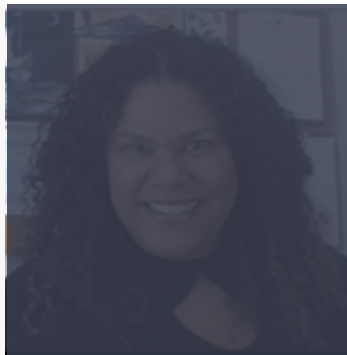
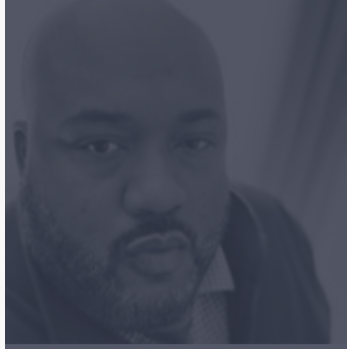
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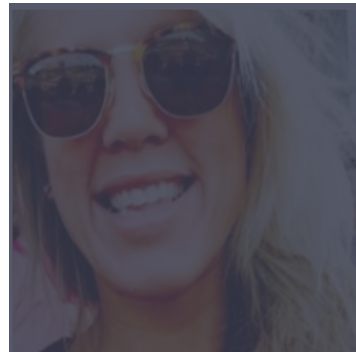
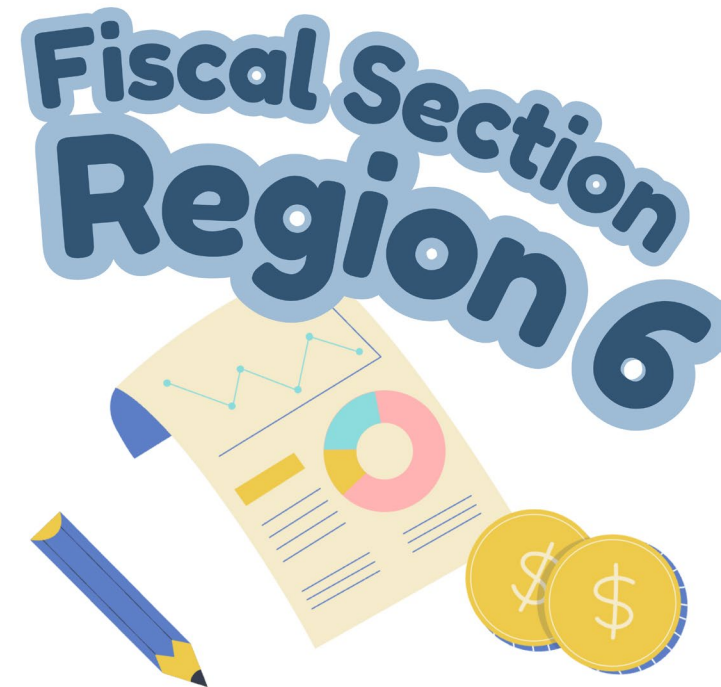
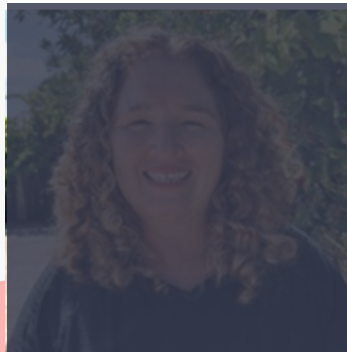
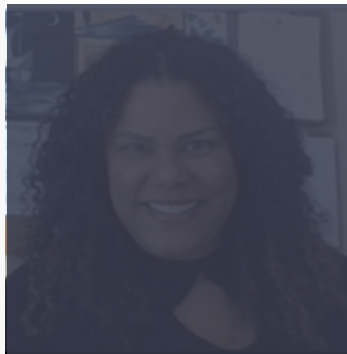
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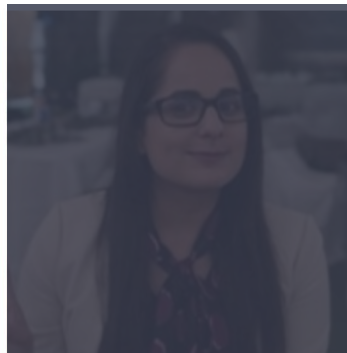
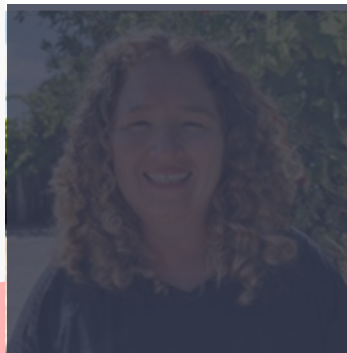
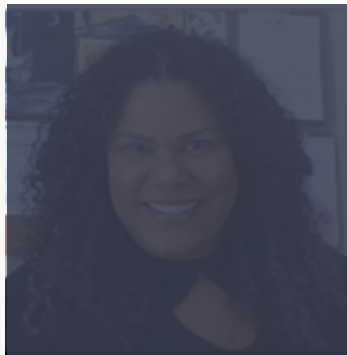
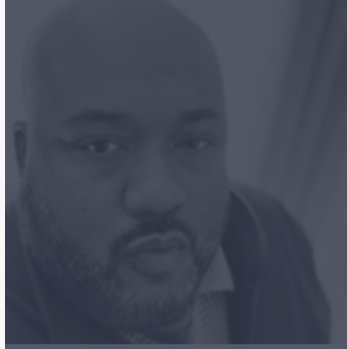
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03

Pre-Webinar Survey

We value your feedback!

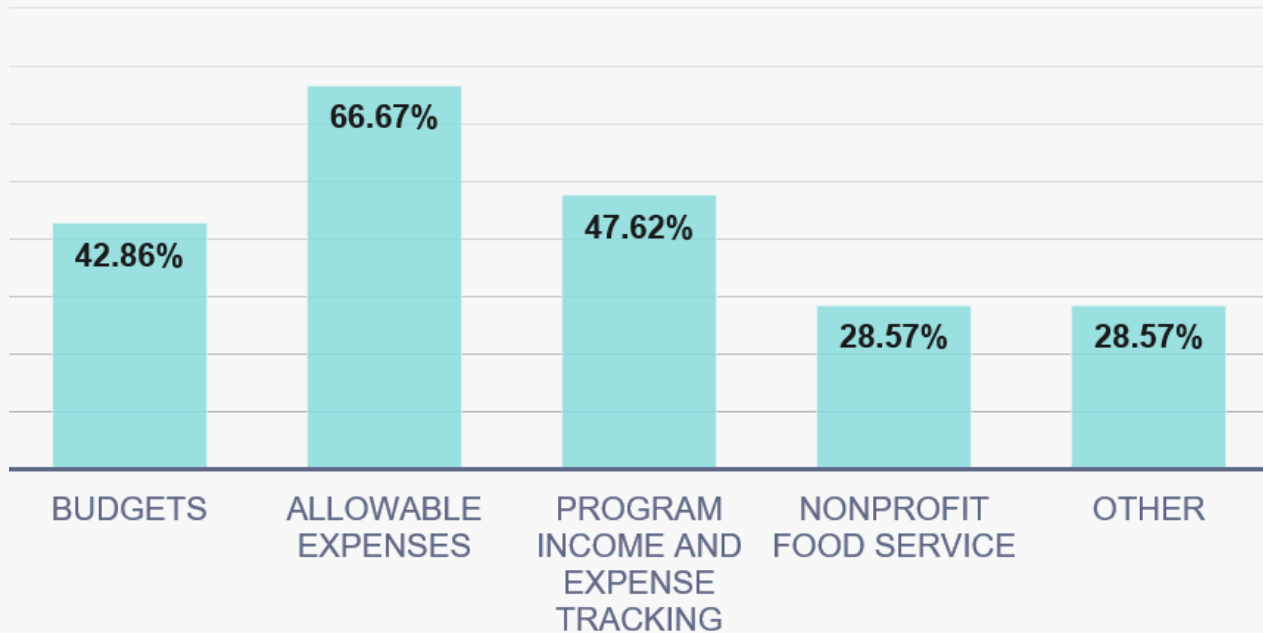


Survey Overview

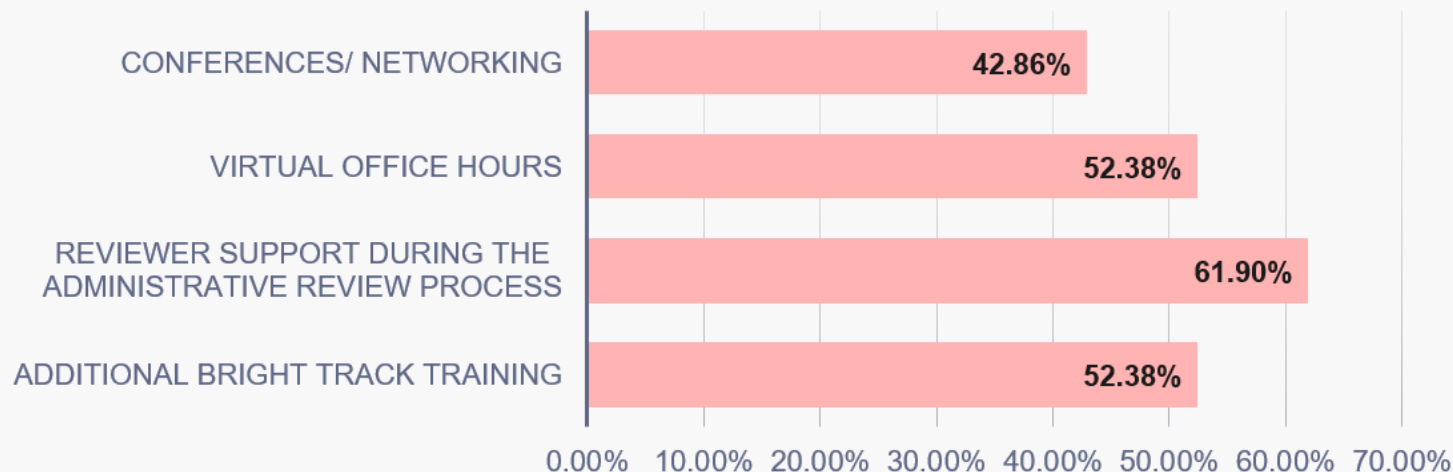
- *April 30 CACFP – Stay Connected Quarterly Webinar* listserv with survey initially sent out on March 3rd
- The purpose of the survey was to gather feedback, understand operator perspectives, and foster collaboration to improve program success, specifically relating to financial and fiscal reviews.



What financial components of an administrative review would you like to receive more technical assistance with?



What methods of financial technical assistance would you find to be most helpful if offered?





Moving from Compliance to Collaboration

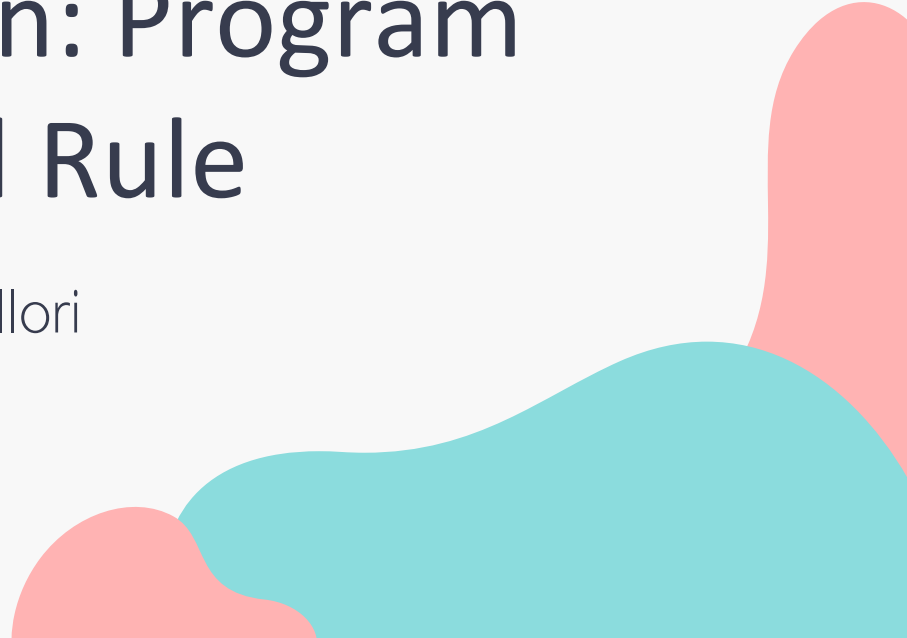
- Focus on listening and relationship building
- CDSS wants to support the success of its programs and operators
- Emphasis on open communication
- Expanded capacity of CACFP Operators to engage



04

Child Nutrition: Program Integrity Final Rule

Presented by: Stefanie Callori

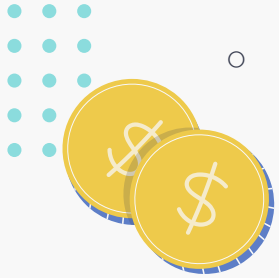


Background

- USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) published the Child Nutrition Program Integrity Final Rule on August 23, 2023
- Amends regulations at 7 *CFR*, 226.7 (b) and 7 *CFR*, 226.10(c)
- Codifies requirement for an annual reconciliation of bank account activity and requires accounting of reported actual expenditures with CACFP payments

Why is it Important?

- Strengthens program integrity
- Ensures the program can serve the community:
 - 24,970 sites across California
 - 746,504 average daily meals served
 - 205,626,482 total meals served





Overview

This rule requires State agencies to expand routine reviews of institutions' finances.



1. Bank Account Activity

Annual review of bank
account activity of all
sponsoring organizations

[7 CFR 226.7 (b) (1) (i)]



Bank Account Activity Annual Review (1)

1 Obtain Bank Statement(s)



2 Obtain Supporting Documents

3 Identify allowable transactions



4 Compare & Match Deposits



Bank Account Activity Annual Review (2)

5 Compare & Match
Expenditures

7 Investigate
Errors


6 Ensure
Disbursements



2. Actual Expenditures

- Annual review of sponsors' actual expenditures of Program funds [7 CFR 226.7 (b) (1) (ii)], [7 CFR 226.10(c)]
- Annual review of meal reimbursement funds retained from centers by sponsoring organizations of unaffiliated centers for administrative costs [7 CFR 226.7 (b) (1) (ii)], [7 CFR 226.10(c)]

Actual Expenditures Annual Review

- 
- 1 Obtain Annual Itemized Expense Report
 - 2 Compare & Match Expenditures with Program Payments
 - 3 Ensure Administrative Expenses Do Not Exceed 15%
 - 4 Ensure all reimbursements are accounted for

3. Nonprofit Status

Monitoring and review of institutions' documentation of their nonprofit status [7 CFR 226.7(b)(1)(iii)]



Excluded Programs:

- Provisions described at 7 *CFR* 226.7 (b) (1) (i), (ii), and (iii) do not apply to school food authorities (SFAs) operating the CACFP and the National School Lunch Program (NSLP)
- State agencies routinely perform reviews of nonprofit food service accounts in accordance with NSLP



Preparation



Partner feedback



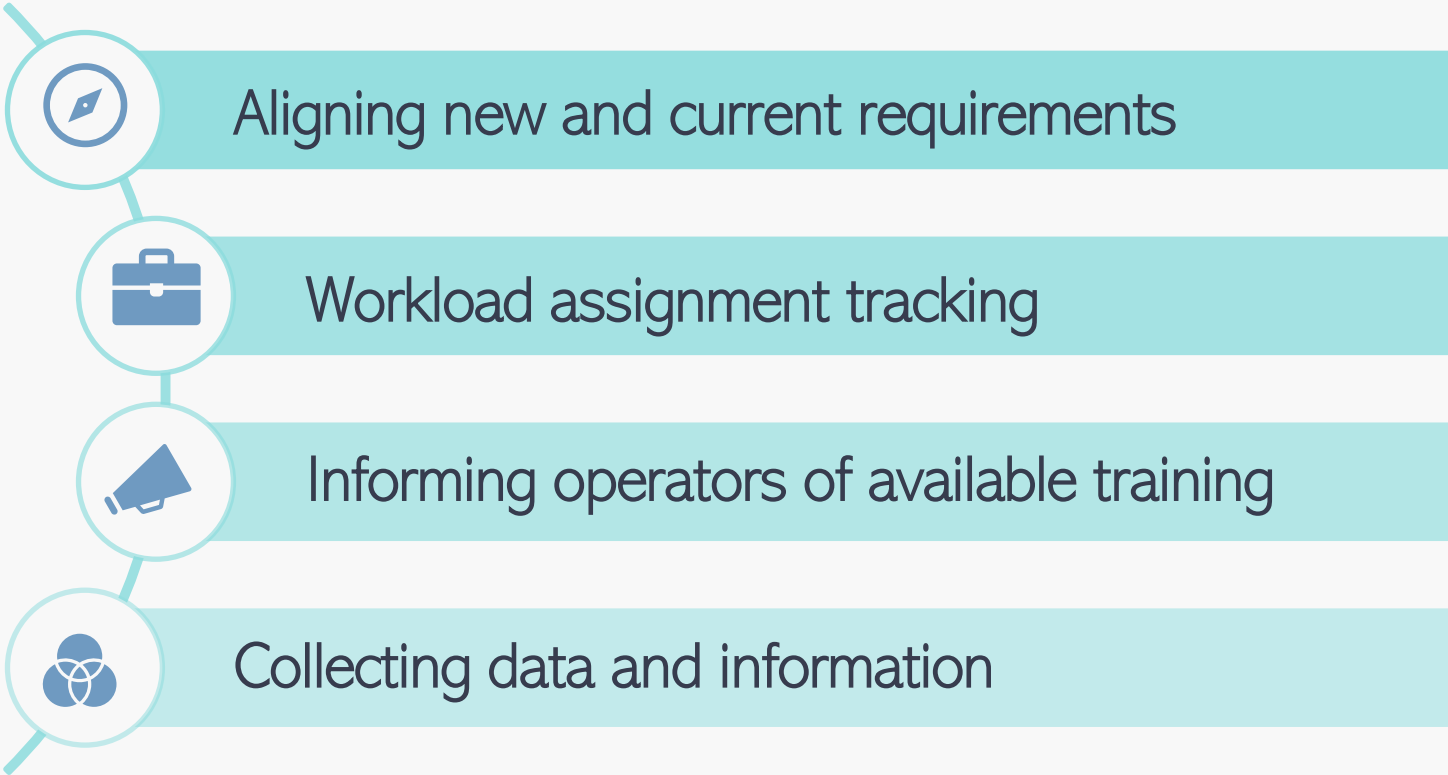
Evaluation of
existing
processes



Revised templates
for compliance and
reporting



Implementation



Execution

- 1 Ongoing evaluation of staffing needs and processes
- 2 Continuously identifying opportunities
- 3 Clear and consistent communication



Looking Ahead...

We will be piloting new process later in the year!





More Information is Available!

Listserv with additional details may be found: [Final Rule: Child Nutrition Program Integrity](#)



05

Reverse Panel Discussion

Moderated by: Jessica Dailey-Keithline



Meet Our Discussion Moderator!



Jessica Dailey-Keithline
Field Services Bureau Chief

EasyRetro Board



You can access the
EasyRetro board at:

<https://bit.ly/4hluP7o>





Question 1

How do you keep your team updated on new or revised CACFP regulations?



Question 2

What steps do you take to ensure compliance with fiscal regulations in your program?





Question 3

How do you prepare your fiscal documentation and records for an Administrative Review?



Question 4

Are there any other strategies you and your team use for tracking, reviewing, or preparing fiscal documentation for CACFP?

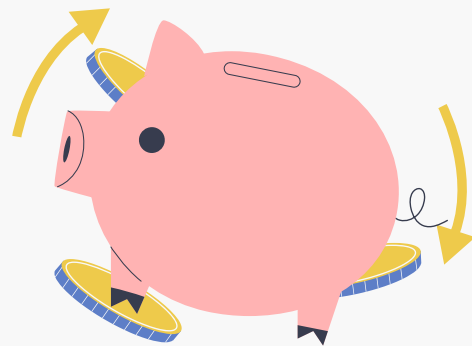




Question 5

How are you and your team preparing for the FY2025-26 implementation of the Program Integrity: Final Rule?

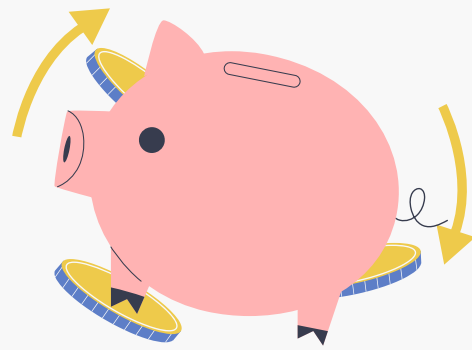




Poll Question 1

Which type of care best represents the work of your organization?

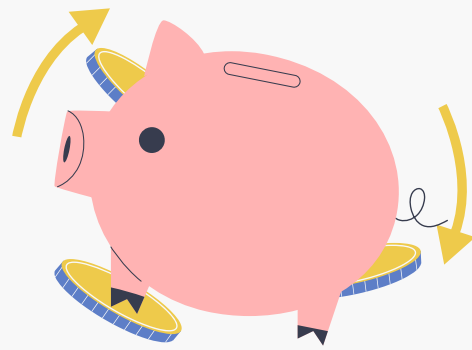




Poll Question 2

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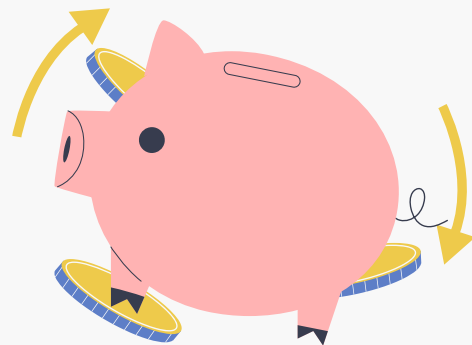




Poll Question 3

Did you find the information shared during
the webinar helpful?





Poll Question 4

Will you join us for our next webinar?

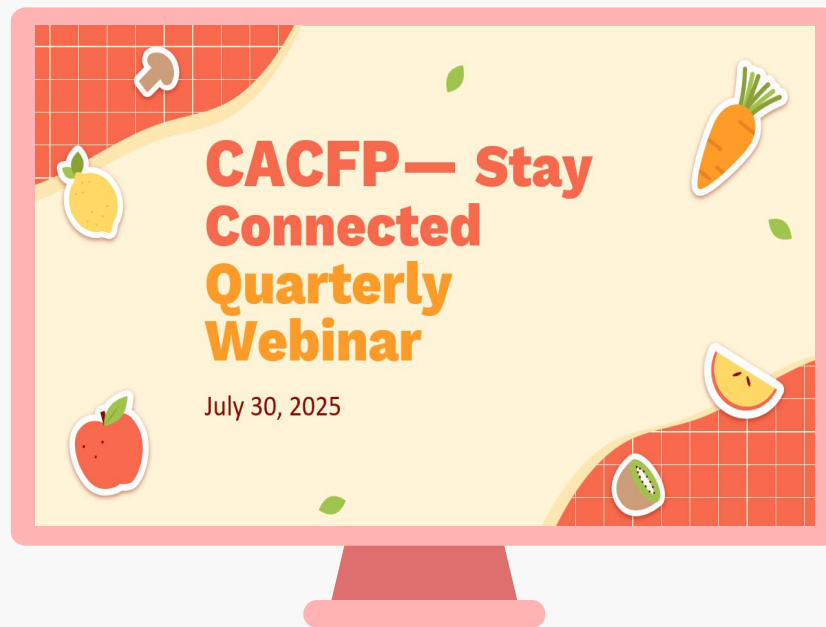


Resource for Questions and Technical Assistance



Save the Date!

CACFP—Stay Connected
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July 30, 2025
2:00–3:30 p.m.



Thank You!

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