



# Provider Newsletter

MARCH 2010

## Child Care Assistance Rate Increase Effective March 1, 2010!!

The State of Alaska, Department of Health & Social Services, Division of Public Assistance has adopted new Child Care Assistance rates that are effective March 1, 2010.

Attached to this newsletter is a copy of the new rate schedule, which reflects rate increases across the State of Alaska for licensed child care homes, group homes and centers. Please refer to the rates for Juneau, if living in Juneau, and Southeast if you live outside of Juneau, to see what the state rates have increased to.

The Department proposed to raise the state rates for infant and toddler care to

the 75th percentile of the market rate and additionally bring subsidy rates for preschool and school age care to the 50th percentile of the market rate. This was to align with the 2009 market rate survey. Not every category for every area experienced an increase.

If on your Child Care Provider Rates and Responsibilities sheet you have checked that "yes, my rates are the same as the state rate" your rates will automatically increase with the effective date of March 1, 2010. If you have checked "no, my rates are listed below" your rates will remain the same. If you would like

to submit a child care rate change, please do so on a Child Care Provider Rates & Responsibilities form that is available online at <http://dpaweb.hss.state.ak.us/forms/pdf/cc/cc12.pdf>

or the form can be mailed, e-mailed or faxed to you from Catholic Community Service, Child Care Assistance Program per your request. Remember that you must give 30 days written notice to your parents and the Child Care Assistance Program **prior** to the rate change taking effect.



## Business of Caring—Rescheduled

**NEW DATE:** March 18, 2010 7-9pm at AEYC (in Juneau) Have you just opened your own child care business or are interested in opening one? Come to this workshop for an orientation to the process of becoming an ap-

proved or licensed child care provider. We'll be discussing agency resources



including the Child Care Food Program, Referral Services and Technical Assistance. We will also cover basic business practices and community resources.

**The cost for this workshop is \$10.00. Register online at: [www.threadalaska.org](http://www.threadalaska.org) or by calling 907-789-1235.**

For future training opportunities please visit the thread training calendar online at [www.threadalaska.org](http://www.threadalaska.org)

## Catholic Community Service Child Care Assistance Program

415 Sixth Street  
Juneau, Alaska 99801  
Open: M-F 8am to 5pm

Call us: 907-463-6184  
OR Toll-Free:  
1-800-505-6124  
Fax: 907-586-2011  
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1-888-216-2011

We are always here to help!

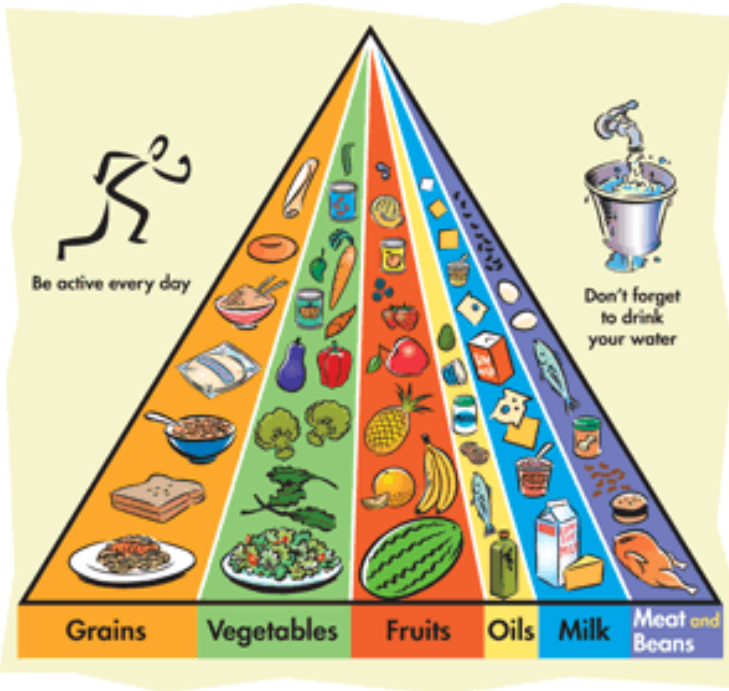
### Points of Interest:

- ☉ Child Care Assistance Rate Increase.
- ☉ Business of Caring—Rescheduled
- ☉ Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)
- ☉ Tax Inquires

# Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)

The Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) is a federal program of the Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) of the US Department of Agriculture (USDA). The program reimburses licensed and approved child care providers for a portion

of their food costs. The primary goal of the program is to improve the diet of children ages 12 years and younger, by assisting child care providers in helping children develop good eating habits and attitudes towards foods. The major advantage of the program is reimbursement of the cost of meals and snacks served to child care children. Providers also have the opportunity to participate in free nutrition education workshops,



which are creditable towards licensing and CDA requirements. In addition, program recipients receive three on-site nutrition education visits from CCFP staff annually, record keeping and technical assistance, and additional resources to support the business of family child care. By participating in the program, providers can make nutrition not only an important, but a fun, part of child care. Center-based providers, both non-

profit and for-profit, participating in the program work directly with the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development Food and Nutrition Services.

Reimbursement rates for meals and snacks are determined by income or participation in state or federally funded programs such as food stamps, TANF or Child Care Assistance.

Family and approved home child care providers participate in the food program which is administered by the Association for the Education of Young Children (AEYC-SEA) in Southeast Alaska. Child care providers who participate in the program must submit a monthly menu which follows the food and nutrition guidelines governing the program. To sign up for the Child and Adult Care Food program please contact Amber King, Child Care Food Program Manager at: 907-789-1767 or toll-free at 1-888-785-1235.

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## Tax Inquiries!

The U.S. tax season is in full swing! The State of Alaska, Department of Health & Social Services has sent out 1099's to all providers that received payment in 2009 from the Child Care Assistance Program. If you did not receive your 1099 you must submit a 1099 Request Form (available at Catholic Community Service) to the Child Care Program Office with a

copy of the requestor's valid photo ID. The Child Care Assistance Program is unable to release confidential information such as your social security num-



ber (SSN) or employment identification number (EIN) to families that you may have provided child care to throughout the year. Please ensure that these families obtain your SSN or EIN to complete their child care expenses credit section on their federal income taxes.