Dear Child and Adult Care Food Program partners:

Each year, you help serve more than 200 million meals that help ensure Texans of all ages have the nutritious food they need for an active, healthy life. Now your dedication and commitment to providing good nutrition will prove even more valuable to the Lone Star State as you implement the new U.S. Department of Agriculture meal patterns for the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP).

These meal patterns are effective October 1, 2017. The Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) is committed to providing you with timely information and effective resources regarding the new meal patterns. Technical assistance is provided through our partnership with your regional Education Service Center (ESC). On this page, SquareMeals.org/CACFPmealpattern, TDA has provided valuable information to use as you evaluate and implement the changes for your menus. With your attention to excellence and the aid of these resources, the new meal patterns can be a real success for your program and the important people you serve.

I appreciate and commend you and your staff for the effort you give daily to improve the nutritional quality of CACFP meals. It is my pleasure to join you in leading Texans on a path to healthy lifestyles and successful futures. Much success to you and please contact TDA or your regional ESC with any questions or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

Angela Olige
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