



### New Meal Pattern Training

Please read this carefully! All Nutrition and Food Safety training must be completed by December 31, 2017 this year due to the "New Meal Pattern." This completion deadline is mandated by the State of MA, Office of Food and Nutrition Program. To help you meet this goal we are offering several options to complete the training.

Additionally, once everyone has completed the training on the "New Meal Pattern" **new scannable menus will be given out for use beginning Jan 1st** and web-claim providers will see the new meal pattern when they log in to do their January menus.

#### New Meal Pattern Training Options

1. Nov. 1st PRI will be posting 3 trainings to their on-line training. Training #1 "New Regular Meal Pattern & food Safety", Training #2 "New Infant Meal Pattern & Food Safety"- each will equal 1 hour nutrition and 1 hour food safety. Training #3 "Record Keeping"- for 2 hours
2. The "Home Study" Versions of the 3 trainings above will be given out but must be completed by Dec. 31, 2017
3. MassCAMPS Online Interactive Course  
Visit the webpage to register:  
<http://johnstalkerinstitute.org/masscamps/Trainings.htm>

Click on "Planning Smart Meals for Healthy Children" For the purposed of the CACFP, four (4) of the six (6) hours for this training can be used in meeting the nutrition and food safety hours requirement.

**You must send PRI a copy of your certificate for credit.**

**Due to low interest and registration we will not be doing any group trainings.**

### Training Information Retraction

#### New Regular Meal Pattern & Food Safety

It has come to our attention that there are a few errors on the training, please adhere to the following corrections:

**Page 7-** Poultry Section – should say "chicken thighs"

**Page 7 -**Nuts and Seeds – should say, (Nut/seed butters are not creditable for children under **4** years old).

**Page 8 -**Fruit Section– (Dried) should say, 1/8 cup/ 2 Tblsp minimum serving, and only for children **4** years and older.

**Page 14–** Additional Provisions section, 2nd bullet– should say 100% juice can only be served once per day.

### Licensing Reminders

**License Renewals** – When you send EEC your license "Renewal Packet", they will send you a letter stating that they received your renewal (it will also state what items you are missing, if any). This is the letter that confirms that your childcare license renewal is "In-Process", and that you can continue to care for children. PRI must receive a copy of that letter immediately if you intend to continue claiming through your relicensing process. It is important to keep the original letter in your file as verification that you sent the "Renewal Packet" in to EEC on time.

**Change of Address:** Your EEC childcare license approval is specific to the address on the license. If you plan to move, you must notify your EEC licensor immediately with the expected date of your move and the new address.

EEC does not allow children to be cared for at the new address until a licensor checks the environment for safety. PRI must have a copy of the updated license with your new address as soon as you receive it from EEC. Failure to send us the updated license may affect your claim.



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