

# August 2017 Newsletter



## **Fun Hydration Tip**

Many young children don't like to drink plain water. A fun way to get children to drink water on a hot summer day is to make fruit infused water...for directions see below!

#### Fruit Infused Water



1 clear plastic pitcher

1 clear plastic cup with lid per child

Cut up pieces of orange, lemon, strawberry, and put them in the clear plastic pitcher. Add some whole blueberries. Add water and some ice, then place in refrigerator so that the fruit flavor begins to infuse into the water. It takes about one day to infuse. As you poor the water into the children's cups show them the fruit in the pitcher and ask if they would like some "Fruit Water." As you use the water in the pitcher, you can simply add more water, the fruit will stay fresh for up to 3 days.

#### WEBKIDS Switch to KIDKARE

Just a reminder that if you are still using WEBKIDS, you must make the switch to Minute Menus new program, KidKare. It is important that you begin to make the switch now well before the deadline so that you can adjust to the new format which is easier to use and is compatible with smartphones, tablets, and computers.

Any providers who do not make the switch before October 1, 2017 will be required to submit their October claim on scannable menus.

## **Training Reminder**

If you have <u>not</u> completed all of your required training (6 hours) at this time, please make sure that you get it right in. Though providers have until the end of September before they are considered Seriously Deficient, we need to correct them and log them in. We ask to receive them no later than September 15th.

Providers who do not complete their training can not receive claim reimbursement for their October claim.

This training is a state requirement that PRI must have providers comply with.

### "Not Home Call" Reminder

In efforts to serve you better, please remember to call the PRI office to notify us if you will be away from your childcare home for the following reasons:

- 1. You are on vacation and you are closed.
- 2. You are closed on a particular day for an appointment.
- 3. You will be away from your program during a scheduled meal/snack time. For a field trip.

State Policy requires us to do 2 unannounced food reviews during the year. Notifying PRI of closure days saves your monitor an unnecessary trip that you are not home for.

If you are open but will be on a field trip during a meal/snack time and we attempt a food review but you are not home, and have not notified us, we are required to deduct that meal or snack.

NOTE: Using the KidKare web program makes claiming for Infants much easier! Call us today to find out how to switch to KidKare for FREE!