

**Did you know:** Did you know that CDA is an active advocate on Child Care Provider's behalf at both the State and Federal level? CDA is a member of the State Advisory Board, a partner with Nourish California, and a member of FRAC at the national level. Last month Deborah, the Nutrition Program Manager virtually attended an Anti-Hunger Policy Conference in DC on your behalf. Bimonthly she's involved in Advisory and Roundtable Meetings as CACFP Sponsors work together as Stakeholders for child nutrition. We are a voice for you and your business at the State and Federal level.

### Updates:

**The Biennial State Audit** is completed. 51 Provider's files were selected for the Virtual Audit. No homes were physically visited. The Audit Team reviewed Claims, OER's, Monitor Visits, Enrollments, Income Eligibilities, license capacity, processed foods, Covid-19 waivers, CDA policies and procedures, financials/expenses, Human Resources info, Procurement and so much more. It was a 4 week audit. The State had "no findings" so the audit went very well. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of the Audit.

**Annual Training:** Due to the audit taking priority, we are still creating the annual training for this year. We will communicate with you as a group through email blasts and recorded phone messages when the mandatory training is posted on the website. We will provide ample time for everyone to take the training.

### Spring Fruit & Vegetables in Season:

Purchasing fresh fruits and vegetables that are currently in season are affordable options when doing menu planning.

- Apricots, asparagus, bananas, broccoli, cabbage, green beans, kale, honeydew melons, lettuce, mangoes, mushrooms, peas, pineapple, spinach, and strawberries

### Reminders:

- Federal CACFP waivers are still in effect through June 30, 2021. Monitors will continue to conduct virtual visits through September 30, 2021. We are waiting for federal guidance mid-April to see if the waivers will be extended. We will keep you updated.
- Continue to call the office when your business is closed for the day, you are on vacation or not claiming meals for the day.
- If you moved or made changes to your Child Care License, please notify the office and we will give you further guidance.
- Did you change your email address or your phone number? Please contact the office at 1-800-698-9798 with your update. These are our main communication options during Covid-19 so it's important we can reach you.
- Continue to have water availability and offer water to the children throughout the day.
- Do you serve processed foods like Trident Fish Sticks, Tyson Naturals Chicken Nuggets or Yummy Dino Buddies Alphabet Chicken Nuggets? Please keep the packaging to show to your Monitor at your virtual visits.
- With schools in some counties soon opening, we received guidance from the Auditor verifying that if a school age child receives a meal at school (lunch), then a lunch cannot also be claimed at the Child Care Home that same day for that child. The same for meals picked up at the school. You can pick up the meals at school, serve to the children, but must not claim those meals.
- Continue to record "No School" in KidKare when claiming school age children for AM Snack or Lunch, even if the children are attending virtual school from your home. If you claim on scanner forms, please document on the green CIF form that the children are attending virtual school at your home and include the dates.

## Fruit Salsa



### Ingredients

- 1 cup strawberries, finely chopped
- 1 Granny Smith apple, finely chopped
- 1 cup melon of your choice, finely chopped
- 3/4 cup raspberries, finely chopped
- 3 tbsp lemon juice
- Cinnamon & nutmeg
- 28 plain pita chips

### Directions

Combine fruit in a mixing bowl and add lemon juice. Sprinkle nutmeg and cinnamon to taste and refrigerate before serving. Serve with four plain pita chips.