

## GOOD NEWS FOR OUR MILITARY FAMILIES

Per recent new USDA regulations, military families are no longer required to claim combat pay as income when completing an Eligibility Application to claim own children and/or receive Tier 1 rates for all children in care. If you did not qualify previously and feel you may qualify now, please call the office and request an Eligibility Application. If you have any questions, please call Joanie at 619.465.4500 or 800.233.8107.

## IT'S ALMOST THAT TIME AGAIN!

Our 2010 State Review is coming up...could be anytime now! State Representatives will conduct our review which will include 50 to 60 Site Reviews with providers (randomly chosen by the State). Per your signed Agreement, if you are chosen, you are required to allow the State Representatives in your home to conduct a Site Review (just like your regular Field Representative does). State Representatives always have picture identification and in most cases your regular Field Representative will be with them. State Reviews are very important both to you and us as it shows the California Department of Education, Nutrition Services Division and USDA what a GREAT JOB you and we are doing!

## ARE YOU READY FOR AN UNANNOUNCED STATE SITE REVIEW?

1. Absolutely the Most Important—Is your monthly claim always up to date (done each day before midnight) ?
2. Are you within your license capacity at all times?
3. Do you know that an infant is a child *under the age of 2* for license capacity?
4. Is your Family Day License and your *Building for the Future* Poster posted?
5. Do you offer the Child Care Food Program to all children in care?
6. Do you offer at least one approved (see Handbook) Iron Fortified Infant Formula?
7. Do you call the office when you will not be home at a meal time, day off, vacation, etc. ?
8. Do you keep copies of all your Child Care Food Program records for 3 years plus the current year ?
9. Are you serving the correct food components and amounts for each meal you claim?
10. Is your food preparation area clean and do you and your children wash their hands before each meal?

## DID YOU KNOW IF YOU ARE TOO BUSY DURING THE DAY TO CALL US...?

You can e-mail Natalie at [natalie@cnpssc.com](mailto:natalie@cnpssc.com) to request forms, let us know if you will be closed, not at home at your meal times, day off, vacation, etc., or ask a question.

## SEE OUR PROVIDER'S TOP 10 NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS ON BACK PAGE....

November 2009 reimbursement check will be mailed in January 2010\*

December 2009 reimbursement check will be mailed in February 2010\*

January 2010 reimbursement check will be mailed in March 2010\*

\*Checks are mailed when we receive the money from the California Department of Education

Late Run checks are mailed when we receive late run money from the California Department of Education

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## **Provider's Top 10 New Year's Resolutions**

- 10.** If I use Scannable (Bubble) Forms I will carefully bubble correctly.
- 9.** I will offer a new food each week to the children I care for.
- 8.** I will do some kind of physical activity (skipping, jumping, dancing, walking, marching, etc.) each day with the children.
- 7.** I will offer extra praise, encouragement, and guidance to the children each day.
- 6.** I will notify my Field Representative whenever I am not at home during a meal time, closed for the day, or on vacation.
- 5.** I will answer my door whenever my Field Representative is knocking.
- 4.** I will mail completed Enrollments within 5 days of starting the child.
- 3.** To make my life less stressful I will find out how to do my claim online.
- 2.** I will mail or submit my monthly claim before the 5<sup>th</sup> of the following month.

**and the Number One New Year's Resolution is....**

- 1.** I will complete my Child Care Food Program claim daily!

**It takes a village to raise a child ~  
and it takes you to make our program successful!**

**We wish you a Happy and Prosperous New Year...  
Child Nutrition Program of Southern California**