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SEPTEMBER, 2008 ❁ CHILD FOOD PROGRAM OF TEXAS ❁ P.O. BOX 5465 ❁ KATY, TX 77491 ❁ 281-395-7000, TOLL-FREE: 877-395-6560, Fax: 281-395-7002

HURRICANE IKE

To our Child Food Program Of Texas Family:

Our heart-felt best wishes go out to all of you that had to endure hardships caused by this devastating storm. Our thought and prayers have been with you throughout these terrible times. We are fortunate that we were up and running within a couple of days. Thank you for all the calls we have received to wish us well. Please do not hesitate to call if there is anything we can do to help you get your day care back up and running.

EMERGENCY FOOD STAMPS AVAILABLE

We have just learned that there are emergency food stamps available on a one-time basis for those of you who income qualify. You may be eligible to receive \$200 in food stamps for every person in your household. For more information, you can call 713-651-1470 or connect to the internet at www.yourtexasbenefits.com.

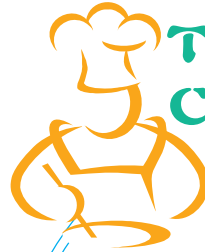
Child Re-Enrollment Time Is Here

Every year at this time, all of your day care children must be re-enrolled -- even those who started in September. Re-Enrollment packages will be mailed from our office on September 30th. You must review this information with each child's parent and indicate changes where appropriate. If a child is not being re-enrolled, you must indicate the withdrawal date. The parents must sign and date the form(s) and you must sign each one, as well.

All of these forms must be in our office by October 15th or you will not be reimbursed for the October claim for those children.

Form 1531, 1531-P & 1531-H Providers:

For those providers who have a 1531, 1531-P or 1531-H on file with us now for income qualifying, new forms will be included in the package you receive. If you do not receive yours, or if you're a Tier II provider and think you may income qualify for the new program year, please call us immediately.



Tips from Chef Bob

LAYERED TACO BAKE

Ingredients: 1 pkg (7.25 oz) Macaroni & Cheese Dinner; 1 lb ground beef; 1 pkg (1.25 oz) taco seasoning mix; 1 cup chunky mild salsa. **Directions:** Preheat oven to 400 F. Prepared dinner as directed on package. Cook meat with taco seasoning. Layer seasoned meat, dinner and salsa in 8" square baking pan. Bake 20 minutes.

Will qualify for bread alternate and meat.

CHILD INFORMATION FORMS (CIF)

Some providers who submit claims on scan forms are not using their CIF's correctly. This form is mailed in advance of the claim month. For example, the one enclosed is dated October and is to be submitted with your October claim. It must be in our office By November 5th.

All of these forms must also be in our office by October 15th or you will not be reimbursed in the right Tier for the October claim.

We're Here To Serve You

Please don't hesitate to call us whenever you have a question or problem. We're here to serve you and we mean it when we say "Our Success Is Your Success". You can also email Carol at carolk@childfoodproframoftexas.org. Let's all have a successful program in Program Year 2009!