

Making Sense of the 6 Cents: What's Coming in Colorado for Certification

Your time is valuable, and so we wanted to give you some tips in order to help you, regarding the upcoming process of seeking Certification of Compliance with the New Meal Patterns.



We know we have mentioned this in a couple of Thursday Updates, but please do not fill out any certification forms yet. A few different versions have been released to the public, but we will not be allowed to accept forms that are not the current versions. So, this caution is to help you, so you do not have to spend the time to re-do your hard work.



Just today, we received additional information from USDA, and we also received word that additional Q&As will be released within the coming days from USDA. This is all in regard to completing the certification forms. So, information is changing and being clarified all of the time. We don't want to "jump the gun" and release anything too early, thus causing SFAs to miss out on receiving all of the most accurate and clear information.



In addition to what USDA is developing, our office is also working on a training (almost complete) that will assist all SFAs with streamlining and simplifying the certification process.



We understand how important it is to you to be able to work on the certification materials (for several reasons, including getting this done before you get too busy during the school year and being able to start receiving your 6 cents!), so we are doing everything possible to be able to roll out the "official" certification process soon. Our goal is to have this out to every SFA by the end of July.



Please know we are always here to assist you. Feel free to let us know if you have any questions! Lindsay Hucknall in our office will be heading up Certification. Her contact information is hucknall_l@cde.state.co.us, 303-866-6871.