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To: State Agencies for the Child and Adult Care Food Program

From: Cathy Brock, NPA President

Subject: 2023 CACFP National Professional Association Conference

The biennial CACFP National Professional Association (NPA) Conference will be held in Portland, Oregon, June 21-23, 2023. This year's theme is "Building Bridges with CACFP NPA." We're taking a city known for its bridges to heart. That's right, we're going to be making connections and collaborating!

The conference offers an opportunity for State Agency staff responsible for administering the CACFP to receive training on oversight of the CACFP, gain the latest updates on Federal policies and requirements, and engage with State Agency colleagues in meaningful discussions about Program issues and make a significant impact.

This year we will cover a range of important topics related to the CACFP and examine how State administrators can respond to the challenges of delivering a quality Program. U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Food Research & Action Center (FRAC), and CACFP Roundtable staff and representatives will be present throughout the conference.

Topics to be addressed at the conference include:

- Viability, Capability, & Accountability (VCA) in the CACFP and SFSP
- Monitoring for State Agencies
- Lessons Learned from the Minnesota Department of Education
- Research Conducted by the CACFP Roundtable
- Roundtable Discussions with SAs on: Technology, Training, Staffing, Reviews, Outreach, & More
- Administrative Review Template for State Agencies
- Keynote: Breathwork with Vitality Breath

Continuing education credits will be available for all three days of the conference.

Conference registration must be submitted by Friday, April 28, 2023.

We strongly encourage all State Agencies, both current CACFP NPA members and non-members, to attend the CACFP NPA conference and make their voices heard. A conference agenda and registration are available on the [NPA website](#).

CACFP NPA and the Oregon Department of Education looks forward to having you!