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Dear State Directors:

The Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) National Professional Association (NPA) will hold its biennial conference at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Portland, Oregon, June 21-23, 2023. This conference offers an opportunity for State agency staff responsible for administering CACFP to receive training, gain the latest updates on Federal policies and requirements, and engage State agency colleagues in meaningful discussions about Program issues and opportunities.

The conference will cover a range of topics related to CACFP and examine how State administrators can respond to the challenges of delivering a quality Program. The topics to be addressed at the conference include:

- Technology and Child Nutrition Programs
- State Agency Staffing
- Sponsor Budgets
- New Sponsor Applications and Training
- Multi-State Sponsor Best Practices
- Family Day Care Home Recruitment
- CACFP Management Evaluations
- Summer Food Service Program Outreach and Reviews

The conference will provide an opportunity for State agencies to network and share strategies for success. State agencies will also be able to ask questions and interact directly with U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) staff, who will be present throughout the conference and are scheduled to speak at multiple sessions. An agenda with detailed session information and information regarding registration and accommodations is available at <http://www.cacfpnpa.org/conference.aspx>.

USDA encourages you and your professional staff to attend this conference. As CACFP continues to evolve, your participation in this conference is important to ensure that all State administrators are fully informed about Program requirements and upcoming policy issues. Your agency's attendance is an appropriate and necessary use of State Administrative Expense funds. Please remember that Federal funds provided to State

agencies for the administration of Child Nutrition Programs must not be subject to limitations, including hiring freezes, work furloughs, and travel restrictions.

We look forward to seeing you and your staff in June. If you have any questions, please contact your Food and Nutrition Service Regional Office.

Sincerely,

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