

# CONNECTION COMPASSION COMMUNITY

Happy New-ish Year Friends,

Before 2021 slinks away altogether, the CACFP Roundtable is taking a moment to reflect on what we went through, what we accomplished, and set some intentions for the new year.

Last year was a doozy (*am I right?!).* The never-ending onslaught of disasters, the crises, the uncertainties and instabilities. There were many difficult stretches for all of us and we each have our own journeys – stories and experiences worthy of sharing, and [we hope you will.](#)

Through all of it, we want to lift up and acknowledge our **CACFP community**. There were many times we witnessed the strength of this community: we supported each other, we learned from each other, and we advocated together.

Thank you for choosing to be members of the CACFP Roundtable and to be part of this community. A few things the CACFP Roundtable brought to you in 2021:

- **12 NUTRITION EDITIONS**, a virtual nutrition resource, free for members, to enjoy and share with their child care sites and providers
- **6 MEMBER MEETINGS**, ever evolving to foster conversation among peers and get answers from the state agency
- **6 POLICY WEBINARS**, with special guests from USDA, state agencies, and national advocacy groups. Topics included COVID waivers, emergency funding, and California CACFP transition to CDSS
- **5 POP-UP COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS**, where we discussed timely and urgent issues facing the CACFP community

- **THE ANNUAL CACFP CONFERENCE**, virtually hosted with more than 400 participants and 20+ sessions
- **CONNECTION** with about 300 other members in our CACFP community
- **LEADERSHIP**, successfully advocating to bring back the state-meal reimbursement in California.

2022 will continue to bring you opportunities for conversations and learning with your CACFP community, including our [Annual CACFP Conference](#) in October.

We will also be implementing a new member platform that will make navigating your CACFP Roundtable membership and connecting with other members a lot easier.

We continue to advocate state and national policies that will bring more healthy CACFP meals to more people more easily.

There will be educational opportunities, member meetings, pop-up conversations and town halls.

We are working closely with the California Department of Social Services to ensure a smooth transition of CACFP to its new home. We are learning from this CA-based project and taking notes about how to spread positive change for CACFP across the nation.

And all of our programmatic work will continue to be human-centered, anchored in core values of equity and community.

In the new year we will learn and grow, *together*. As always, we welcome [emails and calls](#). We want to hear about what's working, what's not. This is your community and we look forward to continuing to create the space for connection, compassion, and CACFP.

**WITH GRATITUDE, WISHING YOU A HAPPY NEW YEAR** *-Elyse*

Elyse Homel Vitale, // Executive Director



# MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

We are updating the annual prices for our CACFP Roundtable membership plans. We want to make sure you know what to expect, so here's what this change means for you.

**New program year:** All members will be adjusting to a new, standardized member year. Everyone will renew on October 1, 2022 and your membership will run through September 30, 2023. This is a change that makes it easier to ensure you receive a full year of membership and that there are no gaps between years. We've picked the October 1 start date to align with the federal year and make it easy for budgeting purposes.

**Price increases:** The price of your annual plan will increase on October 1, 2022. Individual plans (good for one person) will increase from \$75 to \$100 per year. CACFP plans (good for your entire staff - no limits!) will increase from \$150 to \$300.

As always, we're focused on building programs that lets our members connect with the CACFP community and more easily operate their nutrition programs. Some of this work is behind the scenes—like purchasing new software to improve your membership experience, and increasing CACFP Roundtable staff so that we can provide you increased resources and technical assistance. Over the past year, we've invested in the organization and grown our capacity to better support you.

Your continued support means so much to all of us at the CACFP Roundtable. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Elyse Homel Vitale at [elyse@ccfproundtable.org](mailto:elyse@ccfproundtable.org).

# HELLO 2022!

## Important Upcoming CACFP Roundtable Events

**DON'T MISS  
ANYTHING!**



**BOOKMARK  
THIS PAGE**

<https://www.ccfproundtable.org/events>

February



March

- **Member Meeting:**  
Thursday, March 24 at  
10:30 AM PDT

April



May

- **Member Meeting:**  
Thursday, May 19 at  
10:30 AM PDT

June



July

- **Member Meeting:**  
Thursday, July 21 at  
10:30 AM PDT

August



September

- **Member Meeting:**  
Thursday, Sept 22 at  
10:30 AM PDT

October

- **Annual CACFP  
Conference:** Monday,  
Oct 17 through  
Wednesday, Oct 19  
(Sacramento, CA)

November

- **Member Meeting:**  
Thursday, Nov 17 at  
10:30 AM PDT

December





## ROUNDTABLE CHAMPIONS

*Annual Partner Program*

Thank you to our partners for all they do for the CACFP community!

### SILVER LEVEL CHAMPIONS



### BRONZE LEVEL CHAMPIONS



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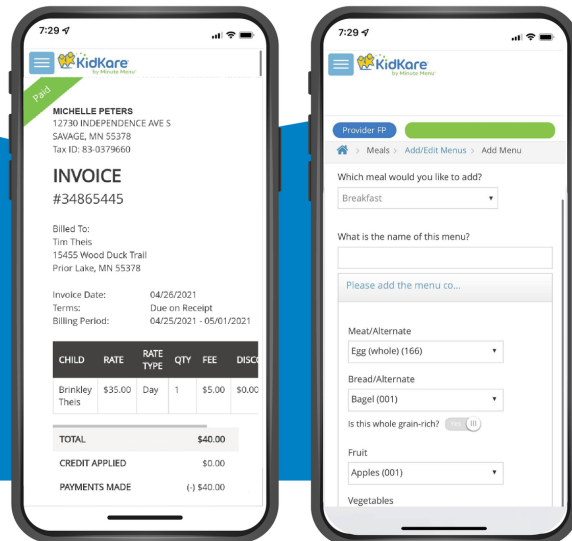


# Get Your Time Back With KidKare

KidKare is the industry leader in easy-to-use daycare management software solutions for the child and adult care food program (CACFP).

## Benefits:

- Save time tracking information
- Plan & record meals easily
- Start saving money and time
- Go paperless today!



### Sponsors Solutions

## KidKare CX & HX

KidKare by Minute Menu software gives sponsors back hours of staff time that can be used to offer nutrition planning, skill building or recruiting more participants to your program.

### Why Choose Us:

- Go paperless with eForms
- Plan & Record Meals
- Milk Audit
- Mobile Monitoring
- Access anytime, expertise always

### Center Solutions

## KidKare Food Program Software

The fastest way to do CACFP online claiming.

### Why Choose Us:

- CACFP Online Claiming
- Meal Attendance
- Automated Income Eligibility
- KidKare eForms
- Food Service Expense Tracking
- Grain Ounce Equivalents Calculator
- Individual Infant Menus
- Track Expenses
- Manage Accounting Information
- Unlimited Users!

### Add EasyPay and be able to:

- Accept payments online with ePay
- Automate invoices
- Record invoice payments
- Track income
- KidKare reports

[www.kidkare.com](http://www.kidkare.com)

### Home Solutions

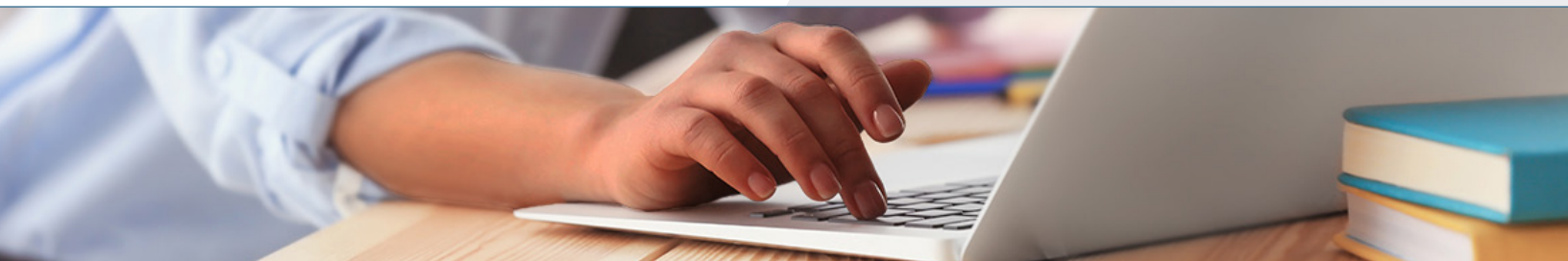
## KidKare Accounting

We're going to help you control your time.

### Why Choose Us:

- Accept Payments Online with ePay
- Issue Refunds
- Account Details
- Split Payments Between Parents
- Automate Invoices
- Parent Portal
- Message Tool
- Track Expenses
- Enroll Kids & Track Attendance
- Plan & Record Meals
- KidKare Reports
- KidKare Support





## WHO WE ARE

At My Food Program, our mission is to make participation in the CACFP and SFSP as easy as possible. Our software helps reduce anxiety about compliance by automatically checking the requirements for you. With a simple, user-friendly interface, you are able to:

- **Meal count entry** with configurable options to match your center operations
- **Validation of menus** for the updated meal pattern requirements
- **Simple meal production** calculations and reports
- **Completion of all error checks required for claims** including meal counts cannot exceed attendance; daily claim limit of two meals and one snack or two snacks and one meal; ability to disallow meals for missing enrollment forms, infant menus, exceeding licensed capacity or any other reason
- **Claims creation with all the data you need:** average daily attendance, Free/Reduced/Paid claiming percentages, claims estimates and more

[See a full list of all of our features here »](#)

**Our software is available for all types of sites**, including Family Day Care Homes, Child Care Centers, Emergency Shelters, Adult Day Care Centers, Afterschool Programs and Summer Food Service Programs. So no matter your site, we can make managing the CACFP and SFSP easier for you.

**We also offer easy transition to our software.** We can import participants, classroom or household information using an Excel spreadsheet. This can be a document that you already have or one that can be generated from your existing software. We can help format this document and upload it to My Food Program with no loss of information.

## OUR STRATEGIC PARTNER PROGRAM

**For this year's annual *Strategic Partner Program* we need you, California!**

Although we have been working in the CACFP industry for many years, and have sponsors in 39 states, we are new to the nuances of CA regulations. We are looking for 2 sponsors of centers (either affiliated or unaffiliated) and 2 sponsors of family day care homes to partner with us. These sponsoring organizations will have a culture that embraces change, are energized by challenges and can provide honest and thorough feedback.

Our strategic partners receive use of our software for FREE for up to six months in return for interfacing with your state agency to ensure our reports meet all recordkeeping requirements, evaluating our features, and identifying opportunities for improvement. [Learn more about the Strategic Partner Program and view frequently asked Q&A here »](#)

If our Strategic Partner Program sounds like a match for you, [click here to submit an application!](#) But hurry, our application deadline is March 31, 2022.





# CERTIFICATE OF MEMBERSHIP

This certifies that

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is a member of the CACFP Roundtable  
during member year 2021-22.

*Kellie M. Konysky, RD*

**KELLIE KONYSKY, RD**  
**BOARD CHAIR**



*Elyse Homel Vitale*

**ELYSE HOMEL VITALE, MPH**  
**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**