

Presenters and Speakers



Alan Michaelson

Food Safety Consultant/Instructor

I have been in the food-service business for 20+ years and have been a Certified ServSafe Food Safety and Responsible Alcohol Instructor with both the National Restaurant Association and the California Restaurant Association since the onset of the ServSafe program. My training philosophy brings a unique perspective to food safety by combining extensive, practical hands-on experience, coupled with an interactive approach that is based on best practice learning methods. The focus of my presentation is to ensure that key personnel take the important knowledge they've gained back to their workplace and implement essential food safety practices and principles thus creating a strong food safety culture. A food safety culture focuses on proper food handling as a way of doing business. To develop a strong food safety culture, you'll need to involve everyone in your restaurant, from the waiter to the manager. I promote excellence among food service professionals by providing the highest quality Food Safety Certification training. Take advantage of my exceptional, results oriented training for the ServSafe Manager Certification class, Food Handlers card or the ServSafe Fundamentals of Responsible Alcohol Service by contacting me direct.



Amanda Theissen

Compliance Manager, Knowledge Universe

Amanda Theissen has worked for Knowledge Universe supporting the subsidy food program for over 15 years. She is passionate about compliance and provides oversight for the participation of 800 KinderCare centers across 35 states. Collectively, these centers serve more than 2 million nutritious meals and snacks each month through the CACFP. Supporting the largest private nationwide participant in the CACFP, she has the perspective of working with many state agencies and sharing best practices across the country. Amanda ensures all systems and processes used to support the CACFP meet USDA guidelines.



Andrea Farmer, MS, RD, LD

Andrea Farmer, MS, RD, LD is a nutritionist with the USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), Child Nutrition Programs. For the past 6 years, her area of expertise has been the USDA's Child and Adult Care Food Program, first at the State level and now at the FNS National office. She leads the USDA effort to create resources and guidance materials to help child care centers and home providers meet the nutrition, physical activity, and screen

time recommendations in the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 (HHFKA). Ms. Farmer served as the project manager for USDA formative research conducted in 2014 among CACFP audiences and manages an interagency workgroup of CACFP stakeholders that provides input to help USDA implement the HHFKA recommendations. Prior to working in CACFP, she held a number of diverse positions including adjunct professor in nutrition and fitness, private practice nutrition consultant, clinical and food service dietitian, and small business owner. Ms. Farmer has presented at numerous national conferences.



Audria Perkins, Association for Child Development

Audria has been with ACD for over 5 years. She fully trains all customer service staff members and makes sure they are following the processes that are. Association for Child Development 2015, presented to staff during several training courses.



Angela Russ-Ayon

Music and Movement Specialist

Angela Russ is an award-winning producer of children’s media, keynote speaker, trainer and author. With 13 years of experience under her belt, she has produced interactive music for WIC, Head Start, First 5, Kaiser Permanente and the More Matters national team. Through fee-based contracts, she has presented to thousands of young children nationally in classrooms, museums and performing arts venues. Angela melds her lectures with an infusion of creative music and movement activities that encourage her audiences to actively participate in the learning process.



Anisha Patel MD, MPH, Dept. of Pediatrics University of California at San Francisco

Dr. Anisha Patel is an Assistant Professor at the University of California, San Francisco. Dr. Patel completed her medical degree at the University of North Carolina, residency at Stanford, and a fellowship in the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Clinical Scholars Program at University of California, Los Angeles. Dr. Patel conducts research in the area of chronic disease prevention, with an emphasis on encouraging healthy beverage consumption among children and adolescents in school and child care settings. Dr. Patel has received funding for her research from foundations and the National Institutes of Health, and has published numerous peer-reviewed manuscripts in this area. In 2012, Dr. Patel received the American Academy of Pediatrics Outstanding Achievement Award for her work to translate research into policy.



Augie Navarro

IL. Field Operations Manager

Mr. Agustine Navarro works for the Association for Child Development and is the Illinois Field Operations Manager for the State of Illinois. His job duties include overseeing a Team of twelve across the state. His job duties include Managing all Monitor Caseloads, conducting Field Audits to ensure that Providers are receiving exceptional quality service, ensure that all CACAP guidelines are being followed, and assist in defusing any Field related issues. He resides in Chicago, Illinois.



Barbara Sawyer & Elaine Piper

Both presenters are former family child care providers who have experience working with family child care providers in a variety of venues. They are experienced trainers, consultants and mentors with national recognition as family child care experts. Both hold masters degrees, have worked with providers for over 25 years and have been nationally accredited. They have leadership experience at the local, state and national levels and a passion for family child care.



Barbie James

Field Manager, Knowledge Universe

Barbie James has worked for Knowledge Universe supporting the subsidy food program since 2002. She oversees 21 CACFP monitors responsible for the participation of 800 KinderCare centers across 35 states.

Berenice Aguilar, Association for Child Development

Customer Service Specialist

Justin Adelman, CDE, NSD, CACFP

Brandi Airada and Justin Adelman are Child and Adult Food Program specialists in the California Department of Education Nutrition Services Division.

Bryan Brown

Mr. Brown has monitored child care meals at 46 centers for four years and has presented workshops at three conferences: NSHA in Washington DC; CCFP Roundtable in Sacramento; CaMSHS in Pismo Beach, CA. Mr. Brown has presented workshops on gardening with preschoolers at three statewide and national conferences and attended Farm to Preschool workshops led by Julia Smith, National Farm to Preschool Specialist.



Carolyn Morrison

CEO, Child Care Development Services Carolyn has been active in advocacy for the CACFP since 1981 and has had a passion of using her energy to improve the quality of care for children and the quality of the CACFP she directs. She began representing the Western Region sponsors on the national CACFP Forum Board of Directors in 1995 and served twice as the Forum president from 1998 to 2001 and from 2006 through 2010. She has served on state and national child care task forces and committees, all related to improving the quality of care for children and the CACFP. She is currently Treasurer of the National CACFP Forum and participates on the federal USDA workgroup for Paperwork Reduction and in 2011 was chosen to represent CACFP sponsors for the State of Oregon Child Care Wellness Champion Project.



Christina Hecht, PhD

University of California Nutrition Policy Institute

Dr.'s Hecht, Patel and Ritchie are national leaders in healthy beverage research and practice with a focus on access to, and consumption and promotion of drinking water. Each has made numerous presentations on the subject at national conferences, both singly and together. The presentation will be lively, inclusive and interactive.



Connie Chung Joe

JD, Ex Parte Member / KFAM Executive Director

Connie Chung Joe has served as the Executive Director of KFAM since 2009. Prior to joining KFAM, Connie was a public interest lawyer for seven years. She worked at the Housing Rights Center in Los Angeles and the American Civil Liberties Union in Chicago working predominately on civil rights cases. Connie received her BA in Spanish and International Relations from USC and her JD from Georgetown University Law Center. Connie enjoys traveling and spent 6 months backpacking through Europe, Asia, Australia and New Zealand with her husband.

Courtney Thornburg, RD

I have been a nutritionist with the California Department of Education for four years. I am a Registered Dietitian with a Master's Degree in Nutrition in Education. As a staff member in the Education Nutrition and Policy Unit, I have presented numerous times on implementation changes related to the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 when I worked with schools. In my current role in the CACFP, one of my areas of focus is promoting Preschools SHINE at conferences, Preschools SHINE forums, CPIN meetings, etc. Nancy Herota and Emma Baier co-presented at the 2013 CCFP Roundtable Conference as well as CPIN meetings.

Dara Jacobs, Brighton Training Group

Dara Jacobs recently retired from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as a Program Specialist after 35 years of service. While employed by Pennsylvania, Dara was responsible for developing and implementing a training plan for over 1,000 CACFP sponsors. Dara was instrumental in initiating Pennsylvania's move to technology-based training with capabilities to assess successful completion by institutions. She presently is working with Pennsylvania and with Brighton Training Group to develop e-Learning lessons for CACFP and SFSP at the state and sponsor levels.



David Youngblood, USDA FNS

Director of National Civil Rights Director, Food and Nutrition Service, USDA

David Youngblood currently serves as the National Civil Rights Director for USDA's Food and Nutrition Service where he oversees all aspects of civil rights policy, compliance and compliant processing in FNS assisted programs totaling over \$110 billion annually. Prior to his current position, Mr. Youngblood worked for USDA's Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, and HUD's Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity. Prior to his time in Federal civil rights enforcement, he served as a Captain in the United States Marine Corps. He is a graduate of the University of Minnesota Law School, a member of the State Bar of Michigan and also holds a Master's Degree in Social Work.



Dawn Perez

Senior Implementation Specialist and Training Director

Minute Menu Systems Dawn Perez is the Senior Implementation Specialist & Training Director for Minute Menu Systems. Dawn manages and produces new content for the website in the form of documents, videos, blogs, e-Learning courses, webinars and more. In addition to her current 10 year tenure with Minute Menu, Dawn also worked for Southwest Human Development Services, one of the largest sponsoring organizations in Texas. Dawn worked closely with

child care providers, processing their claims and developing a thorough knowledge of CACFP regulations. Dawn has provided training workshops at the NCA conference, Roundtable conference, and Minute Menu conferences and has also provided training to Minute Menu clients and state agencies across the country.



DeAnna Certain

Customer Service Manager

DeAnna Certain, is the Customer Service Manager for the Association for Child Development, a sponsor of the CACFP in Michigan and Illinois. In this role, she coaches staff members on providing great customer service in addition to implementing processes to ensure that childcare providers receive their maximum claim reimbursement. She received her Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from DeVry University and has been in the customer service field for over 15 years. Through previous work in the customer service industry, DeAnna is very passionate about providing quality customer service.



Donna Pomerson, Director Operations Services, Sherrie Gomez, CACFP Supervisor, Staci Larsen, CACFP Supervisor

Donna, Sherrie and Staci have almost 90 years combined experience in Early Childhood and CACFP at almost 500 participating center based Early Childhood Learning Centers in 33 states for the Learning Care Group. They have presented at the Roundtable for the past ten years, at several FRAC CACFP Leadership Conferences as well at NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children and local CACFP state conferences. As part of their company commitment to the Partnership for Healthier America/Let's Move Child care and our companies Grow Fit program they are members of the Learning Care Group Grow Fit Steering Committee, which Donna is company lead, to ensure all Learning Care Group schools are ensuring opportunities for children to experience programs to learn skills for lifelong physical activity and healthy eating habits. Members of the CCFP Roundtable, National CACFP Forum, NAEYC, School Nutrition Association and National CACFP Sponsors Association.



Doris Fredericks, MEd, RD, RYT

Former Executive Director, Choices For Children, and President, Continuing Development Incorporated, (CDI) and Child Development Centers (CDC). CCFP Roundtable Co-Founder, resident Registered Dietician, Health Coach and certified Conference Yoga Instructor.



Eva Daniels

Eva Daniels recently accepted the position of Executive Director for the National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC), the only national association established to advocate for and support family child care providers. She began working for NAFCC in 2001 and has worked as the Director of Accreditation since 2003. In her new role she will accelerate the work to strengthen the operations and programs of NAFCC to better serve the family child care profession. In her 30+ years as an early education professional, Eva has served in a number of leadership roles. Her experiences include; Army Garrison Family Child Care Program Director, Adjunct Faculty-Family and Human Studies Department, Early Childhood Lab School Director, Head Start Education Specialist, and Public School Educator. Eva received her Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education and her Master of Education in Early Childhood from Utah State University.

Elizabeth Rico

Ms. Rico is Montessori trained and has supervised a Migrant State Childcare center in San Joaquin County for over 19 years.

Farnaz Elist

CDE NSD, Child Nutrition Consultant
Performs administrative reviews



Frederic Glantz

President, Kokopelli Associates, LLC

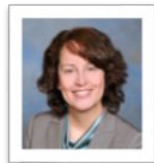
Frederic Glantz, PhD, has nearly 40 years of experience managing research, evaluation and policy analysis studies of the CACFP. He is currently directing the *CACFP Sponsor and Provider Characteristics Study*, which will provide the most up-to-date description of the characteristics and operations of CACFP sponsors and providers, and has directed all of the previous national studies of the CACFP dating back to 1979. In addition, Dr. Glantz previously served as Principal Investigator of the *Program Assessment of the CACFP Sponsor Tiering Determinations*. Dr. Glantz holds a PhD in Economics from The Maxwell School of Public Affairs, Syracuse University.
California Food Policy Advocates March 2012 – Present (2 years 7 months) Leading CFPA's Federal Policy.

Gloria Grimes, Association for Child Development



Genevieve Pyeatt, Director of Nutrition and Health Education

Nutrition and Health has always been a lifelong passion of mine. My husband of 16 years and my two daughters ages 6 and 9, live a healthy and active lifestyle. We love to ride bikes, swim, garden and travel as a family. I earned my Bachelors of Science in Dietetics from UC Davis in 1997. My interests in Nutrition and Health are specific to community nutrition, child nutrition, prevention and wellness. I started my career with CDI/CDC in 1998 as a Nutritionist for the Sacramento Region. In 2001, I became the Director of Nutrition Services leading a team of Nutritionist agency-wide in supporting our centers in implementing the Child Care Food Program. In 2012 I added the role of Health Educator to my responsibilities. Then in 2015 I became the Director of Nutrition and Health Education leading a team of Nutrition Health Educators and Supervisors in all of the regions to provide a high quality Child and Adult Care Food Program and Health and Safety Education Program for the staff, children, and families.



Geri Henchy

Geri is the Director of Nutrition Policy at FRAC. Geri is a member of the Institute of Medicine's Committee to Review the Child and Adult Care Food Program Meal Requirements which has the task of creating nutrition standards to bring the meals served into compliance with the Dietary Guidelines. Geri is the current chair of the policy committee of the American Public Health Association's Food and Nutrition Section. She currently serves on the CACFP Paperwork Reduction Task Force. The Child Nutrition Reauthorization ACT keeps Geri very busy these days.



Hemali Soni- Minute Menu

KidKare Business Analyst

Hemali is an experienced software development professional who joined Minute Menu in 2015. She enjoys working in an environment that provides a variety of technical challenges and projects. As a business analyst, Hemali primarily designs and writes specs for KidKare project. Her passion is traveling, cooking, children and much more! She backpacked across Europe in 2014 and is eager to explore more!



Hector Gutierrez

Since 1992, California Food Policy Advocates (CFPA) has been California's trusted policy advocate using a unique evidence-based, problem-to-solution methodology to increase low-income Californians' access to healthy food at home, at school, in child care, and throughout communities. Our work has evolved over the last two decades. Our initial work focused on preventing hunger and food insecurity by bringing the benefits of the federal nutrition programs to as many Californians as possible. In 2010, we led the pioneering efforts to require access to free water in schools and to establish beverage standards in child care. And now in 2014, we are seeing results from our efforts to connect health program enrollment with nutrition program enrollment. Given this history of significant nutrition policy advances, and particularly the successful child care beverage standards, we expect to continue to build on this legacy with our Healthy Food in Child Care.



Helen O'Connor

Helen O'Connor is a Research Analyst with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (LAC DPH) for the Choose Health LA Child Care (CHLACC) program. She received her Master's in Public Health in France.

Holly Prestegaard, USDA, FNS

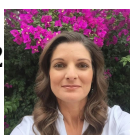
Nutritionist, USDA, FNS, Western Regional Office

Irene Castillo- NDTR, CDC

Irene Castillo has extensive knowledge in presenting workshops in the community she serves in Ventura County.

Jamie Mortimer, RD

Registered DietitianThe Association for Child Development Jamie Mortimer, RD, is a dietitian for the Association for Child Development, a sponsor of the CACFP in Michigan and Illinois. In this role, she provides nutrition education training to childcare providers focusing on how to develop healthy eating habits in children. Jamie received a Bachelor's degree in Nutrition Science from Baylor University and completed her dietetic internship program at Lipscomb University. Through former work with a child obesity program, Jamie has a passion for speaking about how to get children excited about health living and nutrition.



Janet Scully

Janet Scully is a Health Program Analyst with LAC DPH and is the manager of the CHLACC program. She received her Master's in Public Health from CSU Long Beach and presented at the 2014 CCFP conference.



Janet Phelan, CEO, Midwest Women and Children's Services

Having been in the child care field for many years, Janet Phelan has worn a number of hats! She has been the director of a child care center, owner of a family child care home, director of the Nebraska 4 C's organization and has served on many boards and committees.

When a friend called to say she was having trouble finding child care, in 1978, Janet came up with a business idea. Phelan realized there was a need for a service to help working mothers find quality child care. After a year of researching the viability of such a service and with \$200, Phelan established a child care resource and referral service called Omaha Child Care Referral. Later, that year the company's name was changed to Midwest Child Care Association and it became a 501 c 3 corporation. Phelan heard about a new program from USDA, called the Child Care Food Program. Her application to be a Nebraska food program sponsor was approved and within six months she had registered 125 homes to her sponsorship. Several years later a large multi-state sponsor had closed its doors and their homes were transferred over to Midwest, which doubled its membership. In 2007, Phelan attended a national CACFP conference and learned about a few sponsors who were sponsoring child care centers. For the next couple of years, Phelan researched possible ways for her organization to work with centers in addition to their homes. Finally, two years later Midwest Women and Children's Services began sponsoring one center and now has over 40 child care centers on its roster. Child care has always been a professional passion in Janet's life. She loves what she does and gets great satisfaction seeing women succeed by providing quality child care to young children.



Jason Sellers

Product Manager, Minute Menu Systems Jason has been building software for over 15 years, working with sponsors and designing software that supports the CACFP for 2 years and has spent the past 8 months focusing on understanding the regulations for At Risk After school and Summer Feeding and building online tools to help those programs.



Jill West, RD

An accomplished speaker, author, Registered Dietitian (RD), Certified Health Coach and Mom of 3 boys. Jill graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of Arizona with a Bachelor of Science degree in Nutrition and Dietetics and completed her internship at University of California, San Francisco. For over 25 years Jill has worked with thousands of individuals and families as a Registered Dietitian, Nutrition Consultant and Health Coach.

She has worked for several major hospitals including, University of California San Francisco Medical Center, Joslin Diabetes Center – an affiliate of Harvard Medical School and University of California Davis Medical Center. She is a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist and author of the book, 400 Moms and has a private practice working with families, helping them with healthy meal planning and feeding strategies to meet differing needs of family members. Her experience includes over 20 years of speaking to large and small audiences of company employees, health professionals and parent groups.



Jodi Kuhn

Director of the Subsidy Food Program for Knowledge Universe, Jodi oversees the Child and Adult Care Food Program participation of more than 800 KinderCare Learning Centers across 34 states. Collectively, these centers serve more than 2 million nutritious meals and snacks each month through the CACFP. Managing the largest private nationwide participant in the program, she has the perspective of working with many state agencies and sharing best practices across the country. Jodi serves as the Secretary for the National CACFP Forum Board of Directors, and participates on multiple national work groups including the USDA's technical assistance and guidance group, USDA's paperwork reduction workgroup, and the NFSMI's CACFP National Advisory Committee.



Joseph Cormack

Current manager of the Child and Adult Care Food Program Unit (CACFPU) in the California Departments of Education (CDE), Nutrition Services Division. At CDE he has been both a program specialist in the CACFPU and a funding analyst in the Early Education & Support Division, Funding and Agency Support Unit.



Kelley Knapp, MS, RD

Kelley is a one of our favorite Registered Dietitians and currently is a Nutrition Education Consultant in the California Department of Education, Nutrition Services Division. She has provided nutrition policy related training and technical assistance to CACFP sponsors for over 16 years.



Kristie Hubbard

Nutritionist, USDA, FNS, Western Regional Office

Kristie Hubbard is the Farm to Preschool lead for USDA in the Western Regional Office. Kristie has presented her research in child obesity prevention and health promotion at a number of national conferences including the American Public Health Association Annual Conference and the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. In addition, she has presented on behalf of the USDA Farm to School Program at a number of state farm to school conferences.



Kristine Smith, MS, RD, Director of Nutrition Services

Kristine is a registered dietitian and Director of Nutrition Services at Neighborhood House Association(NHA) in San Diego, California. Kristine leads highly-skilled team of 14 at the central kitchen where more than 6,000 meals are produced daily for pre-school aged children in Head Start and child development programs throughout the County. Seven years ago, she hired a chef and completely redesigned the menu and overhauled the entire foodservice operation with a goal to help reduce childhood obesity. Once a heat-and-serve style kitchen that served many highly processed and convenience type foods, her team now cooks nutritious and tasty meals from scratch using organic, natural and whole foods. Kristine has eliminated nearly all canned products and all convenience foods from the ingredient list. Recognized throughout the community and nation for transforming preschool nutrition, NHA's preschool menu now features foods such as Fresh Roasted Tomato Soup, Rotini alla Bolognese, Curried Chicken Salad, Shredded Egg and Beef Burritos, Southwestern Black Bean Dip, and Sweet Potato Yogurt. Nutrition Services uses the Harvest of the Month program to feature a new and seasonal fruit or vegetable every month. The menu is planned in accordance with San Diego's harvest seasons. NHA's Head Start program implemented Farm to Preschool in effort to teach children and families where their food comes from, how to grow it, and how to cook with the different fruits and

vegetables. NHA was awarded the inaugural First Lady's 2012 Let's Move! Child Care Recognition Award. They were one of just three Head Start agencies in the US to receive this honor. Additionally, the State of California issued a California Senate Resolution, recognizing NHA's Nutrition Program and its efforts to promote healthy lifestyles within the community.



Kymberli Schaal

15 years of field monitoring, presented in all numerous nutrition training conferences throughout the state. Ms. Kymberli Schaal is a field monitor with The Association for Child Development for the Chicagoland area. She has conducted numerous nutritional training classes throughout the state of Illinois. She has also been a presenter in numerous CACFP conferences. She resides in Schaumburg Illinois.



Laurie Pennings, RD

Laurie Pennings is a registered dietitian and a Nutrition Education Specialist at the Department of Education. Her focus is on Farm to School/Farm to Preschool. For the previous five years, Laurie was the Manager of the Child and Adult Care Food Program Unit.



Libby Albert, Team Lead, CACFP, USDA – Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), Western Regional Office

Libby Albert, Team Lead, CACFP, USDA – Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), Western Regional Office. Libby's primary responsibilities include supporting states in the Western Region and Pacific Territories in their implementation, improvement and expansion of CACFP. Prior to her work at FNS, Libby worked for over 15 years in the public and nonprofit sectors operating child nutrition programs at the local level, and working to develop policies and programs to promote healthy eating/active living, and to reduce food insecurity in San Francisco.



Lita Moore

Executive Director for North County Community Services (NCCS) Early Education Program. Lita has worked in the field of Early Education for over 25 years and continues to enjoy the children and families they work with on a daily basis. Their program has five locations within North San Diego County serving children ages 3-5 years in our full-day or part-day classrooms. Nutrition education has become a vital part of our program and we work with our teachers, children and families by providing information on healthy eating and teaching our children how to grow vegetables in our school gardens.



Lori Johnson

HX Implementation Specialist
Lori Johnson is the Implementation Specialist for Minute Menu Systems, LLC. Minute Menu Systems offers comprehensive management systems for child care agencies and providers

operating under the auspices of the federal Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). In addition to her current 5 year tenure with Minute Menu, Lori has thirteen years of experience with a large non-profit CACFP sponsorship, and over 20 additional years in early childhood care and education.



Lorrene Ritchie

PhD, RD. Director and CE Specialist, University of California Nutrition Policy Institute
Dr.s Hecht, Patel and Ritchie are national leaders in healthy beverage research and practice with a focus on access to, and consumption and promotion of drinking water. Each has made numerous presentations on the subject at national conferences, both singly and together. The presentation will be lively, inclusive and interactive.



Lynda Baker

Center Operations Manager
Licensed Group Child Care provider for over 20 years Field monitor for Day Care Homes for over 10 years. Certified Field Monitor. Trainer for Home child care providers & field monitors. Trainer for Centers and Center Field Monitors. Currently Center Operations Manager for Association for Child Development overseeing 40 centers. (Illinois). Design and facilitate workshops in the following topics Special Care, Recruiting & Hiring Quality Staff, Preparing Home Providers for pre-licensing Inspections.



Maria Boyle

Maria Boyle, M.S., R.D., has over 15 years of experience working on research studies and evaluations of childhood obesity prevention initiatives and policies aimed at preventing obesity in children in communities, childcare settings and schools. Ms. Boyle has directed a variety of evaluations of nutrition and physical activity evaluations focused on improving access to healthy foods and physical activity through environmental and policy change. As a Senior Associate at Abt Associates, she is currently Project Director for First 5 LA's Reducing Early Childhood Obesity Impact Evaluation and also serves as Project Director for Abt's part of the national School Nutrition and Meal Cost Study. She has a lead role in instrument development and training of data collectors for the Study of Nutrition and Activity in Child Care Settings. In previous positions she directed policy work on child nutrition programs, including CACFP, to help make the programs more accessible and usable for low income providers and participants in California, and reviewed federal regulations to determine opportunities for increasing program participation. She has authored and contributed to a number of national reports, publications and presentations of her evaluation findings and research.



Marty Campolito

Executive Director, Bay State Child Care Food Program
Marty first learned about the Child and Adult Care Food Program many years ago when she was a family child care provider. She believes no job is more important than nurturing and teaching our children.. Her work at Bay State allows her to continue to help children by

helping their child care providers. She serves as President on the National Sponsors CACFP Forum- Board of Directors. National CACFP Forum works with other CACFP organizations and the federal government to improve and enhance this wonderful program.



Maryann Jacobsen

Maryann Jacobsen is a family nutrition expert, freelance writer and consulting dietitian. She is co-author of *Fearless Feeding: How to Raise Healthy Eaters from High Chair to High School* and author of *From Picky to Powerful: Transform Your Outlook on Picky Eating and End Food Battles Forever*. Maryann is the founding editor of Raise Healthy Eaters, a popular blog about family nutrition. Her writing has appeared in Huffington Post, New York Times Motherlode, Los Angeles Times, Mind Body Green and She Knows. Maryann has been quoted in various publications including *Parents*, *Scholastic Parent & Child* and *American Profile* and has been featured on *Good Morning America*. Maryann speaks to groups about evidence-based strategies for raising healthy children. She presented at Academy of Nutrition and Dietetic's 2014 Food and Nutrition Conference on complementary feeding for infants. She is regularly asked to share her knowledge via webinars, radio shows and podcasts. Maryann started her career as an outpatient dietitian at Sharp HealthCare in San Diego. She has also worked as a nutrition educator, clinical dietitian and corporate dietitian. Maryann received her undergraduate degree in nutrition from San Diego State University and her master's degree in nutrition from the University of New Haven. She completed her dietetic internship at Touro Infirmary in New Orleans and is a registered dietitian. She is married and lives with her husband and two children in San Diego.



Mariah Marten-Ray

As a soon to be graduate from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo with a Bachelor of Science in Nutrition, Mariah has devoted her undergrad work to pursuing her interests in garden-enhanced nutrition education. While studying, she volunteers with Sprout Up, teaching environmental science lesson plans focused upon food systems to first graders at Bishops Peak Elementary School. She has been a mentor for the Morro Bay Guerilla Gardening Nonprofit Club where she has volunteered to establish and restore community gardens, manage compost education at local events, and facilitate a weekly dinner and urban gardening gathering for homeless young adults. Most recently Mariah has partnered with CAPSLO as their volunteer Garden Coordinator, working to gather community resources and volunteers to establish a sustainable Farm to Preschool educational program. After graduating, she aspires to join FoodCorps, a nationwide team of AmeriCorps leaders who partner with school districts to engage kids with gardening and real food to foster a nourishing environment.



Mary Ann Woods

IL. Field Operations Monitor

Mrs. Mary Ann Woods is a Field Operations Monitor for the Association for Child Development. Her job duties include conducting Home Reviews in the Chicagoland area and south suburbs, training new Monitors, assisting Providers with organization and CACAP compliance. She resides in Frankfort, Illinois.



Mia Cooper

Training Centers on Minute Menu CX

Mia Cooper has been with Minute Menu since 2007 and is passionate about the CACFP and feeding children. She works as the Junior Implementation Specialist to help Sponsors and Centers get started on the Minute Menu CX software.



Michelle Hawkes- Association for Child Development

Michelle has been a field monitor with the Child Development of Association for five years. Michelle was a Child Care Provider for 10 years before joining Association for Child Development.



Michelle Stickley, Association for Child Development

Field Monitor

Michelle Stickley has been a Field Monitor with ACD for over 20 years. She has presented numerous workshops throughout the state of Michigan. Michelle graduated from Grand Valley State University with a Bachelor's Degree in psychology with an emphasis on early childhood development.



Mimi Wu, MS, RD

Is a Nutritionist with the USDA's Food and Nutrition Service's Child Nutrition Programs, where she develops and promote nutrition education and technical assistance materials that support those participating in Child Nutrition Programs, with an emphasis on projects that support CACFP. Prior to this role, she served as a Public Health Nutritionist for Eat Well Play Hard in Child Care Centers, a SNAP-Ed program implemented in child care centers participating in CACFP in New York City. Mimi received her Bachelor of Science from Emory University in Neuroscience and Behavioral Biology and a Master of Science in Nutrition and Public Health from Teachers College Columbia University.



Nancy Johns, Association for Child Development

Field Monitor

Nancy Johns has been a Field monitor with Association for Child Development Food Program for twenty years as well as creating and presenting workshops and conferences for ACD. Before joining ACD Nancy was a daycare provider for twelve years.



Paula James

Director of the Contra Costa Child Care Council, Child Health and Nutrition Program. Working for over 30 years to improve the eating and activity environments in early care settings. Her program has developed tools to assist child care settings in assessing their nutrition and physical activity environments. Actively involved in advocacy for the Child and Adult Care Food Program and public policy efforts focused on prevention of childhood overweight. Paula serves on the board of the National Child and Adult Care Food Program Forum, chairs the Child Care Food Program Roundtable, serves on the Steering Committee of the CA Strategic Alliance. A member of USDA Paperwork Reduction Task Force and the USDA CACFP Technical Assistance Task Force.



Rachel Powell, PhD, CHES, CPH

Rachel is an ORISE Fellow in the Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, GA. She serves as the Operations Manager for Let's Move Child Care, a sub-initiative of Michelle Obama's Let's Move, which focuses on obesity prevention in children ages 0-5 years old in early child care and education settings.



Rebecca Benn

Nutritionist- Child Development Inc & Genevieve Pyeatt, Director of Nutrition and Health Education- Child Development Inc. Between both presenters, we have approximately 20 years of presentation experience. With backgrounds in food service, breastfeeding, and community nutrition along with current experience with the CCFP we will be able to provide relevant information for many different circumstances. Both presenters lead very active lifestyles, have participated in multiple sports and race events and have a huge passion for promoting physical activity within child care programs. The experience we have up to this point will help us provide a skillful presentation that will equip the audience ideas and curriculum for getting their child care staff and children up and moving while having fun.



Robert Gray, USDA

Regional Audit Manager, US Department of Agriculture, Office of Inspector General (Ret.) USDA Food Program Consultant for CACFP and SFSPC Sponsors and State Agencies. Elected City Council Member, Port Townsend, WA. Board Member: Olympic Community Action Programs (including CACFP) and Jefferson County YMCA (SFSPC sponsor and is a pending CACFP sponsor). I have experience working with organizations to resolve state found discrepancies and experience training state reviewers in conducting those reviews. I have trainer experience. (Forum roundtable state agency).



Rosa Romero

Rosa Romero, California State Lead for National Farm to School Network (Preschool Specialist) Farm to Preschool Program Director at the Urban & Environmental Policy Institute (UEPI) at Occidental College. Rosa's work involves creating nutrition and garden based preschool curricula, providing technical assistance for school gardens, outreaching to preschools and parents to advocate for healthy food access in schools, homes, and communities and working to create regional food

systems that support local farmers. She is a certified Master Gardener received her B.A. from UCLA in Urban Education and her MEd in Early Childhood Education from the University of Hawaii, Manoa.



Rosario Quintanilla, Public Affairs Specialist, FDA, HHS

Ms. Quintanilla has served the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for 24 years as the Senior Public Affairs Specialist (PAS) for the FDA's Los Angeles District. Her territory covers Southern California and Arizona. She has spearheaded and coordinated all communications with FDA diverse publics and strategized, implemented, and delivered program covering the agency's many public health messages. Manages all media and key official interactions with FDA offices, laboratories, and import operations. Delivers presentations varying from direct consumer education to professional presentations on FDA regulatory changes and other communication and marketing efforts. Ms. Quintanilla is a local Angeleno, and received her BA from the University of Southern California with honors.



Samantha Marshall

Manager ChildCareInfo.com

Samantha started her career with the CACFP community as a teenager working for a food program sponsor, getting first-hand experience with the detailed process of CACFP administration and the unique qualities of family child care providers. After getting her M.A. in English and experiencing the legal and publishing industries, she reacquainted herself with child care providers, CACFP, and the importance of health and wellness in the child care environment. Samantha is the manager of ChildCareInfo.com and manages social media for Minute Menu Systems. She is also on USDA's FNS CACFP Nutrition Technical Assistance Workgroup and Choose Health LA, Child Care Advisory Committee. Samantha has given classes about social media and free web resources for nonprofits at National CACFP Sponsors Association and Child Care Food Program Roundtable Conferences in multiple years. She has also presented at Wildwood CACFP Provider Conference and National Family Child Care Association Conferences.



Sandip Kaur

Sandip Kaur is the Director of the Nutrition Services Division (NSD) of the California Department of Education. Prior to her appointment as Director, Ms. Kaur served as Acting Director for one year and four months. From 2004 to 2011, Ms. Kaur served as the Chief of the Administration and Food Distribution Program in NSD for seven years and was instrumental in the design, development, and implementation of the Child Nutrition Information and Payment System. Ms. Kaur was also responsible for making the NSD's Food Distribution Program more cost effective for sponsors and competitive with private food distribution companies. She has nearly 29 years of experience in California State government and worked at the Department of Food and Agriculture, the Department of Corrections, and the Department of Personnel Administration before joining the NSD in May 2004.



Sasha Perez, R.D.

CDE, NSD, CACFP Specialist

Child Nutrition Consultant- Administrative reviews.



Sharon Woodward

My name is Sharon Woodward. I was a family child care licenser in Massachusetts for twenty years. I also owned and operated a large child care facility in Vermont and am the proud parent of three children. My variety of experiences has allowed me to say that I've licensed child care, provided child care, and purchased family child care for all three of my children. I feel like I've covered all the bases. I have a great deal of affection for family child care and its remarkable providers. You do amazing work, and quite frankly, you provide a service that very few of us could successfully replicate. It takes a very special set of skills to successfully interact with young children on a daily basis. It's one thing to talk about family child care; it's quite another thing to actually understand what is involved in operating a successful child care business out of your home. It is for that very reason that I and my partner, Donna Hurley, co-founded S&D Instructional Services. Our company, as well as our web-site, was designed specifically to support and encourage family child care providers. We really do understand the ever expanding challenges you face as small business owners and as professional child care providers.

Stephanie Collett

Stephanie Collett has presented several topics at past Roundtable Conferences over the past 16 years she has been employed with CDI/CDC.

Susan Still

Consultant, Brighton Training

Susan Still has worked with Child Nutrition Programs for over 25 years. Before retiring, Susan supervised both the Child and Adult Care Food Program and Summer Food Service Program for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. While working with Pennsylvania, Susan also served on USDA's Integrity Task force and training team developing the training materials and training state and federal staff. She presently is working with Pennsylvania and with Brighton Training Group to develop e-Learning lessons for CACFP and the SFSP at the state and sponsor levels.



Tom Copeland

Author, Child Care Provider Business Consultant

He's been as referred to as the nation's leading trainer, author and advocate on business issues for family child care providers since 1981. He worked to get the IRS to adopt the standard meal allowance rule in 2003. He is a licensed attorney and has presented hundreds of business workshops for family child care providers across the country each year. Answers thousands of calls and emails to help providers, trainers and tax preparers understand complex business and tax issues. From 1981-2009 he worked at Resources for Child Caring in St. Paul, Minnesota, where I was the director of Redleaf National Institute for 15 years. He has written nine books on family child care business issues published by Redleaf Press. He graduated from Macalester College (BA) in 1972 and from William Mitchell College of Law (JD) in 1980. Currently lives in St. Paul, Minnesota, with my wife Diane and two cats, Duke and Ella.

Tom Copeland is a renowned tax and child care business specialist. A licensed attorney, Tom graduated from Macalester College (BA) in 1972 and from William Mitchell College of Law (JD) in 1980. He trains thousands of family child care providers, trainers, and tax preparers each year on important business issues, including record keeping, taxes, marketing, contracts, and legal issues. Tom is also the author of many books and resources for family child care providers. Currently, he is a consultant for the National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC).

In 2003, he won the Friends of NAFCC Award from the National Association for Family Child Care. In 1998, he won the Child Care Advocate of the Year award from the Minnesota Licensed Family Child Care Association. He has represented numerous providers in IRS audits and has won three US Tax Court cases. In 2003, the IRS issued Revenue Procedure 2003-22 that allows family child care providers to use a standard meal allowance rate to claim food expenses. Tom was the author of the proposal that led to this rule. Stay updated on Family Child Care business issues with Tom Copeland's blog at www.tomcopelandblog.com, email Tom Copeland at tomcopeland@live.com.



Traci Mouw, MPH

Program Analyst Food and Nutrition Service, USDA

Traci Mouw joined FNS in 2011 as a Program Analyst in the CACFP and Summer Branch.

Most recently, Traci was instrumental in the development of GIS maps that allow State agencies and CACFP sponsors to identify underserved areas. Previously, Traci held positions with the Imperial College of London, School of Public Health and the Nutritional Epidemiology Branch within in the National Institutes of Health. Traci holds a Master of Public Health from the University of Minnesota and interests include local procurement, nutrition and agricultural education, and local and regional food systems.



Ms. Wendy Minarik

Wendy Minarik, Registered Dietitian Nutritionist, working with CAPSLO as their Nutrition Coordinator where she serves >2000 Headstart children (both regional and migrant programs) . Current agency interventions to optimize the nutrition practice of the staff & families she serves, include a weight management set of workshops and Farm to Preschool

& Farm to Table activities . Education; BS Nutrition Science-California Polytechnic University San Luis Obispo, Masters Public Policy CPSLO concentration in Health Policy.Recreational gardener since childhood and community volunteer in life local congregate feeding programs since the 1980s in SF & SLO, and a founding member of homeless organization ECHO in Atascadero, CA. Serves in the state Medical Reserve Corps and as the Nutrition Care Chief for 352 Combat Support Hospital Army Reserve unit in Northern California.