



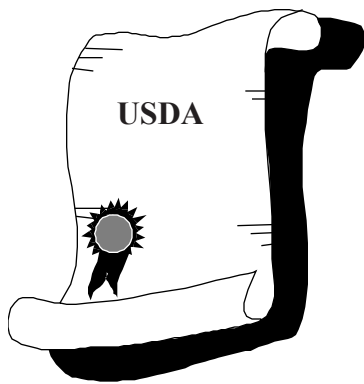
Roundtable news

A bimonthly newsletter on nutrition policy and legislation concerning the child and adult care food program

JUNE 2002

RT MEMBER RECEIVES USDA AWARD

Stephanie Clarke from the 4C's of Alameda County was on hand Friday to receive an award from USDA's Western Regional Administrator, Allen Ng. Stephanie's organization was only one of three to receive the prestigious award this year. The other two were state administering agencies. Her award was for "outstanding training and technical assistance activities for providers." Mr. Ng praised her garden projects and multicultural "tasting passport" ideas. Stephanie then briefed members on how she approached Wal-Mart and Home Depot for funds and supplies to train and assist family child care providers to set up gardens to encourage new and different foods from other countries in their newsletters and recipes. Stephanie also featured and recipes from other countries in her newsletter. She created the "tasting passport" idea for children to try new foods. Children learned how to say please and thank you in different languages, and were encouraged to taste the different foods. For each they tried they were given a special "visa" sticker for their "passport." Stephanie said she tries many different things each March for National Nutrition Month. We are fortunate that she has agreed to conduct a workshop on these and other ideas at the Roundtable conference in Anaheim in October.



Stephanie tried foods from other countries in her monthly newsletter and then "tasting passport" to get children to try the new

Congratulations Stephanie!

San Francisco, May 17, 2002

CHAIR REPORT

Paula James welcomed the Roundtable and gave the following brief introductory remarks and announcements. She thanked Cheryl Magid, from the Children's Council of San Francisco for providing the refreshments and USDA for the nice meeting room.

Child Nutrition Reauthorization & USDA's May 8 Hearing: To help prepare its own recommendations for the upcoming Child Nutrition Reauthorization, the USDA held listening sessions around the country Paula reported. The Western Region session was May 8 in San Francisco. Under Secretary (for Food, Nutrition & Consumer Services) Eric Bost, Dr. Peter Murano (Deputy Administrator for Special Nutrition Programs) and other dignitaries took the testimony. Paula James was invited and spoke for the

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CCFP Roundtable (*a copy of her testimony is available at our web site*). Carolyn Brown provided testimony in her capacity as incoming President of the NACACFPP and as acting Marilyn Briggs. Stephanie Clarke brought a provider that spoke quite eloquently. Ken Hecht offered that he heard three-four key themes from the 50+ people that testified for 3-4 minutes each: a) a new emphasis on childhood obesity prevention, b) an emphasis on program simplification and consolidation, c) paperwork reduction and d) eliminating tiering (or increasing Tier II reimbursement), and e) program underutilization. He went on to suggest that this session was different in that there was greater emphasis and focus on the high cost of living out here and high transportation costs. It is unrealistic he felt to utilize just one family size and income standard nationwide. Paula added that WIC was very well represented with several state and local representatives and clients testifying while only two state directors from Western Region states testified on CACFP issues. Carolyn Brown advised that her testimony on behalf of Marilyn Briggs and the NACACFPP emphasized the need for more nutrition education.

Under Secretary Bost stressed that there are no additional funds and USDA is not in a position to appropriate funding. That however did not seem to stop speakers who asked for many things including, a return of Nutrition Education & Training Program funding - a recurring theme, universal school meals, and a return of Food Service Equipment Assistance funding.

More on Childhood Obesity: Paula highlighted several recent editorials on this recurring theme including one in the San Francisco Chronicle which maintained, "Obviously, the solution to the obesity problem begins at home, with parents learning about nutrition and exercise and helping their children develop healthy habits." In the CACFP we are well positioned to facilitate dissemination of that message. The editorial goes on to implore, "California legislators could help by passing three bills: SB1868 .. and AB1793... would force

schools to improve physical education. SB1520 ... requires schools to remove soda from all campuses within five years." We need to get involved, Paula admonished, by writing letters to the editor and partnering in our communities with agencies in the struggle. She sees the only way to receive additional grant funding in the near term is through collaborations on preventing childhood obesity. That is where the focus will be for some time to come.

BREAKOUT SESSION

At the Roundtable Meeting on May 17 in San Francisco, for the breakout session, we brain stormed training ideas. Our instructions to the group were to consider what the training needs were for themselves or their staffs on program and non-program areas. They were not to restrain themselves considering who, where, when, or how much. Just if they could receive training what would they like to help manage their food programs better? We came up with a comprehensive list of 31 topics which we emailed to all members asking for their input and top ten priorities **by June 21**. To date we have only received 11 responses! If you have not seen the list or responded please contact Ed at 925-686-0522. We will be sharing this information with CDE NSD and considering many of the topics for future conference workshops and/or breakout sessions at future Roundtable meetings. Our customer service is only as good as your feedback.

CONFERENCE REPORT

Our 11th Annual CCFP Sponsors' Conference in Anaheim is fast approaching! October 15-18 is closer than you think. Your program committee is putting final touches on great keynote addresses, an informative pre-conference session, an extraordinary set of 48 workshops, an exciting "Spa Day" experience for Friday morning and a great fun optional evening event at Medieval Times! Don't miss this one. The registration brochures should be completed by the end of June and mailed in early July. Watch for them. Also by mid to late June we should have the web site updated with the latest conference plans.

NUTRITION SERVICES DIVISION

Suzanna Nye, Manager of the Field Services Unit welcomed the participants and began the state report.

Seriously Deficient Sponsors: Suzanna reported that she has recently completed an in-depth review of seriously deficient sponsors in the state. In all she found 36, all but four of which she feels are on the road to successful corrective

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action at this time. She said it was her goal to help sponsors become successful. She has asked her staff to turn in workplans to show how agencies over the next few months can be brought back off the determination of serious deficiency. Paula asked if she had taken into account our concerns as expressed in the past two meetings about access issues in Southern California. Sponsors in critical areas should be “brought back” as soon as possible to insure providers have access.

Issues and Trends: Suzanna reported that in her analysis of seriously deficient sponsors she has detected certain problems or trends that need to be addressed. They included:

- Standard business practices/systems - many sponsors are not following these.
- Properly documenting how program funds are expended.
- Inconsistent answers by NSD staff - Suzanna admitted that some of her staff are uncomfortable with questions dealing with the fiscal areas. Her goal is to standardize information dissemination and monitoring.
- Menu issues.

Other general concerns included:

- Sanitation issues.
- Underutilized collaboration with Head Start - Suzanna would like to encourage sponsors to reach out to Head Start folks for skills and access.

Management Bulletins: Linda Rivera, from the PREP Unit, and Carolyn Brown reported on the recent backlog of bulletins made available at the meeting. Linda advised that they had completed work on a number of bulletins but about 15 more are in the works. She is also working on the renewal applications which she advised will be more succinct this year. Paula reminded state staff of previous commitments and asked if we might review the forms before they go out this Summer. They agreed. Noteworthy recent bulletins included:

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Child Care Food Program Roundtable is to promote health and well-being of children in child care through providing leadership and advocating for enhanced and expanded CCFP.

- **MB 02-208 Terminations and Appeals of Family Child Care Homes** - The Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000 (ARPA or PL 106-224) required implementation of this requirement upon enactment. Accordingly, USDA issued this policy bulletin to assist states and sponsors to comply prior to the issuance of interim regulations (expected this summer). Under these guidelines, sponsors may not terminate a provider for “cause” without first giving appeal rights and holding a hearing as necessary. This bulletin answers some questions regarding putting the process in place.
- **MB 02-211 Use of “Stop Payments”** - This bulletin again clarifies changes to the program made by ARPA. Sponsors and providers may not have their payments suspended or stopped as a corrective action measure without following specific procedures, except under narrowly defined conditions. They must be given appeal rights. This bulletin clarifies policy.
- **MB 02-215 Elementary School Free and Reduced Price Meal Eligibility Data** - This bulletin refers to the data generally referred to as the “school list.” According to Carolyn Brown the data should be available on the state’s web site the week of May 20. This bulletin announces that it is also available on CD-ROM by contacting David Lawhorn at 916-323-9502. It also clarifies that the new school data must be used by sponsors no later than to June 1.
- **MB 02-402 Cash In Lieu Option** - This bulletin refers to commodities or cash in lieu. In the past NSD allowed center sponsors to choose commodities are cash-in-lieu. Effective October 1, 2002, however, sponsors will no longer have the option. The NSD has decided to eliminate the commodity option as very few CACFP sponsoring agencies have chosen that option and the handling costs have become cost prohibitive. However we had been advised at the Roundtable Advisory Committee meeting on May 16 that under certain circumstances agencies currently receiving commodities might be able to continue. Interested parties are to call Carol Guenther-Wilson at 916-324-9875.

Kelley Knapp Reports: Kelley reported that the new Food Buying Guide was mailed out. If sponsors would like to receive another copy they may download one at: schoolmeals.nal.usda.gov/, they may call their Field Services

Representative to request a CD or they may order more from the National Food Service Management Institute (NFSMI) this Fall at www.nfsmi.org. Kelley also shared several wonderful new nutrition education materials that will be mailed out to sponsors this Summer including: *Making Nutrition Count for Children* (for centers) and *Menu Magic for Children* (for homes), *Meal Pattern Charts* (for homes and centers), *Child Care Tips* poster (food safety tips in English & Spanish for homes), food safety packets mini-poster (for centers). These were from USDA so additional copies may be ordered at NFSMI in English and Spanish. In addition, a Management Bulletin has been mailed to all sponsors with an order form for free *Fight Back!* materials. Sponsors are encouraged to order these food safety materials.

Carolyn Brown closed the state report by stating that NSD is aware of the impact staff turn over in recent years has had on the Roundtable and wants to insure us that the care and concern for the CACFP that we are accustomed to will become institutionalized. Staff will be participating in the Roundtable that are actively involved in administration of the program and that will be able to answer our questions.

USDA

Janet Allen, Director of Special Nutrition Programs for USDA's Western Regional Office, gave the brief USDA report. She highlighted some resources sponsors should be aware of:

- **NFSMI:** First, she reminded members that the National Food Service Management Institute (NFSMI) is the place to go to get additional copies of great USDA materials such as the new Food Buying Guide. The USDA develops the materials, does the initial distribution through the state agencies (NSD here in California) and then makes them available to NFSMI. The USDA has contracted with them to maintain inventories of USDA developed materials and make them available at a nominal charge to interested parties. To find out more, be sure to visit their web site at: www.nfsmi.org. At the site, select "Resource Guide" and then click on "Child Care Program Materials Brochure." You will find many interesting things here including the *CARE Connection* video lesson series, *Food & Me: Teacher's Kit for Grades Pre K-K*, *Go, Glow, Grow: Foods for You* and much much more. Also click on "Newsletter" to find back issues of the *Mealtime Memo for Child Care* (formerly *What's Cooking*) with articles on topics including:

"Internet Resources for CACFP," "Feeding Infants: The First Twelve Months," "Nutrition & Cognitive Development," "Special Needs Care for Young Children."

- **FDIC Money Smart:** Janet mentioned a Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) adult education campaign known as the *Money Smart* training program. It consists of 10 training modules covering basic financial topics including: "Bank on It," "Borrowing Basics," "Money Matters," "Charge it Right," "Your Own Home," etc. She suggested that it might be good information to share with our low-income providers and/or parents. Questions may be directed to the *Money Smart* voice mailbox at 202-942-3404 or the San Francisco Regional Office at 415-808-8115.
- **MARO Provider Video:** At the recent FRAC conference in Washington, DC, members were able to view a great 10 minute video produced by the Mid-Atlantic Regional Office of USDA on best practices for family child care providers. Reese Payton reported to the members that he had just found out that one copy for every sponsor will be reproduced and sent out through the state agency.
- **New Food Buying Guide Update:** At the January Roundtable meeting when the new *Food Buying Guide* was first discussed, members asked how much had changed and asked if it were possible to receive a summary of the changes. Reese advised that they have determined that so much has changed in the new guide that such a listing would be prohibitive. But he did point out that for the most part the changes were not significant and implementation of the new guidelines will not be until October 1, 2003. Carolyn Brown then mentioned that NSD will be doing training on the new guide at its Fall Conference and again at our conference in October in Anaheim. As the new guide does not include infants, Reese reiterated that a new *Feeding Infants* guide will come out shortly.

CALIFORNIA FOOD POLICY ADVOCATES

Farm Bill Passes: Ken advised that the President signed the Farm Bill on Monday May 13. The Food Stamp Program had some significant changes, to correct problems in the original welfare reform legislation, which he briefly enumerated as the program does impact our low-income providers and parents. The bill included \$6.4 billion in new funding over 10 years; certain legal immigrant that had been

excluded have had their benefits restored; there will be more state options and reform to quality control guidelines; some of the mechanics of the program that had been a disincentive to outreach have been changed. And finally, Ken announced that in the Governor's May revise the state has scrapped the monthly reporting and gone to quarterly.

State Legislative Update: Ken highlighted various pieces of state legislation that we should support:

- **AB2395** - this bill would require a number of the lowest performing schools on the "API" test to serve breakfast. As of May 24 it had moved out the Assembly Appropriations Committee and is on its way to the Senate Education Committee. For more information on this bill or others listed here, visit CFPA's "2002 Legislative Tracking" site for fact sheets, bill history and status.
- **AB2415** - would impact the current auto resource limit in the Food Stamp Program. Currently the limit is set at \$4,650. This bill would have excluded one car from the limit but it appears dead as of now.
- **SB19** - this bill would mandate that elementary schools serve more nutritious meals and remove vending machines. It also provided for pilot programs at middle and high schools. An RFA for the pilot programs has been issued. Schools have until June 14, 2002 to apply for the grants to develop policies on the district and/or school levels to remove the competitive foods in vending machines. There are \$25k grants for districts to develop district-wide policies and/or \$250k grants for individual schools to implement such policies. The grants must involve the community in the project and sponsors are encouraged to get involved.
- **SB1520** - the so-called soda bill was changed as a result of strong lobbying against its provisions. It was to have extended SB19 to middle and high schools over a five year period. On May 21 the Senate Ed Committee voted 8-1 against the bill under heavy lobbying by CTA and others; it appears dead.

Summer Food Service Program: Ken briefly discussed the importance of the Summer Food Service Program to our low-income providers and parents and said CFPA has an excellent report on it called *School's Out - Who Ate?* It is at CFPA's web site www.cfpa.net.

Rikki Grubb Vacancy: Ken advised that a job description

for Rikki's replacement is posted currently on CFPA's web site. They are actively seeking candidates. If sponsors know of someone please encourage them to apply.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

New OIG Report: In April USDA OIG issued Audit Report 27010-7-KC (It is available at the OIG web site: www.usda.gov/oig/). The audit is a limited scope audit looking at large family child care home sponsor provider claims payment systems and controls. Six of the eight largest sponsors in the nation were audited. They concluded that improvements were needed in controls over program payments and operations, that systems did not always detect or prevent "block claiming," and that systems did not always detect questionable claims for meals served every single day of the month including weekends and holidays. They registered concerns for providers claiming less than \$10/month in reimbursement, providers claiming substantially more children than observed on visits, providers with no records and providers with records completed for the month. In total they questioned \$2.4 million from a total reimbursement of \$137.9 million (less than 2%). The six sponsors they reviewed had a total of 22,535 providers. Of those they specifically found only: 363 whose meal claims appeared to be block claims, 62 claiming all days in the year, 23 whose claims exceeded the maximum amount possible based on total children enrolled times days in the month, 64 providers with reimbursements under \$10, 12 claiming for ineligible months and 2 with duplicate addresses. The bottom line to us is that these numbers do not point to pervasive system failures but to isolated instances. It is our understanding that OIG hopes to use the results of this audit to bolster its claims during the final discussions on the integrity rule and on the interim rule expected on ARPA (PL106-224). We don't feel the case has been made. Sponsors however are admonished to review their payment systems to insure they contain adequate controls to catch potential problems like those specified above.

Impact of State Budget Crunch on Us: Carolyn Brown reported that at this juncture necessary travel has not been impacted. However, it is difficult to fill vacancies. Their concern presently is for state funding which supports several activities. Training now requires extra hoops but is not impossible. Carolyn went on to report that she had learned that "deficiency funding" for state meal money is proposed to be eliminated. The Governor's budget seems to say that if state meal money runs out in a year due to increases in meals over projections, they will not go back and request

additional “deficiency” funds to fulfill their obligation to the end of the year. As this could be critical we will continue to monitor it and report as soon as we hear anything definitive.

NACACFPP Meets in New York: Carolyn Brown is the new president elect of the National Association of CACFP Professionals. The group is made up primarily of state staff working on the CACFP (the Roundtable is an affiliate member). At their meeting in New York City in March they discussed CN Reauthorization. One recommendation they are making is for a blended rate for family child care providers - something NOT supported by the Roundtable, FRAC or the Forum. They are looking for ways, Carolyn pointed out, to simplify administration of the program. They would also like to focus more on nutrition and physical activity. Laurel Branen and Janice Fletcher from the University of Idaho, who will present our pre-conference in October, presented on the importance of family style meal service using a great video. We plan to have them repeat the presentation in Anaheim. Finally Carolyn advised that as the new president she would like to place more focus on customer service and access, nutrition education and reduction of paperwork and be more proactive with USDA.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Ed reported that we have 181 paid members as of today. Thanks for renewing. There is strength in numbers.

LOOK □ Advisory Committee Nominations Open:

It is time once again to elect new members to the Roundtable Advisory Committee (AC). You may recall that we try to maintain 15 members that serve three-year terms, five of which come up for re/election each year, plus occasional ad hoc members. Due to resignations and vacancies on the board we have three (3) uncontested openings and two members seeking reelection. They are: Vita Sanchez and Terry Talavera. On occasion other members have also asked to resign. Accordingly, we are asking all members that are interested to complete an Advisory Committee Nominee Application and return it by July 12, 2002 (copies are available on the Roundtable web site under “What’s New” or by contacting Ed at 925-686-0522 or mred94523@earthlink.net).

Advisory Committee membership is open to all Roundtable members with a willingness to serve and the financial resources to attend meetings. Members must be willing to participate on one or more conference planning committees each year, such as the program, vendor, hospitality, sales,

packet, registration, monitor or raffle/door prize committees. In addition, members must be willing and able to participate in most of the AC meetings (3-4 per year min.), and to contribute to other ad hoc committees as necessary. It is a lot of work but a great opportunity to develop your leadership and communication skills, to communicate with state and federal administrators and to become active in setting the future direction of the Roundtable.

At the Lake Tahoe Roundtable Meeting on July 19, nominees will be presented and given an opportunity to speak if they are in attendance. Ballots are then mailed by August 16, due back by September 13. The new board will be announced at the September meeting and in the October newsletter.

UPDATES SINCE THE MEETING

Outstanding Newsletter Questions: Recently, NSD responded to a series of unanswered questions from past newsletters. The questions and answers are reprinted below as they appeared in the noted editions from 2001:

JULY (AUG 9)

#11 p 7: Q. The budget this year does not include a rate for daily incidentals when traveling. Can sponsors include \$6 per day per person incidental rate? **A.** Sponsor travel rates generally follow what is allowed to state employees. Since we are allowed \$6 per day for incidentals, so will sponsors. Evidently, more will be said during 796-2 training (*editor’s note: 796-2 Rev 3 makes it clear that it is up to the sponsor to set the rate. It should be the one used by all employees of an organization -not just those on CACFP -and must meet the “reasonableness” rule*).

MAY (JUN 12)

#4 p 7: Q. With respect to new computerized systems, will sponsors now have a budget line item for the purchase of software and/or technical assistance to providers who need it to implement such systems? **A.** In the proposed 2002-03 administrative budget, the hiring of a computer consultant must be listed under Line Item 3, Professional Services; the purchase of computer software could be listed under Line Item 9, Durable Supplies and Expendable Materials and Supplies.

#6 p 7: Q. When will the 2000 Census be available and when will it be available on Landview? **A.** This question must be directed to USDA (*it usually takes 2-3 years to*

get data in the detail necessary to have it be useful for tiering determinations based on our experience with the 1990 Census).

MARCH (APR 6)

#1 p 4: Q. How can CDE make the school list effective prior to the date received (by the sponsor)? Why can't CDE make the new list effective later after sponsors receive it? **Discussion:** 7 CFR Part 226.6(f)(9) requires that the school list be made available by February 15 if based on October data; there is no mention of the effective date. In early guidance on the subject, USDA stated that, "in order to implement the two-tiered reimbursement structure by July 1, 1997, the forthcoming interim regulation will require that, no later than February 15, 1997, each school food authority provide the NSLP State agency with a list of all elementary schools under its jurisdiction in which 50 percent. . . No later than March 15, 1997, the NSLP State agency must consolidate the information provided by school food authorities. . . The CACFP State agency, in turn, will be required to provide all sponsoring organizations in the state with this information no later than April 1, 1997." It seems to us that if USDA envisioned sponsors having 90 days (4/1/97-7/1/97) to implement tiering with the school list then, that 90 days to implement a current school list is not unreasonable. As CDE generally makes the list available in late April each year it does not therefore seem unreasonable to allow until July 1 to make the change effective. This would also correspond on an annual basis quite well with the July 1, 1997 implementation date and insure providers are not approved for more than 3 even years. **A.** *According to MB 02-215 the new list is effective June 1.*

#2 p 4: Q. What is the status of the Abt Study on tiering? **A.** This question must be directed to USDA (*it is our understanding that the study has been released but there are serious questions on its validity*).

#8 p 5: Q. Are parent sign-in and out sheets required by regulations? **Discussion:** Certain CDE staff have been citing sponsors for failure to maintain parental sign-in and out records for shift care. The question is are in and out records required and must they include parental documentation or may a provider maintain in and out records on her own? USDA WRO All Points Bulletin CACF-96-25 states, "Neither sponsor review of nor provider maintenance of time in/out records is required, except in the case of shift care. For shift care, in/out records must be maintained by the provider to assure compliance with licensed capacity limits, and the

in/out records should be reviewed by the sponsor during claim processing. If a provider does not offer shift care but local law requires the provider to maintain in/out records anyway, the provider does not need to submit the in/out records for review by the sponsor during claim processing." **A.** CDE agrees with USDA memo cited above.

#1 p 5: Q. This question is concerning CDE Management Bulletin 00-212 which requires that provider appeals be heard by "an independent and impartial appeal official." Please define what constitutes an independent and impartial official for large and small sponsors as well as sponsors that are or are not part of a larger organization. **Discussion:** Sponsors wondered whether their board would have to hear appeals. Others suggested perhaps an appeal board could be made up of other sponsors and/or providers. Still others suggested that CDE hear appeals. Further guidance is needed. **A.** Please refer to MB 02-208, the last question in Section II, Provider Appeal Rights.

#2 p 6: Q. This question is concerning CDE Management Bulletin 00-212 which states that a family day care home (FDCH) may transfer from one sponsor to another only once a year. Will this rule also apply to providers that drop from one sponsor and then join another three months later? How will CDE track providers to insure the requirement is met? **A.** The RIM Unit is tracking provider transfers through provider license numbers (*for further guidance we will have to wait for the Interim Regulations*).

#3 p 6: Q. This question is concerning CDE Management Bulletin 00-212 with respect to staffing standards. Will such standards consider the differences between agencies? Some agencies have monitors that only visit homes; in other agencies the monitor spends several days each month in the office performing edit checks on provider claims or other administrative duties. How can we compare apples and oranges? **A.** The Interim Regulations will address the issue of staffing standards; such regulations should be issued late summer or early fall.

#4 p 6: Q. This question is concerning CDE Management Bulletin 00-220 concerning the 45 day limit for providers to report an income after reporting zero income. With only 45 days a provider will not have received its first program reimbursement. How can it accurately report income under these circumstances? **Discussion:** (*editor's note: A provider may know the amount of income it can expect for child care from the parents within 45 days but reimbursement is difficult. If the provider is Tier I or Tier II it could*

compute its own reimbursement using the rates but if it is mixed it will be more difficult as confidentiality comes into play. 90 days, though contrary to the regs is more realistic) A. The 45-day follow-up was in response to a USDA stipulation contained in our 2000 Management Evaluation (*its in the regs!*).

WEB SITES FOR MAY 2002:

- **www.intelihealth.com/IH/ihtIH/WSIHW000/408/408.html** - IntelliHealth web site sponsored by Aetna. Features Harvard Medical School's "Consumer Health Information." See for instance "Fitness" or "Desk Exercises."
- **www.usda.gov/oc/photo/opclibra.htm** - USDA Online Photo Library.
- **www.nal.usda.gov/fnic/etext/000005.html#xtocid238182** - Food & Nutrition Information Center's Art & Images page.
- **www.nal.usda.gov/wicworks/index.html** - The web site of the WIC Program. Includes information on breastfeeding, childhood obesity, food safety, infant nutrition and much more.
- **www.nhsa.org/index.html** - The National Head Start Association web site.
- **www.nncc.org/Maintitles/kidcare.page.html** - Kidcare is the National Network for Child Care's public email discussion group for child care providers, parents, others in child care professions.
- **www.naccrra.net** - National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies
- **www.nafcc.org** - National Association of Family Child Care.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR
THE NEXT TWO ROUNDTABLE MEETINGS**

FRIDAY, JULY 19, 2002, 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM
Harrah's Lake Tahoe, 2nd Floor Convention Area
 Stateline, NV

LODGING INFORMATION : You are encouraged to stay at Harrah's as they have graciously donated the meeting space. Their number is 1-800-427-7247. Other hotels in the area include:

Embassy Suites 1-800-362-2779
 Forest Inn Suites 1-800-822-5950
 Lakeland Village 1-800-822-5969
 Station House Inn 1-800-822-5953
 Lake Tahoe Inn 1-800-972-8557
 Holiday Inn Express 1-800-544-5288
 Motel 6 1-530-542-1400

DIRECTIONS: *From Sacto/Bay Area* – take Hwy 80 to Hwy 50. Follow Hwy 50 into and through So. Lake Tahoe and over the state line. Harrah's Casino is the first casino on the right (just past Embassy Suites). There is free parking around the back; valet is basically the cost of a tip. *From Reno/Tahoe Airport* – A shuttle service is available from the airport to all the casinos for a \$17 one-way/\$30 round-trip (Tahoe Casino Express 1-800-446-6128). If coming by rental car, take Hwy 395 to Carson City, then Hwy 50 up to So. Lake Tahoe. Harrah's is the last casino on your left before you cross over into California.

The **Advisory Committee Meeting** is at the El Dorado County Library on Rufus Allen Blvd. (same as last year), Thursday, July 18, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. To get there from the west, turn right onto Rufus Allen Blvd (a lighted intersection, where the road meets the water, Pizza Hut on the corner) library is on the right about 1/8 mile (before the campgrounds).



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2002, 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM
Chicano Federation Offices
 404 Mile of Cars Way (E 24th St.), Suite D, National City

LODGING INFORMATION: The following hotels are close to the office (all are in 91950 zip code).
 Red Lion Inn & Suites, 801 National City Blvd., National City, 619-336-1100, 3 stars in AAA, \$89-99.
 Holiday Inn, 700 National City Blvd., National City, 619-474-2800, 3 stars AAA, \$99.
 Howard Johnson, 521 Roosevelt Ave., National City, 619-474-6517, 2 stars AAA, \$55-75.
 Comfort Inn, 1645 Plaza Blvd., National City, 619-474-2400, 3 stars AAA, \$59-109.

DIRECTIONS: The office is about 10-12 miles south of airport off Interstate 5. Take the E 24th Street Exit and proceed East perhaps ¼ mile. Office is on right just before Hoover Ave.

Call Joan LaRocque at (619) 465-4500 for more information

The **Advisory Committee Meeting** is Thursday, September 19th, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, at the same location.