



# Roundtable news

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

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## BATTLE OVER BUDGET BEGINS

In the weeks running up to the March 20 Roundtable meeting, advocates including the Roundtable were concerned primarily for the opportunities, limited as they seemed, for making modest improvements in the program during this year's Child Nutrition reauthorization process. We had admonished you in past newsletters to get involved, write a letter to or call your elected officials in support of specific recommendations. Then on March 12 the House Budget Committee approved a budget for 2004 that contained massive tax cuts and draconian cuts in domestic programs (including \$12 billion in Food Stamps and \$6 billion in child nutrition programs) to pay for the administration's proposed tax cuts. On March 18 and 19 we sent out email alerts asking you to get involved, to make a call to your Congressperson (during the Children's Defense Fund Call-in Day) and tell them you did not support the massive tax cuts nor the cuts in domestic programs. Regrettably On March 21 the full House approved the budget on a "largely party line vote." Attention then turned to the Senate and members were again asked to contact their Senators in email alerts of March 25 and 27. On March 26, according to FRAC, "the Senate adopted, by voice vote, a Sense of the Senate Resolution opposing cuts in domestic nutrition programs...just prior to passage of its version of the FY 2004 Budget Resolution." The Senate's version while still containing steep tax cuts (\$350 billion) did not include the House's deep budget cuts. It is now up to House and Senate conferees to reach a compromise budget.

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Los Angeles, March 21, 2003

### CHAIR REPORT

Paula James welcomed the Roundtable and gave the following brief introductory remarks and announcements. She thanked Andrea Howlett, from Crystal Stairs for providing the refreshments and nice meeting room.

**FRAC/Forum Conference:** Paula reported that she and Ed attended the February 21-25 conference and Forum board meeting. She encouraged Roundtable members to join the Forum and extolled the virtues of attending the leadership conference in Washington, DC. It is a joint conference with the National CACFP

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In this same charged atmosphere Congress is moving forward on the child nutrition reauthorization process. The Administration’s broad priorities include program access, integrity and school environments. The Senate Agriculture Committee’s first of three hearing on reauthorization concentrated on school lunch (coinciding with the ASFSA conference). Under Secretary Eric Bost testified at the second (*read his testimony at [www.fns.usda.gov](http://www.fns.usda.gov) – under his photo click on “testimony.”*). Lynn Goering, the President of the CACFP Forum, should testify at a final hearing. The House Education and Workforce Committee will also be holding hearings in late spring. George Miller, the ranking Democrat on the Committee is providing leadership. When you contact legislators on reauthorization, keep in mind that the anti-obesity message resonates well with staff.

Back on the budget front, House and Senate conferees have already begun having informal discussions, according to FRAC, and could wrap up the matter soon. It is still not too late to contact your members of Congress and urge them to oppose any Budget Conference Agreement that contains cuts in nutrition programs.



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**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.

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Forum and America’s Second Harvest and includes hunger and CACFP leaders from around the country. It provides an excellent opportunity to network with people from the broader food and nutrition advocacy community. Ed briefly highlighted this year’s inspirational speakers including former Congressman Tom Downey, political commentator Marc Shields and Under Secretary Eric Bost. With an emphasis on impending Child Nutrition Reauthorization hearings and legislation there were several workshops dealing with National School Lunch and Summer Food Service Program issues. CACFP workshops included: Promoting CACFP: It’s Time for a Change; Creating Resources Through CACFP Partnerships; Innovative State Agency CACFP Initiatives; Best Practices for Preserving CACFP Program Participation and Staff Spirit; Emerging Issues in Child Nutrition Reauthorization; USDA Management Improvement Initiative; Reach One, Teach One: CACFP Training Should Count.

**Interim Rule Training Materials Task Force:**  
Paula reported that she had just returned from Washington, DC, where she had participated in a task force of federal, state and local experts to review training materials being developed by USDA to assist state agencies in training sponsors on the Interim Rule. She said the materials are quite comprehensive and in four modules: eligibility and application review – sponsors; serious deficiency and appeals – sponsors; serious deficiency and appeals – homes; and suspensions. The training, she felt, should take a day to cover and in fact Janice did confirm below in the NSD Report that they are planning three full-day sessions for family child care sponsors.

**Washington State's Creditable Food Guide Available in Spanish:** While at the above task force meeting, Paula spoke with Carol Griffith, CACFP administrator for Washington, who advised her that they have recently completed translating their Creditable Food Guide into Spanish. It is available on the state's web site at [www.k12.wa.us/childnutrition](http://www.k12.wa.us/childnutrition); scroll down to "Publications" and click on English or Spanish PDF formats.

**Childhood Obesity Campaign Update:** The Roundtable, along with the California Adolescent Nutrition and Fitness Program, California Center for Public Health Advocacy, California Food Policy Advocates, California Project Lean, California WIC Association and others, is part of the Strategic Alliance Steering Committee, Paula advised. They in turn are working with the Center for Science in the Public Interest on a project to look at the negative affects of corporate advertising on children and their nutrition and physical activity choices. Paula was pleased to announce that they have added a preschool component to their intervention strategy. To join the alliance you can contact Leslie Mikkelsen at [StrategicAlliance@preventioninstitute.org](mailto:StrategicAlliance@preventioninstitute.org). Or find out more at the following web site: [www.preventioninstitute.org/strategic.html](http://www.preventioninstitute.org/strategic.html).

Paula went on to advise that the CEOs of health foundations are making pediatric obesity a priority now. Members are encouraged to seek funding under the oft-repeated theme of CACFP providing early intervention.

### **BREAKOUT**

With all that is happening on the state and federal legislative fronts we thought it prudent during the breakout session to revisit the importance of and methods to contact your elected representatives. Help them to associate the CACFP with a face; let them know how many of their constituents benefit from the healthy foods, nutrition education and on-site monitoring the program provides (refer to headline stories in past issues of the Roundtable News – Oct 2002, Feb 2003). Members were given copies of three valuable handouts, available on-line, to assist them: *5 Easy Steps to a Successful*

*Legislative Visit* (available at [www.ccfproundtable.org](http://www.ccfproundtable.org) along with other valuable resources under "What's New – CN Reauthorization"); *Take a Picture, Tell a Story* and a sample model release form (available at [www.cacfpforum.org](http://www.cacfpforum.org) under "Advocacy & Legislation"). Participants had a number of creative ideas for contacting their legislators and making a statement about the importance of maintaining the CACFP during these crazy times. Legislators are scheduled to return home in the coming weeks for a Spring break – what better time to call?

### **ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Ongoing Discussion with NSD on Policy Issues:** Over the past several months Advisory Committee members and NSD staff have had discussions on several policy issues requiring further guidance to insure consistent implementation by sponsors and enforcement by state staff. The Roundtable recommends that all such policies be put in writing as either Management Bulletins or as revisions to the Management Manual. Among the many issues are the following:

- **School Boundary Changes-** The school list comes out generally in April and is effective on May 1 but school boundary changes generally happen in September. Members have asked if a provider is approved for Tier I on May 1 would they have to change in September if the school changed due to a boundary change. We agreed that the best policy is to maintain the three year rule. In the above example the provider approved in May would keep that Tier I designation for three years despite any boundary changes to the contrary the following three Septembers. New providers to the area, however, would have to follow the new school attendance area. NSD has agreed to explore this issue further and issue guidance.
- **Follow-Up Reviews -** This is also an issue we have been talking about at Roundtable meetings for years. What level of non-compliance should require a follow-up visit

to a home or center? It is an issue because it is subject to a wide range of interpretations by sponsors as well as NSD staff. We discussed the issue at length again here and agreed that it is impossible to set any exact triggers because the circumstances are so varied between facilities. We did agree to some basic principles: a) it should be up to the sponsor to decide, b) it should be based on systemic problems at the facility and not merely a set number of day's missing records (for example), and c) it might be something included in the management plan. We also agreed that some materials on best practices would be helpful for both sponsors and state staff enforcing the provisions.

- **Infant Menus** - One of our members asked us to clarify infant menu recordkeeping requirements after their corrective action plan was denied following a review. At issue was whether the sponsor must use one of two "sample" infant menu records, last issued in Management Bulletin 00-805, or whether they can use a form of their design, one approved in several previous state reviews. The issue seems to be whether sponsors are obligated by regulation to record infant menus by specific child or whether they can record infant menus for the day, or something in between. Also at issue is consistent implementation of policy statewide. We discussed this issue again as it is still not resolved. Janice Hunt said at a minimum they would like to see menus by age group. We agreed that more written guidance would be helpful.
- **Observing & Reporting License Violations and Concept of "Imminent Threat"** - We came away from the January meeting with the understanding from USDA that sponsors are not obliged by regulation to report license violations, such as over capacity. However we all agreed that it was probably best for the program to do so in systemic cases. Where we still need guidance is in the area of "imminent threat."

The new Interim rule addresses this aspect in terms of suspension of providers, so it is imperative that we obtain better guidance on what that means exactly. Paula advised that there is some guidance on it in the Interim Rule training package she just worked on in Washington, DC. We will wait and see but recommend that NSD consider issuing very clear written guidance on the topic in addition to any training.

- **Menu Records** - This issue originated out of a concern for an apparent miscommunication between NSD and a sponsor regarding the kind/format of menu record acceptable in a scanning software system the sponsor had purchased. The miscommunication had caused the sponsor to proceed with a costly plan that was clearly not allowable; had it been all sponsors in the state would have wanted similar leeway to reduce provider paperwork. Our purpose in asking for guidance from NSD is to a) ensure it does not happen again, and b) clearly delineate what sponsors can and cannot do to avoid these miscommunications in the future.
- **Time Records** – The issue here is whether "sole source" sponsors and/or staff spending 100% of their time on CACFP activities need to keep elaborate functional time records beyond those required for simple timekeeping. This is an issue that does not seem to want to go away. At the September meeting we thought we had resolved the issue for "sole source" sponsors but one of our members undergoing an audit by CDE auditors was being told otherwise. We asked NSD to look into and report back. Janice reported that the auditors were disputing the guidance from USDA Regional Office staff based on 796-2 training they had received in New Orleans. We asked that this issue be finally resolved and that written guidance be issued for all parties.

**Organizational Effectiveness Grant Update:** Ed shared with members the results of the March 6 meeting on the project. Nearing completion, task members considered different options relative to the structure of the Roundtable. In addition they discussed the most effective division of labor between the Roundtable and CFPA; the adequacy of staffing and other resources to achieve the Roundtable's goals; and the most productive structure for the Roundtable. Taking into consideration the lack of resources available to start-up and launch a separate Roundtable organization, the weakened state of the economy and difficult fundraising climate, task members ultimately decided to maintain the historical relationship of CFPA and the Roundtable and to reposition the latter as a CFPA project. Work still needs to be done to better integrate the Roundtable and its functions within CFPA's structure. Remaining tasks for the group include drafting a Roundtable business plan, identify short-term funding and brainstorm strategies for involving other stakeholders in the restructuring process.

### **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

Ed reported that only 174 members had renewed or signed up for 2003 as of today. He reminded members that there is no deadline to renew but that the sooner they do so the sooner they can begin receiving the newsletter and email alerts. The March/April Roundtable News will only be available to paid members. He thanked those that have renewed in these tough economic times and encouraged members to contact their area colleagues and tell them about the good work we do here at the Roundtable. The Roundtable actively seeks new members, fresh ideas and motivated individuals to make the CACFP the best it can be.

### **CONFERENCE REPORT**



San Francisco Airport Marriott

Planning for the Roundtable's 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, "CCFP: Creating Healthy Environments" is underway. The hotel and dates have been finalized so mark your calendars (you should have received a save-the-date card recently; if not let Ed know). We are pleased to report that we are returning to Northern California October 20-22, 2003, and will be at the lovely San Francisco Airport Marriott on the Bay in Burlingame.

For 2003 we are shortening the conference a little. It will be from Monday to Wednesday with no final half-day like last year. We are also planning two more intensive all-morning sessions for Tues and Wed followed by two sessions of eight workshops each afternoon. One day of the intensives has been confirmed. Julia Thorius and staff from the Iowa State Dept of Ed, Bureau of Food & Nutrition will be presenting a program on what they have done in the area of preschool nutrition and physical activity. For the second day we are working with several speakers from the recent obesity conference in San Diego to put together a program. Speakers being considered include: Janice Lebeuf, Nutrition Consultant, North Carolina Dept. of Health Services and Dir. of their Healthy Weight Initiative; Leanne Birch, Professor, Dept. of Human Dev. & Family Services, Pennsylvania State University; Andrea Margolis, consultant with CA State Senate Health & Human Services Committee; Stephan Harvey, Asst. Dir., California Center for Public Health Advocacy; and Antoinette Yancey, Assoc. Professor, Center for Physical Activity Promotion & Obesity Prevention and Control at UCLA, who

does work in the area of incorporating physical activity into a child's day.

We are seeking workshop presenters that can present topics related to the theme. Please contact Ed Mattson at 530-274-4490 or [mred94523@earthlink.net](mailto:mred94523@earthlink.net) if interested.

### **NUTRITION SERVICES DIVISION**

Janice Hunt welcomed the participants and gave the state report.

**NSD Update:** Janice gave us an update on what's happening around the Division. The new Director, Phyllis Bramson-Paula began work on March 9. She has been meeting with Managers and plans listening sessions with stakeholders including the Roundtable. A priority is exploring creative ways to fill the vacant manager positions. She is also looking at span of control issues in the Resources & Information Management, Program Resources, Educations and Policy and Commodity Distribution Units. Suzanna Nye, Manager of the Field Services Unit, has returned from maternity leave. Janice reported that the Field Services Area Managers will now be assuming program leads. She will be the CACFP lead and will attend all Roundtable meetings in the future. Debbie Dillon-Adams will be the Summer Food Service Program lead and Louise Casias the National School Lunch Program lead.

**Upcoming Training on Interim Rule:** Janice reported that NSD is planning training for family child care home sponsors and centers on the Interim Rule. For home sponsors they are tentatively planning three one-day sessions in May/June. There will be one each in the Sacramento, Los Angeles and Bay areas. The Bay Area training will possibly be held in conjunction with the Roundtable meeting in Burlingame on May 16. The all-day NSD training will be on Thursday the 15<sup>th</sup> followed by the Roundtable meeting on Friday the 16<sup>th</sup>. Both will be held at the location of the Roundtable's next conference, the San Francisco Airport Marriott. The hotel is offering the same great conference rate of \$99. They are also planning 5-6 training sessions for centers; further details were not yet available.

**Spectrum Update:** Janice updated members on the Spectrum self-termination case (reported in the February newsletter). *(Editor's note: you may recall that Spectrum decided to terminate operations effective January 31 and had offered one area sponsor their providers and staff in an exclusive arrangement not approved by NSD. Customarily in such cases NSD informs impacted providers and area sponsors and facilitates orderly transition of providers to all interested area sponsors. In this case providers were being told by Spectrum staff that if they chose a particular sponsor they could retain their old monitors. This happened even after other area sponsors had conducted orientation and sign-up visits to impacted providers. This definite breach of sponsor ethics has caused serious problems throughout the Southern California area. NSD reacted rather late to the crisis and sent a letter to all impacted providers on January 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> advising them that they may sign up with any of a number of area sponsors, all of whom must follow the same rules, and they must do so by February 20 to receive reimbursement for February. It was our understanding after the January Roundtable meeting that the sponsor originally offered the deal by Spectrum had not yet agreed to hire all staff, even though providers were still being called and told to sign with them. As it was practically too late to reverse the damage done by the secret deal, the Roundtable sought a waiver from NSD that would allow impacted providers up to 90 days to change to a different sponsor if they found that in fact they would not have their former Spectrum monitor as promised, or they did not find the sponsorship to their liking after all.)* Janice advised that NSD had agreed to work with area sponsors and decided to send another letter to impacted providers, dated March 7, giving them until March 17 to terminate with their new sponsor and until March 31 to sign an agreement with a third sponsor. *(Editor's note: during the Advisory Committee meeting on March 20, area sponsors informed NSD that impacted providers were still being called by their old Spectrum monitors in an attempt to get them to terminate with them and come with the one area sponsor chosen by Spectrum. This was costing them a great deal of aggravation and a loss of*

*scarce administrative resources. We asked NSD to phone the sponsor and inform them that such behavior was inappropriate and must stop immediately. The Roundtable, for its part, will be reexamining its ethics policy and insuring all members comply).*

**Management Bulletin Update:** Janice shared with members the following bulletins from USDA:

- USDA Child Nutrition Programs Informational Memo 03-06 (issued as NSD Management Bulletin 03-204) – It advises program participants that infant foods containing DHA are not creditable as part of a reimbursable meal. In addition it advises that such foods should not be served to infants less than 8 months of age due to possible food sensitivity or food allergy.
- USDA CACFP Policy Memo 03-05 – It further clarifies policies with respect to income eligibility determinations for military households affected by deployments in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. For the duration of the operation USDA is allowing deployed service members to continue to be considered a household member and has determined that only that portion of the deployed service member's income made available to the household to be counted as income. A Management Bulletin should be out soon Janice advised.
- USDA CACFP Policy Memo 03-04 – It advises that the FY 2003 appropriations bill was signed on February 20 allowing for-profit centers with 25% free or reduced enrollment/license capacity to participate through September 30, 2003, and approving retroactive payment back to October 1, 2002, if the center has maintained appropriate records. She also advised that the Department of Finance has finally approved commingling Title XX funds with child care funds, which will allow for-profit

institutions with 25% Title XX to submit CACFP claims for FY 2003.

## **USDA**

Janet Allen, Director of Special Nutrition Programs for USDA, WRO, reported:

**Regulation Update:** Janet briefed members on the convoluted CCFP integrity regulation story, breaking it down into “discretionary” and “non-discretionary” tracks. Janet explained that when Congress passes a law with specific provisions, these are considered “nondiscretionary” – the USDA must implement the provisions of the law. Congress also directs and grants the USDA authority to create or further expand with “discretionary” provisions to further ensure appropriate oversight of the expenditure of public funds. In the mid-1990's, the USDA began drafting an integrity rule of “discretionary” provisions, in response to OIG audits and recommendations of an Integrity Task Force. In June 2000, Congress passed the Agricultural Risk Protection Act (ARPA), PL 106-224, which included some integrity provisions similar to those contained in the draft proposed rule. The USDA published a proposed rule of discretionary provisions on September 12, 2000, including some provisions similar to ARPA. The rule's preamble explained that the recently passed ARPA provisions would replace some of the provisions of the proposed rule. The USDA separated the proposed rule provisions into those impacted by ARPA (non-discretionary) and those not impacted (discretionary). They drafted an interim regulation to implement the non-discretionary provisions of ARPA, which included considering comments made on applicable provisions from the proposed rule. On June 27, 2002, the USDA issued the ARPA interim rule. The USDA could have issued these provisions in a final rule; by publishing an interim rule, the USDA received comments to consider when drafting an eventual final rule. This summer, the USDA expects to publish an interim rule of the remaining discretionary provisions from the proposed rule. At the end of that comment period, the USDA will have comments from the original proposed rule, the non-discretionary interim rule, and the discretionary

interim rule, from which USDA plans to eventually issue one overarching final rule. Janet said USDA current projects to publish the final rule in the fall of 2004. Along the way the USDA will be providing more training as necessary and revising the Management Improvement Guide.

**Publication Update:** Janet briefly mentioned USDA publications in the pipeline including:

- *Introducing New Foods to Young Children* - will include materials to introduce new foods and provide nutrition education to children ages 3-5. The materials would be used in child care or kindergarten and will focus on three fruits and three vegetables. Materials include a short video, two short simple lesson plans and take-home handouts about food. This is slated for the end of 2003.
- *Parent Materials for Child Care (in Spanish)* - nutrition education materials containing a series of reproducible nutrition newsletters and outlines for three very short demonstration sessions for Spanish speaking staff to reach children through their parents. Target audience for nutrition newsletters is Spanish speaking parents of young children, 2-5 years, served by CACFP.
- *Child Care Home Guides (Spanish)* - includes *Menu Magic for Children*, a menu planning guide for child care homes, and *Making Nutrition Count*, nutrition guidance for child care homes (translated from original English versions).
- *Meal Pattern Charts (Spanish)* - refrigerator size poster for child care homes will be translated into Spanish.
- *Children's Pyramid Flyer (Spanish)* - Spanish translation of food guide pyramid for young children flyer.
- *Ten Steps for Parents (Spanish)* - a two-sided information sheet using the *It's Up to You!* Poster will be translated.

- *Nibbles for Health* – the package contains includes 40 reproducible newsletters for parents plus 3 sessions for training with parents plus CD ROM. It is going out to the states in May.
- Quantity recipes for schools and child care centers will be updated based on new yields in the Food Buying Guide.

Finally, Janet briefly suggested that members visit the Child Care Nutrition home page. It has many resources for center and home sponsors. Find it at [www.nal.usda.gov/childcare/index.html](http://www.nal.usda.gov/childcare/index.html).

### **CALIFORNIA FOOD POLICY ADVOCATES**

Matt Sharp, from CFPA's Los Angeles Office gave the following report.

**State Legislative Update:** Matt reported that the current estimated budget gap is estimated at \$30 billion over 18 months. He said there are currently three proposals to deal with it: the Governor proposal includes a mix of cuts and new taxes, as well as the now much publicized shifting of responsibility for several programs including child care to the counties. The democrats on the other hand are seeking to minimize cuts and raise significant new revenues including possibly an increase of the vehicle license fees. Republicans, according to Matt, refuse to support any increases in taxes or fees and are proposing a 7% across-the-board spending cut. He says the partisan atmosphere is very charged and it may be months before any decisions are made. Some of the cuts he lamented and brought to our attention include the brown bag nutrition program (run by food banks for seniors) and breakfast start-up grants that are being folded into a proposed education block grant out to the local jurisdictions. Stage 3 CalWORKs child care has been targeted for some time and may be cut.

On a positive note, Matt highlighted a piece of legislation we should support that will save money and help with Food Stamp Program access. AB 231 would eliminate finger-imaging, saving an estimated \$11 million per year; fix the incredibly

low \$4650 vehicle limit, provide transitional benefits to folks transitioning off welfare and waive face-to-face interviews that dissuade many from applying for benefits.

He briefly mentioned SB 19, passed some time ago, that would impose strong nutrition standards and competitive food rules on schools. It has not been funded and is languishing. In the current atmosphere it does not seem likely to go anywhere. On a positive note, Matt did highlight the fact that some local school boards such as LAUSD, Oakland and San Francisco have been adopting their own standards without waiting for SB 19 funding. He said there is a lot going on in this whole area of childhood obesity prevention. The Los Angeles Prop 10 commission, for instance, is providing funding for 0-5 initiatives that include nutrition components. He advised members to keep track by visiting CFPA's web site regularly at [www.cfpa.net](http://www.cfpa.net).

Finally he briefly mentioned bills proposed by Martha Escutia, SB 167 and SB 875. They are essentially placeholders for future fleshing out. SB 167 as now worded would express the encouragement of the legislature that each child care and development facility provide children in care foods and beverages that meet certain nutritional requirements. SB 875 encourages service of fresh fruits and vegetables in childcare and development centers and schools.

**WEB SITES FOR March 2003:**

- [www.k12.wa.us/childnutrition](http://www.k12.wa.us/childnutrition) - web site for access to Creditable Food Guide in Spanish.
- [www.preventioninstitute.org/strategic.html](http://www.preventioninstitute.org/strategic.html) - web site for Strategic Alliance.
- [www.cfpa.net](http://www.cfpa.net) - keep track of state legislation on CFPA's web site.
- [www.nal.usda.gov/childcare/index.html](http://www.nal.usda.gov/childcare/index.html) - web page for the Child Care Nutrition Resource System.
- [www.cacfpforum.org](http://www.cacfpforum.org) - web page for National CACFP Forum.

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

**FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2003, 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM**

**San Francisco Airport Marriott - Bayside II Room**  
1800 Old Bayshore Highway, Burlingame 94010

**LODGING INFORMATION:**

The hotel is offering the conference rate of \$99. Call 650-692-9100 and ask for "CCFP Roundtable."

**PARKING & DIRECTIONS:**

The hotel has plenty of parking at \$1/hr. To get there from north or south, take Highway 101 towards the airport. Take the Millbrae Avenue East exit; cross over freeway towards the Bay. Turn right onto Old Bayshore Highway. The hotel is on the left; you can't miss it.

**AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION:**

If you are staying at the hotel there is a complimentary airport shuttle from SFO.

**NSD TRAINING:** NSD is presenting one of three training sessions on the Interim Rule, for FCCCH sponsors, on Thursday May 15 at the Marriott Hotel in the Bayside II Room from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM (dates have not been set for the remaining sessions in Sacramento and Los Angeles). For more information contact NSD. The hotel is offering the same \$99 "CCFP Roundtable" rate to training attendees.

The **Advisory Committee Meeting** is at the same location on Wednesday evening, May 14. Details remain to be worked out.

For more information on the Roundtable meetings contact Ed Mattson at 530-274-4490.



**FRIDAY, JULY 18, 2003, 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM**  
**Exact Location to be Determined**

South Lake

Tahoe

