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General Comment

I understand the need for record keeping as far as production records, food labels, purchase orders and training annually and monitoring the sites where meals and snacks are served. The burden of completing Civil Rights for each site is not understandable. We already follow non-discrimination rules as a federal program. Why do we need to submit our actual enrollment of races along with what is listed in the census data for these locations? This is "busy work". This is a burden.

The last year or so of being involved with CACFP has been tough. So many memos came out, and not in

a clear and concise manner that helped us with daily tasks and record keeping. I know there are less sponsors because of the pace and change of rules. Our state agency representative did a fabulous job of helping us understand all this. She replied to questions within the same day. She took the unorganized memos and organized the facts for us so we could teach the sponsor staff.

Lately I have found CACFP training documents that should have been sent to us at the time of the memos being sent. The horse was ahead of the cart.

I am amazed at the number of years it has taken to make changes about nutrition in a nutrition program. To have something such as pop tarts taken off the creditable food list is monumental. Keep it simple, stick to nutrition facts, and please ease the burden on the already hard-working staff in these programs. More educational one-page training documents are needed to share with the public.

Help the public and the workers understand the reason for changes. Thank you.