

Common Acronyms in the



The world of child nutrition programs is full of acronyms - but what do they all mean? Here's a handy list of the most common acronyms that you're likely to encounter in the field.

First Things First: Who We Are & Who We Serve

NCA	National CACFP Sponsors Association
CACFP	Child and Adult Care Food Program
SFSP	Summer Food Service Program
ARAS	At-Risk Afterschool

Things You Might See When Operating the CACFP

APP	Alternate Protein Products	MMA	Meat/Meat Alternate
CN Label	Child Nutrition Label	OVS	Offer Versus Serve
DGA	Dietary Guidelines for Americans	RDA	Recommended Dietary Allowance
DRI	Dietary Reference Intake	PFS	Product Formulation Statement
FBG	Food Buying Guide	VPP	Vegetable Protein Products
IFIC	Iron-Fortified Infant Cereal	WGR	Whole Grain-Rich
IFIF	Iron-Fortified Infant Formula		

Common Credentials

CCNP	CACFP Child Nutrition Professional
CFE	Certified Fraud Examiner
CFPM	Certified Food Protection Manager
CHES	Certified Health Education Specialist
CMP	CACFP Management Professional
EdS	Education Specialist
FAND	Fellow of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics
IBCLC	International Board Certified Lactation Consultant
LD	Licensed Dietitian
LDN	Licensed Dietitian/Nutritionist
MA	Master of Arts
MBA	Master of Business Administration
MCHES	Master Certified Health Education Specialist
MEd	Master of Education
MHA	Master of Health Administration
MPA	Master of Public Administration
MPH	Master of Public Health
MPP	Master of Public Policy
MS	Master of Science
MSW	Master of Social Work
QFO	Qualified Food Operator
RD	Registered Dietitian
RDN	Registered Dietitian Nutritionist
SNS	School Nutrition Specialist

Institutions & Programs

CCRRs	Child Care Resource & Referral
CDC	Center for Disease Control
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CR	Civil Rights
ECE	Early Care and Education
FDA	Food and Drug Administration
FNS	Food and Nutrition Service
FSMC	Food Service Management Company
ICN	Institute of Child Nutrition
NDL	National Disqualified List
NSLP	National School Lunch Program
SA	State Agency
SNAP	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
SNP	Special Nutrition Programs
SO	Sponsoring Organization
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
WIC	Women, Infants & Children Supplemental Nutrition Program