

Send to: FNS Regional Offices

Subject: USDA's Family Child Care Home (FCCH) Provider Experience Survey is about to begin



Dear [Regional Office liaison],

Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) has contracted with Westat to conduct the *Family Child Care Home (FCCH) Provider Experience Survey*.

As you know, family child care home providers participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) play an important role in supporting the health and wellness of the children they serve. Unfortunately, family child care home participation in CACFP has been steadily declining over the last 20 years. This survey will be sent to a nationally representative sample of 5,300 family child care home providers who participated in the CACFP at any time since 2019 in all 50 States and Washington, D.C.

Data collection for the survey will begin in early 2023. Family child care home providers will be asked to complete one short (20 minute) survey about their experiences with CACFP and recommendations to improve provider participation. The results will be used to guide programmatic changes to help retain family child care home providers in the program, including the provision of technical assistance materials. The findings will also be available on FNS' website.

Since you are the CACFP point of contact for the States in your region I am requesting your help in notifying the States about the study. Attached is a template that you can use for this communication. I've also attached a study brochure with frequently asked questions.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or the Westat Study Team for additional information. The Westat Study Team can be reached via email at [study email], by phone at [study phone number], or by using the [contact us link](#) on the *FCCH Provider Experience Survey* website [insert URL].

Thank you for your support of this important FNS study.

Sincerely,

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Attachments:

B2. Notification Email from FNS Regional Office to States

B15a. Study Brochure with FAQs-English