

# Traditional Foods in Early Care and Education Program

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# ICYF Conference



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*A team of state agencies, traditional foods experts, and tribal organizations recognized the burden this was creating for tribal programs, especially those not located on federally recognized tribal land. In this session, we will share and reflect on how our combined efforts are creating greater awareness of these barriers and leading to collaborative solutions.*



# WAC 110-300-0196

(2) Food prepared and served from an early learning program must be obtained from an approved source licensed and inspected by the local health jurisdiction, the Washington state department of agriculture (WSDA), or the USDA. Food items not approved to be served to children in care include:

(a) Meat, fish, poultry, eggs, or milk that has not been inspected by the USDA or WSDA;

(b) Home canned food;

(c) Game meat or other meat that has not been inspected by the WSDA or USDA;

(d) Leftover food that was previously served from outside of the early learning program; or

(e) Food from roadside stands selling without a permit.





# USDA Memorandum

Section 4033 of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (PL 113-79) (Farm Bill) directs the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Food and Drug Administration to allow the donation to and serving of traditional food through food service programs at public facilities and nonprofit facilities, including those operated by Indian tribes and facilities operated by tribal organizations, that primarily serve Indians. While this provision affects other food service programs this memorandum is intended to provide guidance relating to this provision for schools and institutions operating the USDA child nutrition programs.

USDA Memorandum Service of Traditional Foods in Public Facilities



# Practice Memo for Licensors to be Approved

Starts:

LD Leadership has determined that a subsection of current WAC is not supporting tribal food sovereignty practices and is in opposition to its own guidance to follow United States Department Agriculture (USDA). DCYF licensing staff is committed to better serving tribal children and avoiding perpetuating culturally harmful actions moving forward.

(Review Copy of MEMO for IPEL approval)



# Thank you!

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