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TO: Family Day Care Home Sponsors

FROM: Marla Moss, Acting Supervisor
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SUBJECT: Census Data and Military Bases

A question was raised about whether the 2000 Census information provided for the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) and the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) may be used to make eligibility determinations on military bases. A brief answer is, "yes".

Background

This question arose from a set of tiering Q&A's distributed after the 1990 Census information was disseminated in 1993. At that time, military bases were excluded from the special tabulation. Due to this exclusion, tiering determinations using Census information were not valid.

However, the Bureau of Census has informed USDA that the 2000 data collection did not distinguish military bases differently from any other group of people or location. The Bureau of Census developed a questionnaire for use on military bases, and the information would be applicable to CACFP for making eligibility determinations. Therefore, the 2000 Census information provided for the CACFP may be used in making eligibility determinations on military bases.

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