Workshop 3

*Extension offers training for child care programs*

 If one child in a child care program has a peanut allergy, should peanuts be forbidden in the whole program? Or what if a family has a religious taboo against some foods?

 Such questions come up every year in early care and education programs, and many more like them. Should the program allow parents to send candy to school with the child’s lunch? If the family insists that children eat all the food they serve themselves, should the program do the same?

 For basic health and safety, child care programs need policies on issues like these, according to <NAME>, Family Living Agent for XXX County Extension. “A written policy prevents a lot of problems, and can help a program run a lot smoother and train its staff easier. But parents have to view the policy as legitimate and sensible. At its best, an early care and education program is a small community, and the policy for nutrition and mealtimes helps establish some of the expectations and values of that community.”

 A 2-hour training on “Creating a food and nutrition policy for your early care and education program” will be presented by the XXX County Extension office on DATE. The workshop is free and qualifies child care staff for continuing education (Registry) credits. For more information, contact the county Extension office at <TELE NUMBER> or <WEB URL>.

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