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CCRN STAFF BECOMES ONLY DUAL-CERTIFIED CACFP PROFESSIONAL IN ERIE COUNTY

BUFFALO, NY, February 16, 2017 — Child Care Resource Network (CCRN) is proud to recognize staff member Billie Jo Meehan, CACFP Specialist, on her achievement of becoming the first and only dual-certified CACFP (Child and Adult Care Food Program) Professional in Erie County, and one of three in New York State.

Meehan is now a certified CACFP Child Nutrition Professional (CCNP) and CACFP Management Professional (CMP) from the National CACFP Association (NCA). Only 13 individuals are certified CMP's in New York State, and only three are dual-certified, one of whom is Meehan. Meehan is the only dual-certified CACFP Professional in Erie County and Western New York.

CACFP provides aid to children and adult care institutions and family or group family day care homes for the provision of nutritious foods that contribute to wellness, healthy growth, and the development of young children, and the health and wellness of older adults and chronically impaired disabled persons. CCRN administers and regulates CACFP in Erie County to family and group family day care homes.

“Billie Jo has shown this commitment by attending additional trainings and workshops to further her knowledge of the CACFP program,” Elizabeth Sherman of NCA said. “This achievement reflects her dedication to upholding high standards in the CACFP profession.”

“Billie Jo Meehan has dedicated her career to ensuring that children in child care programs are served healthy meals and snacks every day,” CCRN CEO Amanda Kelkenberg said, echoing Sherman's statements. “With the rate of childhood obesity in Erie County growing each year, professionals like Billie Jo are critical to combatting the ever-increasing effects of this epidemic on our children.”

According to NCA, the [CMP Certification](#) is a special designation for those in the CACFP profession that are committed to continually learning best practices and keeping up with changing trends in the field.

Meehan is also a Certified Lactation Counselor (CLC).

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