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To: State Agency Directors (Special Nutrition Prgorams) - Colorado ED, Colorado DPHS, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri DH, Missouri Ed, Montana OPI, Montana DPHHS, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming

As in the past, we are issuing this memorandum following a similar transmission from our National Office. This assists in tracking policies and publications via memorandum number.

We are pleased to inform you that the revised Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) publication, *Feeding Infants: A Guide for Use in the Child Nutrition Programs* (FNS-258), is currently at the printer and will be distributed to State agencies as soon as it is off-press.

In addition to the hard copies from the printer, this publication will be available on the Team Nutrition Home Page at: http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/tn/Resources/feeding_infants.html by July 31, 2002. A PowerPoint slide presentation that provides an overview of this publication and can be used for training purposes will also be made available for downloading, on this same site, in August 2002. For your information, an electronic copy was attached to an email message dated July 23, 2002 in advance of the web release.

This publication is designed to help caregivers meet the challenges of nurturing and feeding the infants in their care. This guide is intended primarily for use by those who care for and feed infants under 12 months of age and participate in the Child and Adult Care Food Program. This information will also be useful to those in facilities that participate in USDA's other Child Nutrition Programs serving infants, i.e., the National School Lunch Program, the School Breakfast Program, and the Summer Food Service Program. The guide presents information on infant development, nutrition for infants, breastfeeding and formula feeding, preventing tooth decay, feeding solid foods, drinking from a cup, choking prevention, sanitary food preparation and safe food handling, commercially prepared and home-prepared baby food, as well as of the Infant Meal Pattern requirements.

We greatly appreciate all the time and effort spent by Federal, State, and local staff in reviewing this publication in draft and providing their valuable comments.

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