

2002 Building for the Future Winners

Applications, Management Plans and Budgets

The **Florida Department of Health** has excelled in managing CACFP operations by adopting business strategies, and by making use of available technology, including:

- user friendly management tools for institutions
- pre-printed renewal applications
- second party reviews of all applications
- a board member certification checklist
- a database management and payment system that helps staff detect problems

Internal Controls, Monitoring and Edit Checks

The **Utah State Office of Education** was quick to respond to the problems identified in CACFP audits. In fact, as early as March 1998, the Utah State Agency began to address these problems by using:

- a portion of its Federal audit funds to hire a full-time monitor to conduct unannounced visits in day care homes.
- a database that provides the State with a complete and current list of active, inactive and withdrawn providers
- trends analyses based on monitors' reports
- a database to assist monitors in identifying providers who need to be reviewed more often.

Training and Technical Assistance

The **4Cs (Community Child Care Coordinating Council)** of Alameda County, California realized that to be effective, training must be based on each day care home provider's needs, and it must be convenient. The 4Cs responded with:

- individualized training sessions in each provider's home
- a monthly newsletter to providers
- training materials translated into Spanish
- nutrition education activities with children during reviews
- partnerships with retail companies to obtain materials for a garden training project
- "tasting passports" to introduce children to new and culturally diverse foods