



California Chapter Association of Correctional Food Service Affiliates

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Carlos Salazar and I am the President of the Association of Correctional Food Service Affiliates California Chapter. I am writing you to inform you that we are having a Chapter Conference October 12 through the 15, 2014 at the Flamingo Hotel and Resort in Santa Rosa, California.

The Food Service Department plays a big part in a correctional setting and it sometimes gets overlooked in the training aspect. Food Serving laws consistently change and are revised yearly. Food Managers, Supervisors, and staff need annual training to be advised of these updates.

The Food Service Department is the only entity that deals with inmates three times a day. No other department in a correctional setting plays a larger role. With all the changing that is happening in California with the inmate structure, AB 109, the Cal Code, Medical Diets, Religious Diets, Food Service needs consistent training and updating. Along with training, we also need price saving ideas.

ACFSA is built on the professional growth of the Food Service industry. Our conference offers a variety of classes that will help keep Food Service personnel updated. Our Conference offers several classes which will recognize the importance of correctional awareness, food safety, and general knowledge of our profession.

Being a foodservice manager comes with a great variety of responsibilities. But one of the most important of those is the responsibility to keep the food we serve safe. You simply can't afford not to. A foodborne-illness outbreak can cost an operation thousands of dollars or even result in closure. More important than the monetary costs, though, are the human costs. Victims of foodborne illnesses have been known to experience sickness, lost work, medical costs and long-term disability. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimated in 2011 that contaminated food caused 47.8 million illnesses a year in the United States.

The cost for an ACFSA member will be \$175.00. The price for non members would be \$275.00. The hotel will pricing with state rate is \$90.00 per night. The cost to attend our conference is minimal compared to what can happen if a foodborne illness outbreak occurs.

At this time, all Food Service Departments in CDCR are going through an environmental health surveys. We reached out to them to give a class on what to look for, what forms to fill out and some suggested training packets. They agreed to come to the conference and give a class on what they are looking for as well as give training aides.

We also will have the FDA attending the expo to assist with training aides and packets on proper sanitation and cooking guidelines.

I am requesting authorization for travel so that the Food Managers can have the opportunity to take advantage of the training that is offered. I encourage you to authorize travel for food service personel to our conference. They will come back with training ideas to go along with cost saving opportunities that will help their facilities during these difficult times.

If you have any questions in regards to our conference or about ACFSA, feel free to give me a call (559) 992-7100 ext. 5754



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