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Putnam County Schools announces its 2020-2021 program year policy for free and reduced-price meals or free milk for students unable to pay the full price of meals or milk served under the National School Lunch and School Breakfast, After School Care Snack or Special Milk Program. Each school office has a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by any interested party. The Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines will be used for determining eligibility.

To apply for free and reduced-price benefits, households should fill out an application and return it to the local school. Applications are available at the principal's office in each local school. Households will be notified of the approval or denial of benefits. Foster children are categorically eligible for free meal benefits regardless of the household's income. If a family has foster children living with them and wishes to apply for such meals or milk for them, contact the school for more information. Families can apply at any time during the school year.

These institutions are equal opportunity providers in accordance with Federal civil rights law and USDA civil rights regulations and policies.

School Contact Persons and Phone Numbers are listed below:

Columbus Grove	Cari Fuerst	419-659-2639
Continental	Sarah Goedde	419-596-3860
Jennings	Matthew Dube	419-286-2762
Kalida	Nancy Grote	419-532-3529
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Miller City-N.C.	Kerry Johnson	419-876-3172
Ottawa-Glandorf		419-523-5261
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Pandora-Gilboa	Mary Miller	419-384-3225
Sts. Peter & Paul	Connie Niese	419-523-3697

Families with children eligible for school meals may be eligible for FREE health care coverage through Medicaid and/or Ohio's Healthy Start & Healthy Families programs. These programs include coverage for doctor visits, immunizations, physicals, prescriptions, dental, vision, mental health, substance abuse and more. Please call 1-800-324-8680 for more information or to request an application. Information can also be found on the web at <http://jfs.ohio.gov/ohp/consumers/familychild.stm>. Anyone who has an Ohio Medicaid card is already receiving these services.

To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, AD-3027 at www.ascr.usda.gov or write a letter to US Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410, or email: program.intake@usda.gov