

# What's new in brightwheel

We're committed to making life easier for administrators, teachers, and families. Every month, we roll out updates designed to save you time and take a little more off your plate. Here's what's new.

Billing

CACFP

Open House 2026

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## 💰 BILLING

## See exactly where every payment stands

Clearer payment statuses, from pending to deposited.

Brightwheel fronts your families' payments, so you can access payments made by families faster. Now it's easier to see exactly where your money is – what's already landed in your bank and what's still on the way – with a clear breakdown for the last 35 days.

[See it in your account →](#)

Not using brightwheel billing? [See how it works →](#)

Payments in last 35 days

**\$223,917.15**



● Payments settled	<b>\$186,584.53</b>
● Payments pending	<b>\$37,332.62</b>

Deposited to your bank **\$223,917.15**

# More ways billing got clearer

Small changes that add up to less time tracking down answers – and more confidence in what you're seeing.

Unpaid balances **Recent payments** Upcoming invoices

Q Search students Payment status ▾

- Failed** ✓
- Pending
- Refunded
- Succeeded
- Voided

## Filter by payment status

Choose to see payments by Failed, Pending, Refunded, Succeeded, or Voided to find exactly what you need in seconds.

Student name	Amount	Status
<b>Jordan Brooks</b> Bank ●●4169	<b>\$0.00</b> Originally \$420.00	<b>Failed</b>
<b>Riley Carter</b> Card ●●5210	<b>\$385.00</b>	<b>Succeeded</b>

## Failed payments, made obvious

When a payment fails, you'll see the original amount initiated alongside a \$0.00 paid amount.

**Invoices affected by this payment**

Jordan Brooks · failed 6/4/2026

- May tuition** Paid  
 Inv #4471 · \$210.00
- Late pickup fee** Unpaid  
 Inv #4486 · \$25.00
- Field trip** Unpaid  
 Inv #4502 · \$185.00

## See which invoices were affected

From a failed payment, jump straight to the invoices it touched and check whether each balance is still owed or already paid.

**All transactions history**

Invoices · all payers

Invoice	Due date	Invoice status	Balance
<b>Inv #4471</b> Monthly tuition	5/3	<b>Unpaid</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>
<b>Inv #4460</b> Weekly tuition	4/30	<b>Paid</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Inv #4419</b> Registration	4/15	<b>Paid</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

## Now called 'Invoice status'

On a student's billing profile, the Invoices tab under All transactions now shows 'Invoice status' instead of 'Payment status' – because here you're reviewing invoices, not payments.

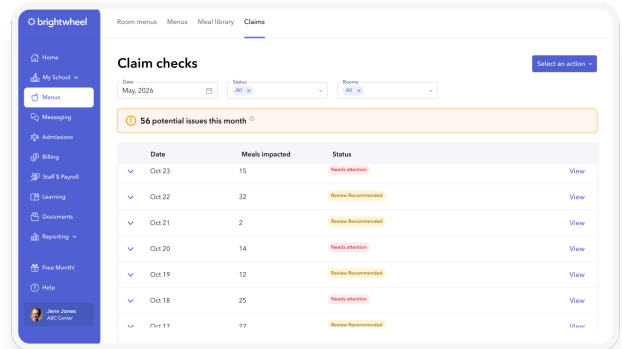


# Catch claim issues before you submit

## Introducing claim checks for CACFP.

Brightwheel reviews each day's meals against CACFP requirements and flags anything that may need a closer look – so you can fix it ahead of time and submit every claim with confidence.

Learn how claim checks work →

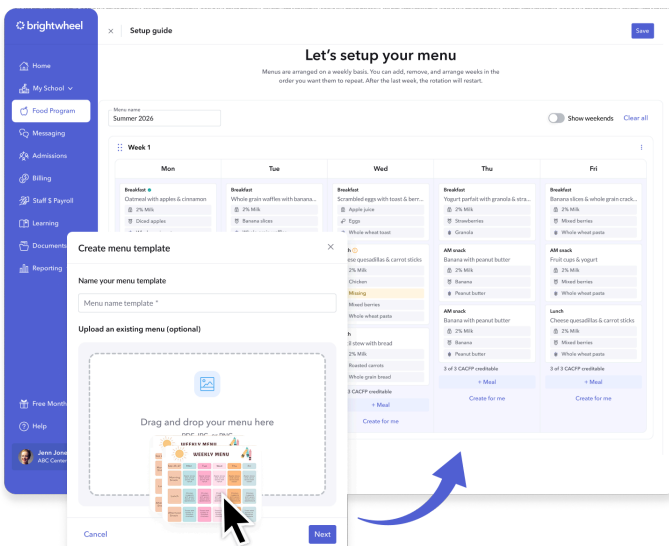


# Already have menus? Bring them into brightwheel

Upload an existing menu to get started fast.

Drag and drop a menu your program already uses – PDF, JPG, or PNG – and brightwheel turns it into a reusable template. No rebuilding from scratch, and no extra work for your team.

Get started with menus →



Questions about these updates? Contact [brightwheel support](#) or visit the [Help Center](#) anytime.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

# Help your staff earn their CDA

120+ course hours. Unlimited access. Self-paced.

Supporting staff through their CDA just got easier. With 120+ hours in most states, your team can earn their CDA while knocking out their annual training too. Each completed course generates an instant certificate, automatically tracked. All in brightwheel.

Explore courses & claim 30% off →

🕒 Offer ends June 30

Professional Development









### State-accepted courses in brightwheel

Our CDA-aligned courses are designed around real challenges teachers and administrators face with new content added every month.

Select your state: All states (57)

Course sequences: All courses

Search courses: Search courses...

 <p><b>Adversity and Young Children</b> CDA II: Social/Emotional Development CDA VII: Child Development</p> <p>Learn how adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) affect brain and body development, and why early recognition and support are critical.</p>	 <p><b>Art, Music and Movement in Early Childhood</b> CDA II: Physical/Intellectual Development CDA VIII: Child Development</p> <p>Explore strategies to support children's creativity and imagination through an introduction to art, music, and movement activities that foster self-expression.</p>	 <p><b>Building a Preschool Classroom Community</b> CDA II: Social/Emotional Development CDA IV: Families CDA V: Program Management CDA VI: Professionalism</p> <p>Explore strategies to build inclusive classroom communities that foster belonging, connection, and confidence among children and families.</p>	 <p><b>Building Preschool Friendship Skills</b> CDA II: Social/Emotional Development</p> <p>Learn how to support preschoolers in developing core friendship skills through purposeful, responsive teaching and social-emotional guidance.</p>
 <p><b>Building Professionalism in Early Childhood Education</b> CDA VI: Professionalism</p> <p>Explore concepts of professionalism, including ethics, boundaries, communication, and build strategies to apply principles in daily practice.</p>	 <p><b>Building Resilience in Young Children</b> CDA II: Physical/Intellectual Development CDA III: Social/Emotional Development</p> <p>Explore the connection between adversity and resilience and learn techniques to foster coping skills for young children.</p>	 <p><b>Building Routines for Preschoolers</b> CDA I: Self/Healthy Environment CDA V: Program Management</p> <p>Discover the importance of establishing consistent routines and schedules to help preschoolers with predictable patterns to support their growth and development.</p>	 <p><b>Child Development</b> CDA VII: Child Development</p> <p>Learn foundational concepts in early childhood settings and be introduced to developmentally appropriate practices.</p>



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LIVE WEBINAR · OPEN HOUSE 2026

## Get a first look at what's coming next

Join Dave Vasen for an inside look at what we're building – plus a live Q&A. Can't make it? Register and we'll send the recording.

CRM

Enrollment Forecasting

brightwheel AI

Point-of-sale in-person payments



**Thursday, June 25**

9:00am PT · 12:00pm ET

Save your spot →