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MEMORANDUM

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DATE: September 6, 2012

TO: X-LA Coordinators
X- LA Satellite Clinics

FROM: Kathleen Wayne, RD, MS, LD *KW*
FNP Program Director

SUBJECT: Office of Inspector General Poster

Action: X
Information: X
Policy: X

Attached is information on a poster from the Office of Inspector General about reporting violations of laws and regulations relating to USDA programs.

Please post copies of this poster in your WIC offices. Local agencies can either make additional copies of the attached poster or you can order posters from wichq-sfpd@fns.usda.gov.



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SUBJECT: OIG Hotline Poster

TO: WIC Local Agency Administrators

The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) plays a vital role in the health and wellbeing of low income, nutritionally at-risk women, infants and children across the nation. In order to ensure that the WIC Program can continue to provide benefits to this vulnerable population, we must work diligently to maintain program integrity.

At the Federal level, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), has been working with our State agency partners, as well as with other FNS programs to identify and address issues of program integrity. This year, FNS issued stronger policy guidance to WIC State agencies regarding the sale of and offer to sell WIC benefits and reached out to popular online marketplaces for assistance in curbing this practice.

Additionally, as a part of our Department-wide effort to increase program integrity, USDA's Office of Inspector General (OIG) has created a poster that includes information about reporting violations of laws and regulations relating to USDA programs. We have included a copy of this poster for you to post in your WIC local agency for participants and staff to see. We hope that making the USDA Hotline information available will lead to increased Program integrity by providing OIG with valuable information about program violations.

We appreciate your support and cooperation in this effort and thank you for your dedicated service to WIC participants.

If you have questions relating to the WIC Program in your State, please contact your State agency directly. If you have questions relating to the USDA Hotline poster that we have provided, please contact FNS at wichq-sfpd@fns.usda.gov.

Again, we thank you for your service and hope that this poster is a valuable asset to you as you work to ensure the highest possible level of program integrity at the local level.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Debra R. Whitford".

DEBRA R. WHITFORD
Director
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Attachment: USDA OIG Hotline Poster

USDA Hotline

REPORT VIOLATIONS OF LAWS AND REGULATIONS RELATING TO USDA PROGRAMS

- ✓ Criminal Activity, such as:
 - Bribery
 - Smuggling
 - Theft
 - Fraud
 - Endangerment of Public Health or Safety
- ✓ Mismanagement / Waste of Funds
- ✓ Workplace Violence
- ✓ Employee Misconduct
- ✓ Research Misconduct
- ✓ Conflict of Interest

message center ➤ **800.424.9121**

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or

write ➤ **United States Department of Agriculture
Office of Inspector General
PO Box 23399
Washington, DC 20026-3399**

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