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SUBJECT: **Nutrition Risk Criteria Revision 8 Implementation, Build Instructions, References and Training Tools**

The implementation of WIC Nutrition Risk Criteria Revision 8 starts October 1, 2007. It revises and consolidates all dietary risk criteria from 19 to 5, includes a presumed dietary risk criterion (#401, Failure to Meet *Dietary Guidelines for Americans*) as an allowable nutrition risk and deletes Inadequate Diet (risk #422) and Excessive Caffeine Intake (#420). It also corrects nutrition risk criterion #152 (Low Head Circumference) that was issued in Policy Memorandum 98-9, Revision 7.

Local Agency Coordinators, State Nutrition Services Staffs, Information Technology (IT) Staffs, and the Alaska Association of WIC Coordinators (AKAWICC) Value Enhanced Nutrition Assessment (VENA) Committee have worked arduously and consistently since 2004 to capture the changes required by Nutrition Risk Criteria Revision 8. As a result, the Alaska WIC (AKWIC) Management Information System (MIS) application, the Alaska WIC Participant Applications, the Risk Manual Summary and the WIC Certification forms were revised.

The September 13, 2008, Local Agency Quarterly Teleconference will include training to assist LA train staffs and implement WIC Nutrition Risk Criteria Revision 8. Please, familiarize yourself with the following training tools and references.

#### Training Tools

- 1 New Build Instructions *WIC Nutrition Risk Criteria Revision 8 Build Instructions* written by Caren Webb, IT Liaison
- 2 New Build Instructions Condensed Version
- 3 Certification Form color version
- 4 Certification Form black and white version
- 5 Risk Manual Summary
- 6 Diet Only Risk Manual Summary
- 7 Infant WIC Application, Revised 10/07
- 8 Children WIC Application, Revised 10/07
- 9 Pregnant Woman Application, Revised 10/07
- 10 Breastfeeding/Postpartum Women Application, Revised 10/07
- 11-18 USDA Final Risk Factor Sheets #401, 411, 425, 427 and 428

#### References

- *Food Safety for Moms-to-Be*, [www.cfsan.fda.gov/~pregnant/pregnant.html](http://www.cfsan.fda.gov/~pregnant/pregnant.html)
- The Infant Feeding Series, Michigan State University <http://www.nursing.msu.edu/tifs/index.asp>
- Team Nutrition Feeding Infants [http://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/Resources/feeding\\_infants.pdf](http://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/Resources/feeding_infants.pdf)
- Bright Futures at Georgetown University  
<http://www.brightfutures.org/>
- Bright Futures Guidelines for Health Supervision of Infants, Children and Adolescents  
<http://www.brightfutures.org/guidelines.html>
- Bright Futures in Practice: Physical Activity

The Alaska Association of WIC Coordinators (AKAWICC) Value Enhanced Nutrition Assessment (VENA) Committee comprised of state and local agencies staffs are willing and ready to provide assistance, if you have questions. The committee members are:

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Janelle Gomez, WIC/Community Nutritionist  
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