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Subject: WIC Update March 9

Hi All,

Please see item #1 regarding the current amendment to the FY 12 WIC grants. Grants and Contracts will be entering this information into e-Grants early next week.

Have a good weekend,

Kathleen

1. WIC Grant Amendments—We are pleased to announce that the WIC grants will be increased for the following reasons:
 - a. 5% grant increase due to one-time-only federal funding increase
 - b. Travel funds for the Spring WIC Coordinators' training
 - c. \$40,000 allocation for LAs that have sustained increased caseload: CITC, Norton Sound, and YKHC
 - d. Operational Adjustment grant to SEARHC to purchase a kiosk to deliver nutrition education in their lobby

2. Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Training and Alaska Breastfeeding Coalition Conference-

It is time for Peer Counselors to register for the Alaska WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Training: A Journey Together on May 2nd, 2012. We are encouraging BFPCs to attend the second day of the ABC Conference on May 1st and to attend our BFPC training on May 2nd. The attached registration form can be filled out, saved by attendee name and emailed to drrybicki@uaa.alaska.edu by April 9th. The agenda for the ABC conference is also attached and to register for the ABC conference please visit their website-<http://www.alaskabreastfeeding.com/>.

3. We have the following nutrition material available for Local Agencies who participate in the Farmers Market Program. As we are trying to make some space now, please let Alice.Albrecht@alaska.gov know how many of these items you could use. Kids Coloring Activity Book, Farm to Fork Activity Book, Eat Fruits & Vegetables for Good Health, Fruit & Veggie Grown Chart, 2012 FMNP Recipe book.

4. LA Memo 12-01--Please see attached LA Memo regarding changes in AKWIC food packages and the accompanying "cheat" sheets. Address questions to Dana Kent at 465-5322.

5. WIC Health.Org Targeted Nutrition Education Resource-- Special thanks to the RCPC WIC Program for developing the attached pamphlet (Changes in WIC) notifying WIC clients of their options when receiving secondary nutrition education. WIChealth.org topics are clearly defined and make it easy for a clinic staff to highlight a "targeted" nutrition education topic. Feel free to "tweak" it to meet your needs.

On more item...

The Vendor Unit has conducted some research on lactose-free UHT milk, which may become available this year. We're considering adding it to the MOV contract; in order to do so, we need to estimate the usage. For any local agency who prescribes MOV packages, please contact Sandy Harbanuk, sandra.harbanuk@alaska.gov, **465-4704**, to respond to two questions:

- 1) If lactose-free UHT milk becomes available for MOV participants, do you expect to prescribe it?
- 2) If you do expect to prescribe it, please estimate the number of participants that you would prescribe it for in one year.