

Happy Holidays,

Just a few things to share this week.

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1. WIC Coordinator Vacancies:
SEARHC—contact Lisa Sadlier-Hart 966-8735
Bristol Bay Area Health Corp— contact Suzy Nunn 842-2036 and my email is snunn@bbahc.org or go to BBAHC's job posting webpage at <http://www.bbahc.org/vacancies.html>
North Slope Borough-contact Julie Serstad 852-0366
2. WIChealth.org needs an current email address for every community on this list in order to send out certificates. Please check this list, fill in the email contact for each of your communities, and return to Jennifer.johnson@alaska.gov. We want to make sure that every client who takes a WIChealth.org class results in a certificate being emailed to you. Thank you!
3. Attached is an ILCA article confirming marijuana is contraindicated for breastfeeding.
4. The next section of the Maternal, Infant and Early and Nutrition Course is going to start in January. Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Nutrition Course
The next section of the MIECN Course is going to start January 7th, 2013. We have all current trainees enrolled in the course and will be sending them course materials in the next few weeks. If you have any other employees that may be starting the WIC CPA training soon, I would recommend having them take this course. If you have any questions or would like to add someone to the course, please contact Danielle Rybicki at (907) 786-4936 or drrybicki@uaa.alaska.edu. The course is online and is 8 weeks long. There are two required teleconferences, one on 1/8/2013 and one on 2/7/2013 both at 10 am. The course syllabus is attached for more information on the course.
5. The Molly Pessl's five day course "Foundations for Best Practice in Lactation Care" registration is open on the Alaska Breastfeeding Coalition site. Dates for the course are January 28-February 1, 2013. The space is limited & will fill up quickly so if you are interested act now! To access the site go to: <http://alaskabreastfeeding.com/registration>. The cost is currently \$835.00 but will go up to \$935 after January 1, 2013.
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SPIRIT Project Update: We are pleased to announce that Chris Renfro has been hired as the new SPIRIT project manager bringing valuable expertise to the project. He just started work this week and is busy learning about SPIRIT! Additionally the state has

terminated its contract with AnalyzeSoft, Inc, the Transfer and Implementation Contractor. ASI was not fulfilling its obligations to their contract and were not able to perform adequately. The state is in the process of procuring the SPIRIT expertise that is required to finish the system's implementation.