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RE: WIC Update July 11

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Hi Everyone

Alice Albrecht, our Assistant Vendor Coordinator who keeps the Farmers' Market Nutrition Program, MOV, banking, and other operations humming, will retire on July 31. She's headed for green pastures in the Lower 48, potentially becoming a farmer-vendor herself! We will miss Alice's lively presence and especially her dedicated problem solving on knotty WIC issues, but we hope she finds warmth and good fortune in her new community.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kathleen

1. FY 14 Grants---thanks to all WIC grantees for their patience and timely responses to the FY 14 WIC competitive grant process. Over the past six years, the state and local agency partners have implemented several major infrastructure changes:
 - a. Fair and equitable WIC Funding Formula
 - b. Federally mandated state banking services contractor --required to implement vendor cost containment provisions
 - c. Caseload performance standards
 - d. Designated grantee service regions
 - e. Dedicated leadership and quality assurance positions in each WIC agency (coordinator and RD positions)

- f. New WIC computer system
- g. Electronic Benefit Transfer system--- required by FY 2020

These changes were identified as either a program requirement or program priority needed to ensure compliance with federal mandates even during times of decreased federal funding.

- 2. Updated WIC Clinic Directory—if you have changes to this directory, please contact Amy George at Amy.George@alaska.gov or 465-3100.
- 3. World Food day is coming up in October. <http://www.foodday.org/about>
It's not the best timing, since Alaska WIC celebrates World Breastfeeding Day in October. Some local agencies had Food Day activities last year. I wonder if anyone is interested the WIC program doing something statewide for Food Day? Please read the attached link, and contact Jennifer Johnson at jennifer.johnson@alaska.gov \
- 4. **UAF Cooperative Extension Resources**---Here is a weblink to UAF's Cooperative Extension resource list. <http://www.uaf.edu/ces/hhfd/fnp/handouts/> . For more information on CES, please contact Helen Idzorek, Coordinator | Family Nutrition Program, UAF Cooperative Extension Service, PO Box 756180 | Fairbanks, AK 99775, (907) 474-7930 phone (907) 474-5139 fax or <http://www.uaf.edu/ces/hhfd/>