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**Subject:** WIC Update March 28

Hi Everyone,

WIC State Offices will be closed on Monday, March 31, in observance of Seward's Day. April 4 is wear blue day in support of Child Abuse Prevention month—see details below.

Take care,  
Kathleen

#### Success Story--

A client came into the office that was formula feeding her infant. The CPA evaluated that the infant was being underfed dramatically. After discussing proper infant feeding and the importance of infants getting all the nutrients, a follow up appointment with a RD was scheduled for the following week. Upon meeting with the mother at the follow up, the infant had gained 12oz and the mom reported a significant change in infant feeding practices. She expressed understanding of the information she had been provided with the following week and was appreciative and receptive.

1. Food Lists--- The reprinted Food List / Participant ID Booklets have arrived, and we will send them to LAs next week. If you haven't already sent in the estimated number that you'll need through September 30, 2014, please send that to the Vendor Management Unit asap. We will send out an insert for the booklets to add the new foods and brands when we implement the Final Food Rule.
2. NINDO Dry Milk Not WIC Approved--- Todo Sobre NIDO Kinder 1 and NIDO Fortificada powdered milk products have been purchased by some WIC participants in Anchorage. When prescribing dry milk, please alert participants that NIDO is not an eligible WIC food item. In our next vendor newsletter, we will provide guidance about eligible dry milks.

3. Preventing child abuse and neglect is everyone's business. Please look at the three attachments consider posting them and participating in the Go Blue Day April 4.



Posters and information at [www.alaskachildrenstrust.org](http://www.alaskachildrenstrust.org)

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**SPIRIT Tips and Reminders:**

⇒ If you want to change a food prescription for an MOV client, remember to first check whether the order has been printed by AIRSA (Benefit History/ highlight benefit/Show Details/ Status: “Paid” means it’s been printed, “Issued” means it has not yet been printed). If the order has been printed (“Paid”), it is too late to void the benefit. You can change the food prescription but it will not take effect until the next MOV benefit (check) printing. If it still shows as “Issued”, you can follow the “VCR” process. Go to “Benefit Management”, Void the appropriate checks, Change the food prescription, and Replace the benefits. That way the new prescription will be picked up by SPIRIT and sent on to AIRSA.

⇒ A few more duplicates have been reported so, remember to do a **STATEWIDE** search by DOB for any applicant. A mistake could have been made on the DOB entry into AKWIC or SPIRIT, you can do additional statewide searches on other criteria. If your searches do not find the person, and you have reason to believe that the applicant might have been on WIC in Alaska before and the applicant isn’t sure or you think there may be a conversion error-please call the WIC SPIRIT Help Desk and ask them to research the applicant.

⇒ In cases where you cannot complete a certification in one visit, you have 31 days to add the required information. After 31 days SPIRIT will mark the record as ineligible. But up until that 31<sup>st</sup> day you can reopen the folder and continue with the certification.

**SPIRIT Information:**

The SPIRIT Utilities web site hosts Reports and Batch Issuance:

<https://wicspiritprod1.dhss.alaska.gov/WICSPIRITPROD1/BatchIssuance/Authentication/Login.aspx>.

There are many useful reports on the site and available to you. Please let the help desk know if you are having any trouble accessing and using the reports. (Log-in with your SPIRIT username and password).

**SPIRIT Help Desk Info:**

Send all questions, issues and errors to the WIC SPIRIT Helpdesk at [wicpsirithelpdesk@alaska.gov](mailto:wicpsirithelpdesk@alaska.gov) or phone them at 907-334-4900.

Nice to know-

Here’s an interesting website out of the state of California with graphics and ideas on how families can cut back on sugary drinks.

<http://www.cutsugarydrinks.org/en/protect-your-kids>



**National Child Abuse  
Prevention Month**

## **WEAR BLUE DAY**

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, a time to raise awareness and provide resources about ways in which communities can ensure children are safe. To kick off Child Abuse Prevention month, Alaska Children's Trust and partners statewide are wearing blue on April 4<sup>th</sup>.

Children are one of the greatest resources in Alaska. Each year, nearly 12,000 babies are born in Alaska - approximately 25% of Alaska's population is under the age of 18. Unfortunately, not all of these children live in a safe, supportive and nurturing environment. Research shows that children who experience trauma, like child abuse or neglect, have a greater risk of experiencing some of the social, behavioral and physical ills that plague our communities like obesity, diabetes, domestic violence, substance abuse, not graduating high school or entering the correctional system.

Alaska has one of the highest rates of child abuse and neglect in the nation. In 2012, the Office of Children Services completed over 10,000 initial assessments of children. It is estimated that 65% of infants and toddlers in Alaska have at least one risk factor known to increase the chance of poor health, school and developmental outcomes. Nearly 30% of the children maltreated are under age 3.

Please join us by wearing blue on April 4<sup>th</sup>. Post a picture of your staff and you wearing blue on our Facebook page. I also enclosed a poster for the event. With your help, we can ensure all Alaskan children are raised in safe and nurturing communities.



# Show you love kids



**Wear blue** →



**Go Blue Day ♥ April 4, 2014**

Raise awareness of  
Child Abuse and Neglect  
Prevention Month.



**BEST BEGINNINGS**  
Alaska's Early Childhood Investment



**ALL ALASKA  
PEDIATRIC  
PARTNERSHIP**



**alaska children's trust**



[alaskachildrenstrust.org](http://alaskachildrenstrust.org)



Play ball



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## Strengthening Families

### Alaska Style

During National Child Abuse Prevention Month in April, take action to prevent child abuse and neglect with one simple step. Spend time every day connecting with your children.

**You can help prevent child abuse and neglect.**

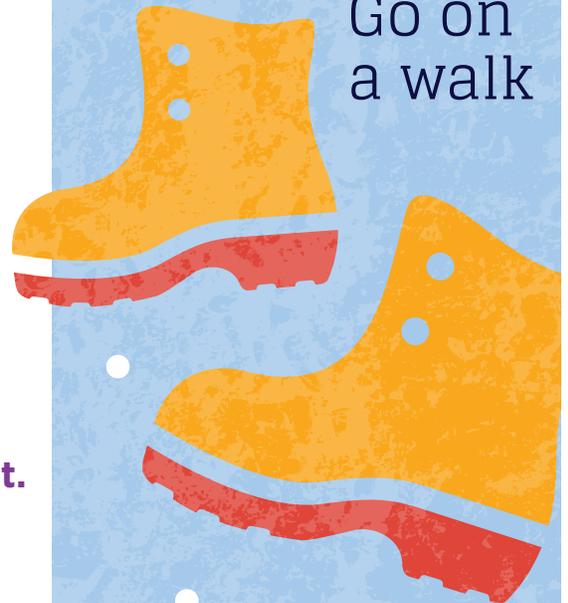
**Hang out with the kids in your life.**



**BEST BEGINNINGS**  
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Go on a walk



Read a book



Draw a picture

Bake cookies

