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Hi Everyone,

Unfortunately, I do not have any updates to share on the SY 16 grant awards. We will let you know as soon as we hear that they are issued. I will be out of the office July 14-August 14. Becky Carrillo will be Acting FNP Manager in my absence. Becky's email is [Rebecca.Carrillo@alaska.gov](mailto:Rebecca.Carrillo@alaska.gov) or 907-465-8629.

Thanks,  
Kathleen

1. **NEW Nome Coordinator**

Hello Everyone! My name is Katie Gonzales and I have recently taken the coordinator position in Nome. I am an RD and previous to working for WIC I ran the Diabetes Prevention Program as well as provided outpatient nutrition counseling for adults and children at the CAMP (chronic care active management and prevention) department at Norton Sound Health Corporation. I have received my Certificate of Training in Adult Weight Management as well as my Certificate of Training in Childhood and Adolescent Weight Management.

I am originally from Southern California and have been in Alaska for 5 years and in Nome for 4 of those years. I have two children Ivory (18 months), and Callum(6 months). Having my two children is what sparked my interest and desire to work with the population the WIC serves. I am very excited to head down this new career path and I will do my best to help fulfill the WIC mission!

2. **NEW Soy Formula Change**

As you know, the contract soy formula is scheduled to change to Gerber on October 1. This is a very fast turnaround considering all the steps involved. We're requesting a waiver to delay this change. We will keep you informed. Please contact Jennifer Johnson with questions and suggestions at 465-8104.

3. **World Breastfeeding Week (WBW)**

This year's theme "Breastfeeding and Work- Lets Make It Work!" focuses on working women and breastfeeding to galvanize support from all sectors to enable women everywhere to work and breastfeed. The WBW committee has worked diligently to bring you a tool kit of activities to help you in planning your August celebration. A thank you goes out to RCPC, YKHC, AFS, BBAHC & Maniilaq, staffs whom helped with this effort. Special thanks to Tracy Gregg who was committee chair and will be mailing out your toolkits to each of your agencies in the coming week.

**For additional ideas and resources check out these WBW website Links:**

<http://worldbreastfeedingweek.org/>

This is the official site.

<http://wicworks.nal.usda.gov/breastfeeding/world-breastfeeding-week>

This is the WIC works website for National Breastfeeding Week.

<http://thechildbirthprofession.com/tag/ideas-for-world-breastfeeding-week/>

This site has some good ideas for promoting world Breastfeeding Week.

<http://www.cafepress.com/+world-breastfeeding-week+gifts>

This site has some gift and decorating ideas

<https://www.pinterest.com/kfagerness/world-breastfeeding-week-ideas/>

Ideas for decorating and foods, boob cupcakes.

<http://www.bing.com/search?q=World+Breastfeeding+Week+Ideas&FORM=R5FD3>

MO ideas for promoting Breastfeeding week

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#### ⇒ **REMINDER NEW VERSION OF SPIRIT COMING**

**Monday, July 20<sup>th</sup>**: Roll out of the new SPIRIT version 2.22.02. SPIRIT will automatically update when you log in on or after this date, but we ask that you also right click on the “blue W” and select “Update Local Reference Data” to ensure the update takes place.

To expedite the update process, you may want to stagger the upgrading of your computers by prioritizing which computers need to be updated and put into use first.

#### 5. **Other SPIRIT Updates to Expect July 20th**

During the SPIRIT Update on July 20<sup>th</sup> there are some known issues being “fixed”. Outlined below is a summary of the issues for your reference. Please see the “Alaska Release Notes” compiled by Bobbi Walker for additional information. If you have any questions, contact Dana Kent at 465-5322 or [dana.kent@alaska.gov](mailto:dana.kent@alaska.gov).

- February Issues for incorrect benefit “syncing” & printing an extra set of FI
  - Resolution:
    - If a participant is certified after the 29th of any month, SPIRIT will automatically shift the participant’s cycle to the 1<sup>st</sup> day of each month
    - All household members will be properly synced
- Pending Proofs for residency was allowing more than one month of benefits to print
  - Resolution:
    - Only one month of benefits will be allowed
- RF 114 (Overweight or at Risk of Overweight) was using mom’s current BMI to determine the RF
  - Resolution:
    - RF is now based on mom’s pre-pregnancy weight as it was supposed to do so.

- For children > 2yrs; RF 121 was dropping when pseudo certs occurred
  - Resolution
    - RF 121 is no longer dropped
- Standing height by age was using the incorrect value to determine RF 121
  - Resolution
    - The code is working properly now
- RF 142 Wasn't being assigned correctly
  - Resolution:
    - RF 142 assigned per correct gestational ages
- Non certified participants couldn't be toggled onsite
  - Resolution:
    - Participants can be toggled onsite regardless of their status & multiple household members can be toggled onsite as well
- Mostly or Some Breastfeeding women are missing off the Benefit pick up report
  - Resolution:
    - The report is fixed to include these moms and taking off fully BF infants < 6 months
- Benefits provided to moms are not always appropriate based on the breastfeeding amount of both mom & babe
  - Resolution:
    - SPIRIT now automatically updates a mom's food prescription based on the bf amount for a linked infant
- **Don' Forget:**
  - RF 338 (Pregnant Woman Currently BF) can't be manually assigned; the Currently Breastfeeding check box must be selected, the Breastfeeding Amount and BF Verified Date specified for RF 338 to be automatically assigned in SPIRIT

Nice to know

1. New Fruit Vegetable Campaign -FNV---<http://www.fnv.com/>
2. USDA Funding for Healthy Communities –local food local places
3. Tricare Breastfeeding
4. WIC Fact Sheet NWA
5. \$18,000 Donation for World Breastfeeding Week

CDC's Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity is pleased to announce the application period for round two of the **Local Food Local Places program is now open through 11:59 Eastern Time on September 15, 2015.** Please help us get the word out to local communities about this great opportunity by posting information on your websites, distributing it through your list serves, or forwarding it to communities and partners you think might be interested. This federal initiative provides direct technical support to local communities to help boost economic opportunities for local farmers and businesses; improve access to healthy local foods; and create walkable, healthy, and economically vibrant neighborhoods. The effort is part of the White House Rural Council's "[Rural Impact](#)" effort to improve quality of life and upward mobility for kids and families in rural and tribal communities. Through the program a team of agricultural, transportation, public health, environmental, and regional economic experts work directly with local communities to spur local economic growth and improve the quality of life for all residents.

Local Foods, Local Places is a partnership between USDA, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Department of Transportation (DoT), the Appalachian Regional

Commission (ARC), and the Delta Regional Authority (DRA). Together, these agencies are investing \$800,000 to support this round of assistance.

**To learn more about the program, eligibility and how to apply, see the attached press release and links below:**

<http://www2.epa.gov/smart-growth/forms/local-foods-local-places-2015-2016-application>

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/blog/2015/07/01/tapping-economic-potential-local-food-through-local-foods-local-places>

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**TRICARE Breastfeeding Coverage Updates**

TRICARE has [updated its Breast Pump Policy](#) to include coverage of breast pumps and supplies and breastfeeding counseling, retroactively applied as of December 19, 2014. On Monday, June 22 at 2 pm ET, a [Facebook Town Hall](#) will be held with Bobbie Matthews from the Defense Health Agency's Medical Benefits and Reimbursement Office. Media highlights include:

- Military.com: "[New Tricare Policy Gives Free Breast Pumps](#)"
- *Breastfeeding in Combat Boots*: "[Updated TRICARE Lactation Policy: What Is Covered and What Isn't](#)"

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**WIC Act and State Fact Sheets, from NWA**

Congresswomen Rosa DeLauro and Linda Sánchez have introduced the [Wise Investment in our Children \(WIC\) Act](#), which would extend eligibility for children to participate in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) until age six, at which time they become eligible for school meals. The National WIC Association also has released [Fact Sheets for all 90 WIC State Agencies](#), updated with the most current data and contact information as of March 2015.

**Subject:** \$18,000 Donation for WIC offices for World Breastfeeding Week

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Hello,

My name is Ashley, and I work for a company called Leading Lady/Loving Moments by Leading Lady. We are a manufactory who makes and sells full figure bras and nursing apparel for women. As most of you know, World Breastfeeding Week is right around the corner. A few weeks ago we sent out an email blast for a bra donation contest to several WIC offices we have been in touch with the past few years. Unfortunately, we are not getting the best response and we still have several openings for WIC offices to receive our breastfeeding essentials donation. We are reaching out to you in the hopes our bras can be donated to some very special moms.

**If you are interested in receiving a donation from us please read our email blast below:**

Join us in celebrating World Breastfeeding Week starting August 1st through the 7th. World Breastfeeding Week is a week-long event that supports and encourages breastfeeding moms and their babies all over the world. This year's breastfeeding initiative will be "Breastfeeding at Work: Let's Make it Work!" in remembrance of the 1993 theme: "Mother-Friendly Workplace Initiative", which is sadly still an issue many women struggle with today. Help Leading Lady spread this amazing news about how breastfeeding provides wonderful and healthy benefits to both mothers and their babies. Visit our blog to read more:

[lovingmomentsbras.com/category/mommy-moments/](http://lovingmomentsbras.com/category/mommy-moments/)

Our goal at Leading Lady/Loving Moments by Leading Lady is to provide affordable nursing to all WIC mothers. To conquer our goal we would like to give a big thank you again to all WIC lactation consultants and aides by donating \$18,000 in breastfeeding products in honor of World Breastfeeding Week to WIC offices nationwide.

### **How to Enter**

If you would like to participate in our celebration and receive a donation, we ask you to share pictures and nursing success stories with us and we will post them to our [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages. Loving Moments by Leading Lady donations packages are limited in quantity and will be given to the first 50 respondents on a first come, first serve basis. To participate, please respond by July 17<sup>th</sup> by sending an email to [wic@leadinglady.com](mailto:wic@leadinglady.com). Winning WIC offices will receive a donation package in the value of \$360, which will be a combination of the products below. If you want to share socially don't forget to like our page and tag your photos with #lovingmomentsbras.

Thank you for your time, and I apologize if any of you have already seen our email. Please let me know if you have any questions!

Have a great day,

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DESCRIPTION	Resolution
<b>FEBRUARY ISSUES:</b>	
Incorrect benefit “syncing” for benefits with a LDTU of 2/27 or 2/28	For new participants certified after the 29 <sup>th</sup> of any month, the system will automatically shift the participant’s cycle so that the cycle begins on the 1 <sup>st</sup> of each month and ends on the last date of the month.  All household members who have benefits printed together will be properly synced.
Some Benefit Cycles were not syncing with other household members	
The system was printing an extra set of benefits	
Multiple PFDTU Dates Available dialog after recert was not suggesting late issuance for February	
<b>**PENDING PROOF**</b> for residency was allowing issuance of more than one month of benefits	Only one month of benefits will be allowed.
RF 114 (Overweight or At Risk of Becoming Overweight) was using mother’s current BMI to determine this RF.	For Infants > 6 Mo old: RF 114 will now be assigned to infants if the mother’s BMI is >= 30 based upon the Mom’s PRE-PREGNANCY weight. It will also be assigned if the linked mother’s BMI during the first trimester of the pregnancy was >= 30. The system will no longer assign RF 114 if the linked mother’s current BMI is >= 30.
For children 2 or older, RF 121 was getting dropped when pseudo certs occurred	RF 121 is no longer getting dropped when pseudo certs occur for 2+ year olds.
The incorrect value is being used to determine percentile for standing height for age. By using the incorrect value, risk factor 121 is not being assigned correctly.	The code to determine standing height for age was updated to use 'MaxHeightStanding,' and calculations are now correct and risk factor is being assigned properly.
RF 338 (Pregnant Woman Currently BF)  <b>RF 338 can’t manually be assigned</b>	When the <b>Currently Breastfeeding</b> check box is selected, the <b>Breastfeeding Amount</b> and <b>BF Verified Date</b> specified, RF338 (Pregnant Woman Currently Breastfeeding) is automatically added to the participant's record.
Risk factor 142 (prematurity) was not being assigned properly. All instances of gestation of 37 weeks + 1-6 days were being rounded down to 37 weeks and causing 142 erroneously.	For children between 1 and 2: 1. RF142 assigned when Gestation is <= 37 weeks. 2. RF142 does not assign when Gestation is between 37 weeks 1 day and 37 weeks 6 days. 2. RF142 does not assign when Gestation is > 37 weeks 6 days.
Non certified participants could not be toggled onsite	Participants can be toggled onsite regardless of their cert status. Also you can select an individual and this will allow the selection of multiple household members if desired.
Breastfeeding women who have an amount of Mostly or Some that are eligible to receive benefits are missing from the Benefit pick up report. Their corresponding linked infants are listed. Also, FBF women are not always displayed if their linked infant is under 6	FBF women (1) – always listed if cert end date in future Baby – not list baby on report if they are < 6 months old  MBF women (2) - always listed if cert end date in future Baby – always be listed if cert end date in future  SBF women (5) – Listed if cert end date in future and

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months old.	infant is < 6 months old as of the last date of the current month Baby – always be listed if cert end date in future  NBF women (4) – always listed if cert end date in future Baby – always be listed if cert end date in future
	BF information has been added to the pregnancy tab  If a BF mom is also pregnant, when any hh member's folder is opened a message will be displayed saying that the household contains a pregnant member who is BF.
Need to ensure the benefits provided for a mother and linked infant are appropriately assigned based on the breastfeeding amount of each.	The system has been updated to automatically update a mother's food prescription based on the breastfeeding amount for a linked infant. This change will be made if there is a change to either the mother or breastfeeding infant's record.