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Good afternoon-
Kathleen is away this week, so I'm sending out the Friday update.
Thanks everyone for your important work for WIC.
Have a good weekend
Jennifer

Success Story:

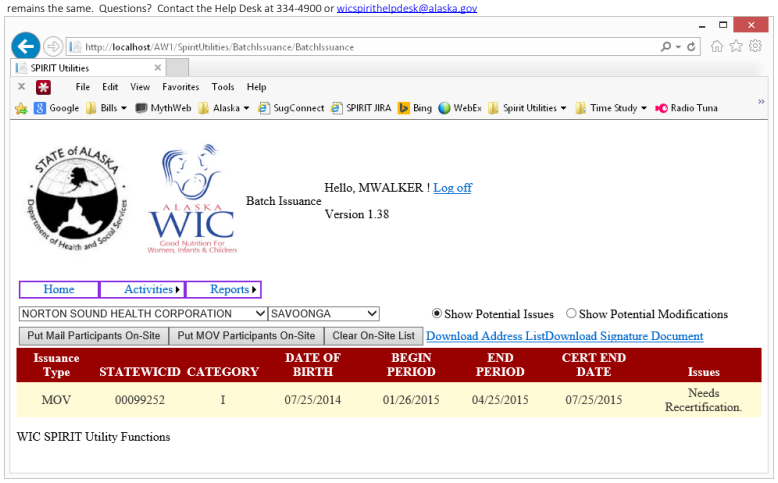
Katherine arrived at KANA Community Services shortly after leaving an abusive situation in a local village. During her visit to KANA she was able to reenroll in WIC, apply for TANF, apply for child care support services, and receive information about additional services including a diaper bank and children's home visiting program. Thanks to the KANA Community Services team, she was able to get many of her needs met. We are a 'one stop, shop'.

1. **End of year WIC Reporting**
   The 4th Quarter Report is due at the end of this month. Don't forget that along with the standard narrative report there is a Program Evaluation due as well. The Program Evaluation form is found on the Quarterly Report Excel spreadsheet and is located on the 5th tab at the bottom of the Excel document. The tab is labeled "Program Evaluation due 4th Quarter". Please submit the report in GEMS
2. **CVVs for infants 9-11 months**- We'll be able to issue CVVs for fresh fruits and vegetables to infants beginning on July 20. Attached are two versions of a flyer to hang at your clinic to let people know about this change- made by our own graphics wiz Erin Khmelev. I sent some guidance on safely preparing foods for this age group last week. Please share any other good handouts you might have for this age group with me. Contact me with questions or suggestions- Jennifer Johnson jennifer.johnson@alaska.gov
3. **WIC Coordinator's Conference 2015:** We're planning this year's conference. Please send suggestions of topics or speakers you'd enjoy, or could use in your work. Thank you for your help. Jennifer Johnson at jennifer.johnson@alaska.gov
4. **Survey for this year's coordinator's conference**: We're excited to have a guest speaker coming for this year's conference- Angela Manderfeld, MS RD LD CDE, from the Diabetes Program at Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium. Angela is going to do a session on talking about sensitive issues. She'd like to get a better idea of what's of interest to you – and she composed this very short surveymonkey. Please take the time to fill out the survey and send it to other staff members if you'd like their input. https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/VJJLNDG

5. **World Breastfeeding Week Celebration**
   Here is a link to the National WIC World Breastfeeding Week Proclamation for 2015: http://wicworks.nal.usda.gov/sites/wicworks.nal.usda.gov/files/uploads/NationalWICBreastfeedingWeek2015.pdf. Be sure to hang one up for your WBW celebrations. WBW banners are being delivered to our office today. We will be sending them out next week so you will have them in time for your activities. Please be sure to take pictures of your events in front of the banners and send them to me at dana.kent@alaska.gov. Thanks!

6. farmers market
   We've recently placed an order for more FMNP coupons since they are flying out the door in our Local Agency offices! Coupons are expected to be delivered to the State Office in Juneau by the end of the month at which time they will be quickly mailed to our FMNP participating agencies. If you haven't already done so, please maintain a waiting list of participants so your offices can distribute them accordingly. Questions? Call Erin Khmelev at (907) 465-8630.

7. **Spirit Update**
   The screenshot for how Batch Issuance will look changes on Monday. All issues will be captured in a single column at the right of the screen. This resembles the screen that will coming in SPIRIT with our enhancement. The functionality of the screen remains the same. Questions? Contact the Help Desk at 334-4900 or wicspirithelpdesk@alaska.gov



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