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Sorry, here are additional Friday Update Items:

Success Story

-Compliments of the Norton Sound Health Corporation WIC Program

Recently, a WIC client was deemed high risk for failure to thrive by a provider at our local hospital. As an exclusively breastfeeding infant, the mother of the child was hesitant to introduce formula. After a series of tests, it was determined the infant was not receiving an appropriate amount of calories. Through the collaboration of CPAs and our WIC RD, we were able to make a plan to help ensure that the child gained weight without compromising breastfeeding. By encouraging pumping, breastmilk supplementation, proper introduction of solids, and native foods, the infant was able to gain an appropriate amount of weight to ease the concerns of the providers. With the help of our WIC Staff and her WIC benefits, the client felt empowered to keep breastfeeding and continue introducing her infant to her native foods.

1. Action Item: MICR Cartridges- respond to Dana by April 18

We have 50K dedicated towards purchasing materials for local WIC agencies. We will print outreach posters with tear off sheets, nutrition education materials and MICR Cartridges.

How many MICR cartridges do you need to get through until we roll out onto EBT (Roughly May 2018)? We don't want to purchase more cartridges than needed. We will purchase as many MICR cartridges as possible with the funds that we have available. Please let Dana Kent at dana.kent@alaska.gov know the number of MICR cartridges your agency needs by April 18.

2. Action Item: Inventories- due April 30 with other GEMS reports

Grantees are not are not required to fill in depreciation on any equipment that is purchased with state WIC (federal) funds. Inventory should be accounted for in the following:

"Property records maintained that include a description of the property, a serial number or other identification number, the source of property, who holds title, the acquisition date, and cost of the property, percentage of Federal participation in the cost of the property, the location, use and condition of the property, and any ultimate disposition data including the date of the disposal and sale price of the property."

A new Inventory form is attached to this Friday Update. You can use this form or the current one if you have already completed the inventory. The only thing missing from the last form is the condition of the property. Please add that into the old form if you plan to use it this year. Inventories should be turned into the GEMS system by April 30. Questions? Contact Dana Kent at dana.kent@alaska.gov or 465-5322.

3. SPIRIT

Attached is a guide to adding the Infant FVV to an infant food package. Thanks to Roxy for putting this together for you! See attached. If you have questions, contact the WIC SPIRIT Help Desk at wichcpirithelpdesk@alaska.gov or 334-4900.

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Hi Everyone,

I received a comment from someone who appreciated having the WIC Update topics highlighted in different colors, so I'll keep doing that until someone tells me otherwise. Hope you and your staff are seeing some signs of springs.

Take care,
Kathleen

1. Vendor Newsletter

The March 2016 edition of the quarterly Alaska WIC Vendor Newsletter is posted on the WIC website at: <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dpa/Pages/nutri/wic/vendors/vendornewsletters.aspx>. A copy was emailed directly to each local agency yesterday.

2. Water, Water so good for me

Water is an important part of WIC- we promote water as a nutrition theme. We're looking into the special situations regarding drinking water in Alaska. Here's the link to the State of Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation Homepage <http://dec.alaska.gov/>, and the

Drinking Water Program

<http://dec.alaska.gov/eh/dw/> We'll keep you updated as we move toward giving packages that require less water to prepare in communities identified by the DEC. Please send questions and suggestions to Jennifer Johnson at 465-8104

3. **WIChealth.org**

WIChealth.org has made some major updates to their site. I'm sending a link separately where you and your staff can watch a demonstration of the new site, and can download a new flyer. If you'd like additional training for your staff please let me know. Jennifer Johnson at 465-8104.

4. **Gerber Letter to States**---please see attached.

5. **CPA CEUs**--There are two additional educational offerings this month!

Baby Behavior Training Follow-Up Webinars

The first one is **next week**- Dr. Jane Heinig, (Baby Behavior Expert!) will be doing two follow-up webinars to the online baby behavior training that we all complete earlier this year. The calls will be **Monday, April 11th and Wednesday, April 13th**. Please use the following link to our WIC Skills Development Course for information about each webinar, how to join and to complete a **pre-test/survey before the call**. Please check back after April 13th to complete the post-test/survey and print your certificate of completion. Link to webinar information- <https://learn.dhss.alaska.gov/course/view.php?id=162#section-1>

Breastfeeding Support Services Newsletters Posted

Near the end of each quarter (September, December, March & June) a newsletter and educational offering are created for Alaska WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counselors (BFPC). Although not all of the information in the newsletter will be applicable to you as a WIC CPA, most of it will be. To receive 1 hour of continuing education for any the posted newsletters, please read the newsletter, visit any links within the newsletter and complete the education corner at the end of the newsletter. Answers or suggested responses to the education corner section will be posted a few weeks after the newsletter. You will not need to submit anything to the State of Alaska WIC Office or UAA. To track your completion of these newsletters use the WIC CPA Continuing Education Record. We have loaded the last several newsletters. The newsletters are located on the WIC Skills Development Course-<https://learn.dhss.alaska.gov/course/view.php?id=151>

Nice to know:

1. Article "Optimizing Nutrition Education in WIC: Findings from Focus Groups with Arizona Clients and Staff."
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