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Hi Everyone and Happy Memorial Day Weekend,

I will be out of the office on Friday, so please contact Dana Kent if you need assistance during my absence. State offices will be closed Monday, May 30, in observance of Memorial Day.

Have a happy and safe weekend,

Kathleen

Success Story from the Esteemed Tanana Chiefs WIC Program

Development of Alaska Food Circle. The food circle is receiving compliments at local Health Fairs and from Providers. The Circle promotes Alaskan foods. Tools from Baby Fit training are being utilized as the cornerstone of the Breastfeeding Centering Talking Group. Questions for discussion incorporate information on expectations, sleep patterns and infant cues.

1. ACTION ITEM-send ideas for the upcoming Webinars.

There will be two more Webinars in June with Jane Heinig.

Topic: **Case Studies in Obesity Prevention**

We want to cover information that is most helpful to you in your ongoing efforts to combat overweight, obesity and improve your clinic's breastfeeding rates (initiation and duration). Please send us ideas on your toughest cases or general case questions dealing with these issues. We want to build a webinar format that covers as many case studies as possible. Feel free to send thoughts to dana.kent@alaska.gov. Dates for the Webinars will be announced shortly.

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NEW VERSION OF SPIRIT COMING

On **Monday, June 3rd** will be rolling out of SPIRIT version 2.22.05. This update is required to correct the Benefit Cycle Adjustment issue (see detail below).

2.22.05 RELEASE NOTES:

The SPIRIT WIC system was suggesting sets of benefits for future months with a PFDTU of the 30th of the month, which is against cycle rules. For

example, if a participant is certified on the 29th, 30th, or 31st of the month and they do not have an established cycle, or if another member in the household doesn't have an established cycle, the participant's first set should be a syncing set that runs through the last date of the current month, and after which the participant's cycle should then be set to monthly. In this situation, the SPIRIT WIC system was giving a cycle of the 30th to the last day of the next month.

SPIRIT will automatically update when you log in on, however 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.

If you run into any issues or have any questions contact the SPIRIT Helpdesk at 334-4900 or wicspirithelpdesk@alaska.gov

Nice to know:

1. Attached pictures from Fred Meyer in Eagle River –free f/v for family shopping trips.
2. **Research and Reports**--View PBH's latest reports, including our most recent *Moms' Attitudes and Beliefs Related to Fruit & Vegetable Consumption 2007-2015* and 2015 Annual Report on PBHFoundation.org or on the [PBH Gumroad](#) page.
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Objectives for this webinar:

- Highlight the importance of engaging patients and community members in CHNAs
- Offer a model for effective patient and community engagement when creating CHNAs
- Build the case for inclusion of Patient-Centered Outcomes Research into CHNAs
- Discuss research from the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) that can be useful for CHNAs
- Describe the channels through which PCORI is disseminating this relevant research

Speakers:

- Jaye Bea Smalley, MPA, Engagement Officer, Patient-Centered Research Outcomes Institute
- Jillian Barber, MPH, Program Manager, Community Benefits and Health Improvement, Sharp HealthCare
- Reggie Smith, Chair, Sharp Memorial Hospital Patient Family Advisory Council
- Ken Anderson, DO, MS, CPE, Chief Operating Officer and Acting President, Health Research & Educational Trust, Acting Senior Executive for Health Improvement, American Hospital Association

This webinar is being co-hosted with the Association for Community Health Improvement as part of its Community Health Improvement Week celebration. Learn more about the week's events at healthycommunities.org/chiweek.

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