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Hi Everyone,

Southeast Alaska showed its true colors with a grey and soggy week for all of our guests from around the country attending the National Association of Farmer's Nutrition Programs in Juneau this week. We were proud to share all the great work all of our Family Nutrition Programs are doing across our states, including our WIC programs. Thank you for all you do!

-Julie

Congratulations to Norton Sound Health Corporation and to Nicole Santonastaso, WIC CPA!

Nicole is recognized on the CHAMPions of the Week (Communities and Hospitals Advancing Maternity Practices) Breastfeeding Center email, for her breastfeeding work at the Norton Sound Health Corporation Hospital in Nome. Nicole spearheaded some amazing World Breastfeeding Week events which included a documentary at a local movie theater, "Meet Your CLC events" in Nome and 2 villages; a breastfeeding education talk titled "Breast Milk and Cookies and the Big Latch On". Additionally while Nicole participated in the 2016 Miss Alaska Pageant, her platform was "Breastmilk: Our First Traditional Food". Go Nicole!! To read more and to see some great pictures of events, click on the hyper link:

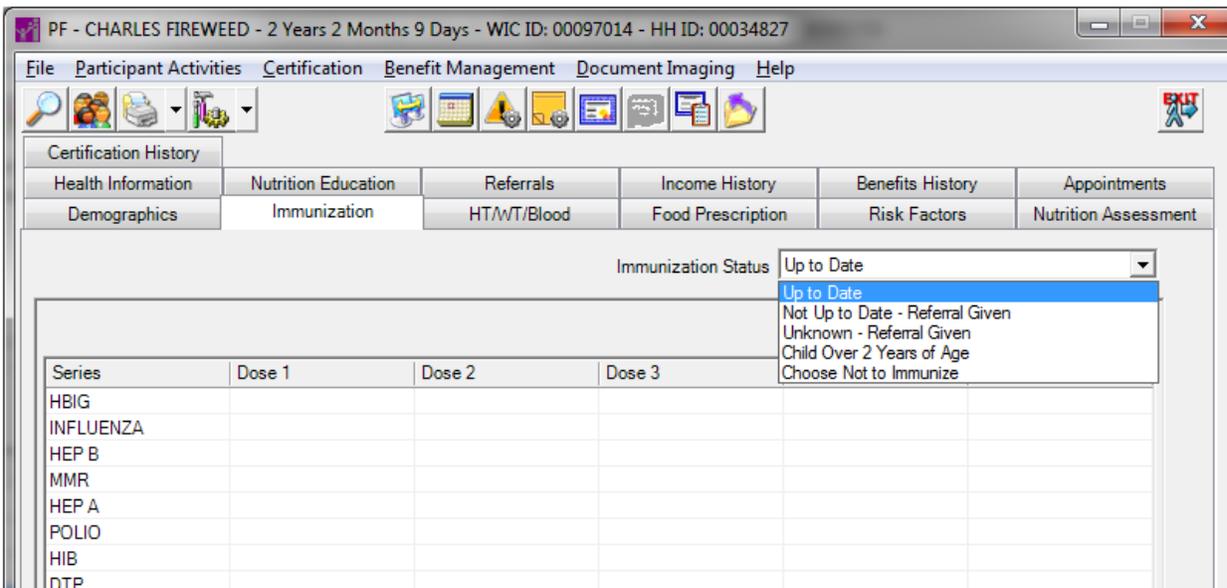
<http://www.champsbreastfeed.org/champion-of-the-week/champions-of-the-week-megan-timm-nicole-santonastaso>

Change to Management Evaluation (ME) Findings

After considerable lively discussion at the State Office, we will no longer be issuing findings of non-compliance for local agencies with off-site participants, not completing video teleconferencing certifications (VTCs) with 20% of their off-site participants. During 2017 MEs the State staff will be looking to see that there is a VTC plan submitted and the ability of the Coordinator to communicate where they are with the plan including updates to the successes and challenges of providing VTCs to off-site participants. If you have additional questions, comments or suggestions contact Dana Kent at dana.kent@alaska.gov or 465-5322.

Updates to SPIRIT

Updates to the immunization drop down box have been implemented. Please see the selections now listed below. As a reminder, you must provide a referral to "Not Up to Date", and "Unknown" status. If a child is over age 2, please select this option. If a client chooses not to immunize, you may encourage the client to immunize through discussion but it is understood that a referral may not be completed. In this instance the State WIC office would not expect to see this selection for many participants except in very few regions of the state.



Tri-Vita Drops Voluntary Recall: The State WIC Office received notice that the Tri-Vita Drops 50 mL we recently ordered have been voluntarily recalled due to a potential risk of product contamination with *Burkholderia cepacia*. As mentioned in the email on Thursday 9/8/16, **we have only given these drops to a few local clinics, but are informing everyone in order to ensure that all WIC participants across the State remain safe and healthy.**

What to Do:

If you have received Tri-Vita Drops from the State WIC Office between October 20, 2015 and July 15, 2016, please take the following actions:

1. Stop dispensing the drops immediately (affected Lot Numbers 20731506, 20731507, 20731604, and 20731605)
2. Return all unused products to the State WIC Office as soon as possible
3. It is recommended that you contact all WIC participants that you have given these drops to and instruct them to

dispose of the product, and explain why. Here is a link to the FDA notice on the recall that contains more information and a hotline for consumers if they have questions:

<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm515610.htm>

Questions? Julie Walker julie.walker@alaska.gov or 907-465-8629.

RD Continuing Education- September 15th, 8:30 AM: Our next RD working group meeting will be September 15 at 8:30 AM. Our speaker will be Brad Whistler, State of Alaska Dental Official, speaking on Oral Health, and specifically the changes with EPSDT guidance in Medicaid for the first dental visit – adopted in regulation in May 2016 – following Bright Futures oral health guidelines. He’ll also provide a brief overview on the new CDC grant he has working w/Obesity Prevention Program to reduce child consumption of sugared drinks. Please mark your calendar for September 15 at 8:30 AM. And please send any ideas for speakers or topics to Jennifer at 465-8104. I’ll send out the slides, handouts and webinar link on Wednesday

Media Coverage of the NAFMNP Conference: [Governor Walker](#) and Family Nutrition Programs Manager [Kathleen Wayne](#) spoke at the National Association of Farmer’s Nutrition Programs this week. They highlighted the unique challenges and successes in our state around farming, food security, and access to fresh produce. Read more here: <http://juneauempire.com/local/2016-09-08/alaska-only-grows-4-percent-its-food-can-we-do-better>. Also, a shout-out and congratulations to our very own [Erin Khmelev](#) for a wonderful job planning this conference!