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**Subject: Drug and Substance Abuse Referrals**

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**Policy:** Local Agencies shall provide information on the dangers of drug and other harmful substance abuse as well as a list of local resources for drug and substance abuse counseling and treatment to all pregnant, postpartum and breastfeeding women and to caregivers of infants and children.

**Reference: CFR §246.7(a) & §246.11(a)**

**Procedure:**

1. All pregnant, postpartum and breastfeeding women and caregivers of infants and children shall be given information on the dangers of drug and other harmful substance abuse.
2. Pamphlets providing guidance on the dangers of drugs and other harmful substances may be ordered using the WIC publications order form or by downloading them from the KDHE web site at: [http://www.kansaswic.org/manual/forms/WIC\\_Publications\\_Order\\_Form.pdf](http://www.kansaswic.org/manual/forms/WIC_Publications_Order_Form.pdf). These publications or other materials may be provided to clients.
3. Compile, maintain and distribute a list of local drug and substance abuse resources.
4. If drug and/or substance abuse is suspected/identified:
  - ❖ Educate the client on the dangers associated with the use of drugs, alcohol and tobacco. Document education in KWIC through topics and handouts.
  - ❖ Refer the client to a drug abuse clinic, treatment program or other drug abuse professional.
  - ❖ Document referral on the KWIC Referral window.
5. Coordinate WIC services with local drug and substance abuse counseling and treatment centers.
6. Contact local drug and substance abuse counseling services to inform them that you will refer WIC clients for services and ask if they would like to be included in the LA resource list.
7. Information on resources can be obtained from the following sites:

**Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services, Addiction & Prevention Services at** [http://www.kdads.ks.gov/CSP/AAPS\\_Index.html](http://www.kdads.ks.gov/CSP/AAPS_Index.html)

**Kansas Department of Health & Environment, Kansas Tobacco Quitline at** [www.kdheks.gov](http://www.kdheks.gov). Clients can be referred to the phone number 1-866-KAN-Stop (1-866-526-7867) or the specific web site at <http://www.kanstop.org/>. The Quitline has specially trained counselors to aid clients to quit smoking.