



**KANSAS WIC INFORMATION MEMORANDUM**  
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**TO:** Parent and Sub-Agencies

**FROM:** Dave Thomason  
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**DATE:** July 17, 2013

**RE:** Baby Behavior Campaign Update  
Food Package –New Formula – Nutramigen Toddler  
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WIC Advisory Committee – final request for nominations.  
New Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Program Coordinator  
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**Baby Behavior Campaign Update**

Due to the overwhelmingly positive response to the request to volunteer as the Baby Behavior Train the Trainer at the Kansas WIC Meeting in April, the SA has decided to sponsor a Train the Trainer Opportunity in Kansas this fall. This means that instead of being able to train only 1 or 2 people, most interested WIC staff will be able to attend. Attendance will not be limited by credentialing (not just RD or RN).

**Action Required:** Look for more details soon.

**Food Package –New Formula – Nutramigen Toddler**

Mead Johnson Nutrition has launched Nutramigen® with Enflora™ LGG® Toddler formula in April 2013. Nutramigen Toddler is an extensively hydrolyzed formula designed for older infants and toddlers aged 9 to 36 months with Cow's Milk Allergy. Compared to Nutramigen, Nutramigen Toddler provides increased calcium and vitamins to help meet the nutrition needs of older infants and toddlers, and has DHA to nourish the brain. Nutramigen Toddler also has an improved taste as toddlers may begin to resist extensively hydrolyzed formulas after being introduced to new tastes. This new powdered formula will be available in a 12.6 oz container that reconstitutes to 86 fl oz.

This product has not yet been entered into KWIC, but will be added if a valid request for the product is received for a WIC client over 12 months of age. Since we do not have the ability to

restrict infant food package issuance to infants over 9 months, this product will not be available on the Kansas WIC program for infants 9 to 12 months of age.

**Action Required:** Notify all staff who assign tailored food packages.

### **WIC Advisory Committee – July Meeting Postponed; Request for Agenda Items**

The July 24 WIC Advisory Committee (WAC) conference call has been postponed – new date to be determined. **Please submit agenda items to your WAC representative or Patrice Thomsen by August 12, 2013.** You can find your representative name and contact information on the [WIC Advisory Committee](#) page of the Kansas WIC website. As a reminder, questions about policy implementation should be directed to your agency's assigned state staff member.

**ACTION REQUIRED:** Submit agenda items by August 12, 2013

### **WIC Advisory Committee Nominations**

There have been no WIC Advisory Committee (WAC) nominations submitted from the requests in the May and June I-Memos. This year, is when representatives and alternates are elected from the Southeast and Northeast regions. Time of service starts October 1, 2013 and lasts for 2 years.

In addition, in odd numbered years the LA National WIC Association (NWA) representative is elected. Nominees need to be employed by a LA who is a dues-paying member of NWA. Nancy Sanchez, the current NWA representative, is happy to answer questions and may be reached at [nsanchez@wycokck.org](mailto:nsanchez@wycokck.org).

**Refer back to the [May I-Memo \(I-2013-8\)](#) for details and policy references. The nomination deadline has been extended to August 15.** Time requirements are minimal. Three of the quarterly meetings are held

**ACTION REQUIRED:** Submit nominations for Southeast, Northeast, or NWA representative to Patrice Thomsen at [pthomsen@kdhks.gov](mailto:pthomsen@kdhks.gov) by **August 15<sup>th</sup>**. Include information on how long the nominee has worked for WIC, their current position, and where they are employed. Be sure that you have the permission of the person before submitting their name. Individuals may nominate themselves.

### **New Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Program Coordinator**

The SA is pleased to introduce, Karen Meek, RN, the new Coordinator for the Breastfeeding Peer Counselor program. She has years of experience with caring for new mothers and nursing babies. Karen lives in Manhattan, is married to Ben Meek, and has two married daughters and four grandsons. She looks forward to working with the program. She can be reached at [kmeek@kdheks.gov](mailto:kmeek@kdheks.gov) or 785-296-0949.

**ACTION REQUIRED:** Notify all staff on contact information.

**KWIC Focus – More information on WIC Dashboard and Available Time screen**

This month's issue of *KWIC Focus* is included at the end of this memo and is also available on the web site at [http://www.kansaswic.org/local\\_agencies/kwic\\_focus\\_newsletter.html](http://www.kansaswic.org/local_agencies/kwic_focus_newsletter.html).

**ACTION REQUIRED:** Have all staff read *KWIC Focus*.

**Training: Educational Opportunities**

- **Perinatal and Neonatal Effect of Obesity** presented by the Mother and Child Health Coalition of Kansas City. Friday, July 26, 2013 8:00 to 11:00 am. Curry Auditorium, Research Medical Center: Brookside Campus. For more information and to register online for no charge, access <http://www.mchc.net/>
- **Breastfeeding: Baby's Natural Choice Conference** La Vista Conference Center, Omaha, Nebraska. August 14, 2013 7:15 am – 4:15 pm. Presenters Christina Smilie and Diana West. For more information call 402-559-6345 or visit [OlsonCenter.com](http://OlsonCenter.com)
- **Certified Breastfeeding Educator** trainings presented by Debi Bocar, PhD, RN, IBCLC. August 6, 7, 8 in Oklahoma City, OK. To register [http://www.lactation-consultant-services.com/uploads/OKC\\_Brochure\\_8-13.pdf](http://www.lactation-consultant-services.com/uploads/OKC_Brochure_8-13.pdf)
- **WIC Breastfeeding Basics**, a one hour online course from the WIC Works Resource System is now approved for 1 credit for dietitians, nurses and lactation consultants. WIC Breastfeeding Basics is the first WIC Works course to offer CERPs. You'll need to create an account, etc. Check it out today at <http://wicworks.nal.usda.gov/wic-learning-online>

**ACTION REQUIRED:** Share information with appropriate WIC staff about these continuing education opportunities. Consider sending appropriate WIC staff according to your local agency training needs and as the local agency budget allows. If appropriate, refer to ADM 11.02.00 Financial Support for Local Agency On-Going Training for information on the possibility of obtaining financial support from the SA. Notice the policy specifies that staff time is not covered in these special funds.

If you have any questions regarding this memo, please contact the state staff member assigned to your agency.

Enclosures: KWIC Focus



There are changes that came in July with the newest version of Client Services (version 39) that we felt deserved more details. The two items we will focus on are the **WIC Dashboard** and changes to the **Available Time** screen.

The **WIC Dashboard** allows Local Agency staff to login only once but access all the WIC applications for which they have security clearance. There is also an Announcement section that allows State WIC staff to broadcast messages to all clinics. Staff that has KWIC Administrator security clearance can create, edit and delete clinic specific announcements. If an announcement is created in Client Services, it will only be visible at the clinic where it was created.

Staff can also change their passwords from the WIC Dashboard by using the Change Password button in the upper right corner of the screen.



To launch an application, click the icon on the bottom of the screen.

- If a clinic or printer needs to be selected, the login screen will appear to allow these selections.
- If there is only one possible selection then the application login is by-passed and the application is launched.

The **Available Time screen** is used by staff that has KWIC Administrator security clearance to set up the appointment book. The window changed quite a bit but in making all the changes, the screen now functions much quicker and staff should be able to navigate easier through the functions. Now there is no more need to select a staff role, there are two radio buttons *Make Available* and *Block Out*. If you need to make time available for a staff person, select the *Make Available* radio button and then select your times you wish to make available, same actions for blocking out appointment times. You can still Move Appointments to New Role for ease of moving entire columns of appointments. One function that was removed was the ability to edit appointments in Available Time. With the Appointment Book tab always being accessible, it was decided to remove this functionality from this screen.

