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What's New at WIC Works

The WIC Works Resource System is an on-line center striving to meet all your WIC information needs. New links and items are added everyday. Check back often to see what's new. <http://www.nal.usda.gov/wicworks>

Updates to the web site are also sent via email to the WIC-Talk discussion group. See the WIC-Talk button on the web page to join the fun.

On the web site new items have been added to the State Developed section of the Sharing Center. www.nal.usda.gov/wicworks/Sharing_Center/statedev.html

Some highlights include: WIC Paraprofessional Certification Training (Colorado WIC) Contains nearly 1000 pages of training material separated into three levels. Level III includes the "Bright Ideas Nutrition Education Skills Module".

Learn Together Approach (Michigan WIC) This is a train-the-trainer program complete with training manual and power point presentation on facilitated group discussion. It also includes a facilitated group discussion session outline with topics such as picky eaters, formula preparation and more.

WIC Works Database - Are you looking for a nutrition education handout? From now on you don't have to weed through all the nutrition education materials which are earmarked "For use with the WIC participant". You can do an advanced search on these target audience subcategories by clicking on the "User Group" selection box at <http://peaches.nal.usda.gov/wicworks/wicform3b.asp>.

Make sure that you check off the box to the left of the "User Group".

Check back for more advanced search options.

Visit WIC Works at NWA

To see a demonstration of our soon to be released On-Line Learning Modules or to view the new state materials stop by the

USDA booth #205 at the NWA Annual meeting in Minneapolis.

WIC Works will also be featured during the

10:30 –12 p.m. session "Technology for WIC Professionals".

Hope to see you at the session and at our booth.

The Food Stamp Nutrition Connection is a resource system for Food Stamp Program nutrition education providers. It is developed by the National Agricultural Library's Food and Nutrition Information Center and the University of Maryland in collaboration with USDA's Food and Nutrition Service.

The Connection's mission is to improve access to Food Stamp Program nutrition resources. Educators nationwide can use this site to identify curricula, lesson plans, research, training tools and participant materials.

This resource system helps educators find the tools and information they need to provide quality nutrition education for low-income audiences.

<http://www.nal.usda.gov/fnic/foodstamp/>

Finding what you need:

For educational or training materials - Visit the Resource Library to browse through the collection of downloadable and printable resources.

For a skills update - Check out the Training Center for upcoming conferences and workshops. The Center also includes information on program development and behavior change.

For information on relevant health and nutrition topics - Get informed at the Hot Topics A-Z page. This section features links to general information, statistics, reports and online tools focused on health and nutrition topics affecting low-income audiences.

For information about Food Stamp Program nutrition education - Go to the Program

Facts for the latest news and guidelines from USDA's Food and Nutrition Service.

To share your resource - Tell us about quality nutrition education or training materials that you have developed or used at the Sharing Center.

Still can't find what you need? Use the search tool, located on the top left side of your screen to search the Food Stamp Nutrition Connection web site.



On-Line Video Conference Available

The National Maternal Nutrition Intensive Course will be offered at the University of Minnesota, July 15-17, 2002.

If you are unable to attend this comprehensive course you can still participate. This year they will be offering some of their sessions via streaming video. You can view them individually or as a group at one site. The cost for an individual is \$80 and

the group cost is \$175 for three sessions or \$275 for 6 sessions.

According to the web site the overall goal of the course is the "Improvement of maternal and infant health through the delivery of risk-appropriate high-quality nutrition services. Sessions available on-line include: Counseling Pregnant Adolescents, Peer Outreach, DHA Supplementation, Breast-

feeding and Childhood Obesity, Using pedometers to motivate and Vitamin D and Rickets.

To view the conference brochure or to find out more information visit their web site http://www.epi.umn.edu/let/continuing_education.html

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