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Now that the summer has officially ended, it is time to kick off the fall season with a look at some of the new features of the WIC Works Resource System.

In August we celebrated World Breastfeeding Week by implementing our new **Spotlight Section**, which will focus on special issues and themes that may be of interest to the WIC community. In September the Spotlight section highlighted National Food Safety Education Month and provided links to food safety materials. Look for new Spotlights as the year continues. Check it out

from our homepage (<http://nal.usda.gov/wicworks>).

In our last issue we invited you to take a look at the new Fit WIC materials available in the Sharing Center. Now there is even more to see with a new section of **resources from Virginia**.

If you haven't searched the WIC Works Database recently, check it out today, as over 40 items have been added on topics such as substance abuse, food safety and breastfeeding. This brings our collection to **over 600 items!**

For an opportunity to talk with WIC colleagues all over the country and the world, subscribe to WIC-Talk, our electronic discussion group. You will not only learn what is going on in other WIC states and local agencies, but you will also learn about what's new on WIC Works, including the latest Spotlight topic, resources and loads of other useful information.

As always, if you have any questions for us or materials you would like to share, please feel free to contact us here at WIC Works.

Upcoming Events

♥**American Dietetic Association's 2003 Food and Nutrition Conference and Expo**
October 25—28, 2003

"Explore New Frontiers" is the theme of this year's conference taking place in

San Antonio, TX. Look for WIC Works Resource System Information at the USDA/Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) booth.

♥**American Public Health Association's 131st Annual Meeting and Conference**
November 15—19, 2003

This year's conference takes place in San Francisco, CA with the theme of "Behavior, Lifestyle, and Social Determinants of Health."





Looking for new educational resources but wish you could catch a glimpse of the material before purchasing?

Here at the **National Agricultural Library (NAL)**, you have the opportunity to borrow books, curriculums, audiovisuals, and other resources on a variety of food and nutrition topics. Visit the library online at <http://www.nal.usda.gov>.

There are many ways that you can search for materials in the collection, including a direct search of the Agricultural Online Access database (AGRICOLA).

AGRICOLA is available online at <http://www.nal.usda.gov/ag98/>.

Another way to find resources in the collection is to search in any of the databases available online at the Food and Nutrition Information Center (FNIC). Just visit <http://www.nal.usda.gov/fnic/databases.html> and either search all the databases at once, or individually select and search any of the databases listed.

The **WIC Works Database** is just one of the databases available at FNIC, as you search for resources, the results page will provide you with a link if the

material is available online, as well as ordering information and the NAL call number if the item is in the collection.

If you are interested in a particular topic, you can select the **“FNIC Resource List”** section from the FNIC homepage. Here you will find resources broken out by specific topic. If the resource is in the collection, you will see the NAL call number.

For information on how to borrow materials, visit <http://www.nal.usda.gov/fnic/general/lending.html>. We encourage you to use this service!

Coming to a Mailbox Near You..

The fall mailing from the WIC Works Resource System will be sent to regional, state, and local WIC agencies in October, providing resources on the important topic of **Substance Abuse**.

In case you are not on this mailing list, here is a guide to substance abuse materials available on the WIC Works web site (<http://www.nal.usda.gov/wicworks>).

◆ In the Learning Center, you can find Alcohol and Drug Abuse referral information

including links to fact sheets, pamphlets, national contacts, and campaigns.

◆ The WIC Works Database contains descriptions and ordering information for videos on fetal alcohol syndrome and the dangers of smoking during pregnancy. There are links to a variety of brochures available online to download or to order in hard copy from the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.

◆ The kit “Providing Drug Abuse Information and Referrals in the WIC Program” from the USDA/

Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), provides insight into WIC’s role in preventing drug abuse in pregnant women. The kit contains a guidebook, as well as two companion videos and can be ordered from FNS (while copies are available—email Publications Coordinator at jackie.rodriguez@fns.usda.gov) or borrowed from NAL.

◆ Finally, the WIC Works Substance Abuse Resource List is now completed and will be available in the mailing as well as online at FNIC (<http://www.nal.usda.gov/fnic>).