



The WIC Works Resource System is an online education and training resource for staff of the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC).

Mission

The WIC Works mission is "to serve as an encompassing resource for WIC nutritionists and other WIC professionals nationwide."

History

In January 2000 the Food and Nutrition Service in collaboration with the National Agricultural Library's Food and Nutrition Information Center explored the concept of an electronic resource system that would be available via the Internet to meet the needs of WIC staff around the U.S. The goal of the resource system was to provide access to education and training materials in a variety of formats. What began as a simple concept is now an expansive Web site with hundreds of links, thousands of files, online learning courses, interactive calculators and searchable databases.

What can be found on WIC Works?

- **WIC Learning Online (WLOL)** – Series of self-paced, interactive, Web-based courses. *WLOL* provides training and resources for all levels of WIC staff, including continuing education credits for Registered Dietitians, Nurses and Lactation Consultants.
- **WIC Databases**
 - *Education and Training Materials Database* – Directory of books, kits, videos, curriculum and other resources to enhance nutrition education efforts.
 - *Formula Database* – Listing of infant formulas, exempt infant formulas and medical foods approved for use in the WIC program.
 - *Bulletin Board Exchange* - Collection of ideas for nutrition and health bulletin boards.
- **Sharing Center** – Home of the State Sharing Gallery, which includes thousands of electronic files from various WIC state agencies.
- **VENA Village**- Training tools, guidance documents, and State-developed materials to be used for the implementation of Value Enhanced Nutritional Assessment in WIC.
- **Loving Support Center** – collection of breastfeeding promotion and support materials from FNS.
- **WIC-Talk** – An electronic discussion group for WIC professionals to share resources, information and innovative solutions to WIC related issues.

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