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## Monthly Update: WIC Developmental Monitoring Project



You are receiving this monthly newsletter because you are a part of the ASPHN WIC Developmental Monitoring Project. This newsletter will feature updates from states within the project about what they are doing and successes and challenges they have had, information about upcoming trainings, and other news. If you have anything you'd like to contribute, you can reach out to Amber Brown at [AmberBrown@asphn.org](mailto:AmberBrown@asphn.org). Thank you!

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### Upcoming Events

- **December 16th @ Noon EST** - *Engaging Families Who are Receiving WIC Benefits; Tawara Goode, Assistant Professor, Georgetown University Medical Center*
- **January 27th @ Noon EST** - *How to Connect with Partners Doing Similar Work; Act Early Ambassadors*
- **February 24th @ Noon EST** - *Topic TBA; Training provided by AMCHP*

***\*Note: January & February Training: Rescheduled due to Martin Luther King Day and Presidents Day***

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### ASPHN and CDC Updates



### Statewide Implementation Plans

Statewide Implementation Plans for the funded states will be due January 17, 2020. If any Technical Assistance States have plans they would like to submit we will

happily review those as well.

## Upcoming NWICA Training December 5, 2019

*Developmental Monitoring in WIC: A Simple Checklist Can Make a Big Difference for Families* [webinar](#) on Thursday, December 5 at 3:00 pm ET. Want to engage families in their children's development? Interested in supporting families when there are concerns about their child's development? The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's "Learn the Signs. Act Early." program has free resources to help. Join this webinar to hear what CDC has to offer and how WIC programs have integrated CDC's simple milestone checklists into the WIC visit to make a BIG difference for families.

## Training and Recruitment Videos:

Both the Recruitment and the Training Videos are available here:

Recruitment: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=leVS67a\\_8j0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=leVS67a_8j0)

Training: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PlkZZa3E6aw>

## Implementation Manual Online:

The Implementation Site from CDC is live for your use at the following links

<https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/wicguide/index.html>

[www.cdc.gov/WICGuide](http://www.cdc.gov/WICGuide)

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## State Updates:

### Arkansas State Updates

Arkansas WIC held a “train the trainer” teaching for all 35 WIC Registered Dietitians from across the state. After the training, the dietitians have scheduled trainings for the staff in their area in preparation for statewide rollout of LTSAE in early 2020. All floor and wall graphics were distributed during this meeting as well. These graphics will be installed over the next two months in the WIC clinics. Arkansas WIC has begun a partnership with our Early Intervention Program called First Connections. A guest speaker from First Connections gave a presentation at the Registered Dietitian training on the process after a referral is made to their program. The Arkansas LTSAE Team has been expanded to include all WIC Coordinators from across the state. The team will continue to meet weekly as the statewide implementation plan becomes finalized and statewide rollout begins.

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### Massachusetts State Update

Massachusetts continues to pilot Act Early monitoring at 7 local WIC Programs. While we are beginning to examine our data, we would like to share a simple, free practice that not only promotes the importance of early developmental monitoring and screening but showcases WIC's efforts to be on the forefront of this campaign.

After a state call in November with our local pilots, one of our programs' staff changed her signature to include the CDC's revised WIC recruitment video. How cool

is that!

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## Iowa

Iowa has started its pilot October 1st at three 3 sites across Iowa. Due to unforeseen circumstances one of our rural sites had to discontinue the pilot but another of Iowa's agencies decided that they would like to increase the number of sites they were conducting the pilot at which will increase our sites to 4 in Iowa starting December 1st. Overall the sites that are conducting the pilot are voicing very positive comments and look forward to possibly rolling out the LTSAE checklists and resources state wide depending on the results of the pilot.

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