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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. Thank you!

Upcoming Events

- **April 20th @ Noon EST** - *How to Develop Productive Partnerships; Act Early Ambassadors*
- **May 18th @ Noon EST:** *State Updates and Networking Call*

ASPHN and CDC Updates



Thank you for your service and leadership.

As the COVID-19 outbreak continues to unfold, we wish to acknowledge and thank our members who are on the front lines of this public health crisis. Because of your tireless work and expertise, communities throughout the nation are offering much-needed nutritional assistance to our most vulnerable citizens. This work is being done while you simultaneously face unprecedented personal and family disruption, making it even more commendable.

At ASPHN, we continue to work on the products and services that help you succeed and remain on the cutting edge of public health nutrition.

With thanks,

ASPHN COVID-19 Resources

ASPHN has added links to some COVID-19 related resources to their webpage as well as adding them and more to a google sheets document. These resources may be valuable to you. It is being continually updated. For any official information please make sure to visit CDC.gov. Click the links below to access:

<https://asphn.org/covid-19-resources/>

[COVID 19 Links Related to Food Systems, Public Health Nutrition and General Information](#)

Cancelled - National WIC Association Networking Event

The National WIC Association has decided that in-lieu of an in-person event, they will host a virtual conference in June. Because of this ASPHN will no longer hold an in-person networking event.

State Updates:

Arkansas State Update

No new updates.

Arkansas WIC finished up LTSAE staff trainings across the state in February. Checklists and file folders were received for each CPA in the state. WIC State Office staff took part in an observation time study to look at increasing the time during the WIC certification appointments with the addition of LTSAE. The LTSAE Statewide Plan was submitted on February 14th to ASPHN. Arkansas WIC is working with the Arkansas Act Early Ambassador to create a lesson to coincide with the Age 1 developmental milestone children's book created by the CDC.

Massachusetts State Update

Massachusetts has begun using the Baby's Busy Day board boards as an incentive for staff. The site with the greatest increase in percent of eligible participants to receive a checklist will be given a small supply to share with families.

Nevada

Nevada's statewide implementation start date has been pushed back due to delays in receive materials from the printer and delays related to COVID-19.

Iowa

Iowa is just about to finish its 6 month pilot. During the last 5 months at the 4 pilot

sites locations over three thousand check lists were completed which resulted in a reported over 200 referrals made by the local agencies. While we have had great success with our pilot we continue to modify and look towards a possible statewide implementation that would alleviate some of the difficulties identified during the pilot. We plan to continue the pilot 2-3 months only utilizing laminated checklist to minimize costs and see how it impacts the usage of the checklists and referrals. Iowa plans to eventually do a statewide implementation after the completion of it's pilot program with an unknown timeline at this time.

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