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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/ Due Dates

- October 1, 2020 - Applications for Year 3 Funding for Technical Assistance States due
- October 1, 2020 - Applications to join as a Technical Assistance state for Year 3 due

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### ASPHN and CDC Updates



#### Upcoming Opportunity for Technical Assistance States! Year 3 Funding of the WIC Developmental Monitoring Project

ASPHN is excited to announce that we have been awarded funding for year 3 of the WIC Developmental Monitoring Project to continue expanding LTSAE into state WIC programs. This funding is for 1 year (August 2020 - July 2021). With this funding ASPHN will work with state WIC programs to develop and pilot a virtual model of the checklist program to continue this work throughout the pandemic and increase sustainability beyond the pandemic.

ASPHN will be selecting two of the current Technical Assistance states to receive this funding. The states selected would help create a virtual model, pilot it in a few clinics, and come up with a plan to continue expanding the program in their state beyond the

funding period. Current TA states can apply by filling out a short application which is due October 1st, 2020. The application will be emailed to each state point of contact.

## Additional States to Join the Technical Assistance Program for Year 3

ASPHN is looking for additional state WIC programs who are interested in joining the WIC Developmental Monitoring Project at a Technical Assistance level where they can be involved in the project, provide guidance on a virtual model, receive technical assistance from ASPHN and CDC about implementing a virtual model in their state, and be connected with other states that are doing similar work. States that are interested will need to fill out a very ***short application*** and submit it to [amberbrown@asphn.org](mailto:amberbrown@asphn.org) by October 1st. If you are aware of any interested states, please have them contact Amber Brown.

## Seeking Additional Advisory Team Members

ASPHN is looking for volunteers to join the Advisory Team for the WIC Developmental Monitoring Project to help provide feedback and guidance in developing a virtual model. This may include WIC staff, Act Early Ambassadors, LTSAE experts, and anyone who may be interested in this project. If anyone is interested in joining or knows anyone interested please contact Amber Brown ([amberbrown@asphn.org](mailto:amberbrown@asphn.org)). More information can be found ***here***.

## Update on Funded States

ASPHN wants to say a huge thank you to the 3 funded states who have done some incredible work over the last couple of years! We have recently had to make some decisions related to our current 3 funded states since the original end date for this project was July 31, 2020. We have been incredibly lucky to have 3 states that are so invested in continuing developmental monitoring even throughout the pandemic with things like promoting the app, utilizing social media, developing online checklists, and so much more. Things have been on hold over the last several months as we have been watching the situation with the pandemic unfold and trying to decide where to go with the project. Since it is not appearing that WIC clinics will be able to fully open in-person again in the near future we have made the decision to close out the current funded states and wrap up year 1 of the WIC Developmental Monitoring Project. This way we can put our focus on developing and implementing a more sustainable virtual checklist program. Each of the 3 states will continue to be involved in the project and will hopefully be helping to pilot a virtual model during year 3 of the project.

## Virtual Service Delivery Webinar Series

Brazelton Touchpoints Center is offering a series of free webinars and an online learning community that will explore how to manage the challenges posed by virtual service delivery and share strategies providers have found for building and sustaining strong relationships with families virtually. In partnership with Parents as Teachers and the Rapid Response Virtual Home Visiting (RR-VHV) Collaborative, we will build on lessons learned from virtual home visiting, adapted for all family-facing providers.

All professionals who work with families of young children—including those who work in health care, early care and education, early intervention, child welfare, and family support—are encouraged to attend these webinars. We are pairing the webinars with an online learning community where webinar participants can engage with one another and BTC facilitators around the topics and strategies discussed in the webinars. A list of webinars is below. For more information and to register for

the webinars visit this link:

[https://bostonchildrens.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_yyvqWi4XRa-gALdzbWwAJw](https://bostonchildrens.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_yyvqWi4XRa-gALdzbWwAJw)

Webinar 5: Wednesday, September 16, 2 PM ET / 11 AM PT  
Challenging Conversations with Families Virtually

Webinar 6: Wednesday, September 30, 2 PM ET / 11 AM PT  
Taking Care of Yourself as a Virtual Service Provider

## **ASPHN's Library of Reliable COVID-19 Information**

ASPHN has created a library of COVID-19 reliable information related to public health nutrition. Check it out here:

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

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