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Ready for the Bid Formula Change?

Here's a quick review!

By the end of June, all WIC staff must review the training information on the formula bid transition. You will begin to see changes in TWIST beginning July 2, and will need to know what to tell clients, what educational materials to give out, and how to find the new food packages in TWIST.

A few reminders:

- Per strict USDA guidelines, we cannot transition infants to the new Ross formulas until October.
- On June 30, TWIST will automatically change all Mead Johnson bid formula food packages for 10/1/07 and later to the corresponding Ross formulas. When you print vouchers beginning July 2, you will see the new food packages on the Food Package Assignment screen.
- Keep a copy of the Oregon Formula Comparison tool handy - this shows you which formulas will be replaced in October and gives you options for manually changing formulas as well.
- Have a supply of the new formula flyer handy to give to mothers of infants receiving formula vouchers and to explain the changes to participants. Formula flyers in Russian and Vietnamese will be available soon on our website.
- Many food packages have been end-dated, especially those with combinations of formulas that were not currently being used. If you need a new package or have a unique food package that TWIST did not change, please call Ap Support for help.
- The standard Enfamil formulas (Lipil, Prosobee, Lactofree and Gentlease) are end dated September 30 and will not be available to print after that date.
- To simplify it, all ready-to-feed formulas will be removed from the drop down window in the Food Package Assignment screen. If you need those food packages, just double-click on the food package line and select the appropriate food package from the next screen.

If you have any questions on the bid formula transition, please contact your nutrition consultant or Susan Greathouse at 971-673-0042.

Keep Your Fingers on the Keyboard!

Working for WIC, you use TWIST. Using a computer can mean tired fingers and wrists. The best way to prevent that is to use keyboard commands instead of the mouse, whenever possible. Keeping your fingers on the keyboard can also improve the speed you move through TWIST screens.

Many of the keyboard commands that you use in word processing programs work in TWIST. For example Control + S is the keyboard command for "Save".

Take a look at the attached TWIST job aid for some wrist and finger saving keyboard shortcuts.



Farm Direct Nutrition Program Takes Off in Oregon!

It's open season for farmers' markets and farm stands across the country, which means it is also time for the Farm Direct Nutrition Program! This year, 25,000 WIC participants in Oregon will have the opportunity to take advantage of this season's bounty of locally grown fresh fruits and vegetables.

Farm Direct is an immensely popular program with WIC families, as our state's stellar redemption rates indicate. However, this program also takes a lot of work at the local level. Thank you so much for all your efforts to connect WIC families with our local farmers. Know that state WIC staff are here to help you throughout the season. And especially in light of our printer's mishaps with the Farm Direct checks, do not hesitate to contact Maria Menor at (971) 673-0056 or Application Support if you notice anything awry as you issue these checks to your participants.

As we celebrate ten years of the Farm Direct Nutrition Program in Oregon, you can feel good about all you do to promote healthy eating to those we serve. And make sure to enjoy the season's fresh fruits and vegetables for yourself!



Upcoming Events and Announcements

Client Shopper Ed

Flipbooks are available for you to use with clients. Try it with your next client!

New Food Lists - July 1

Make sure every participant coming into your clinic gets a new food list starting July 1st.

Risk Names in TWIST

You may notice that the risk names in TWIST have changed to match what you see in the Nutrition Risk Module.

Breastfeeding Basics

Need a breastfeeding refresher? Haven't completed the Breastfeeding module? Just want to know more about breastfeeding? Ask your coordinator about attending the Breastfeeding Basics training on August 20-22. This comprehensive training will cover most of the information in the BF module in a fun and interactive way. Think about joining us! Your coordinator can register you by emailing Lisa Baldasar at

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