#### Welcome! February 28, 2023

## Local Agency WIC Nutritionists meeting



- Local updates
- State updates
- - Break -
- Continuing education topic: Nutritional Supplements

## Local agency updates





### Welcome Meredith McDonald, MPH, RDN, CLC Jackson County WIC dietitian

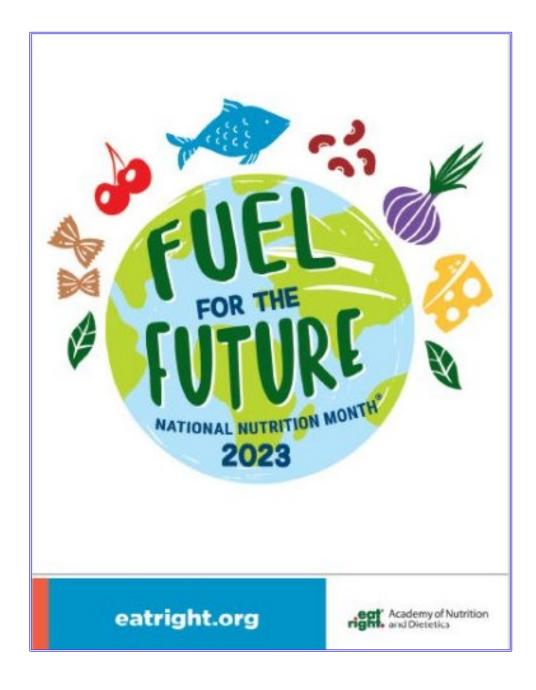
- I completed my Bachelors in Food and Nutrition at Montana State University and then my MPH in Nutrition and dietetic internship at Tulane University in New Orleans.
- I previously worked as a certifier for WIC in Bozeman, MT right after my undergrad. There I was able to expand by breastfeeding knowledge by becoming a CLC.
- I worked briefly as an inpatient dietitian at Tulane Medical Center, but I realized that position was not for me! I was excited when I found the Jackson County WIC RD position and was able to get back to what I love most - supporting and educating families!
- I grew up in Montana and love exploring the outdoors. I am excited to be in Southern Oregon, with the abundance of forests, waterfalls, and beautiful spaces, and close to the coast! I also enjoy trying new recipes, puzzles, reading, and spending time with my cat, Jellybean.



#### Welcome Meghan Carney, MS, RDN Multnomah County WIC dietitian

- I completed my dietetic internship at Louis Stokes VA Medical Center and my Master's degree at Case Western Reserve University.
- · I'm new to the WIC community after spending the last 4 years as an inpatient and outpatient dietitian at PeaceHealth Southwest Medical Center. I worked with a wide variety of patients including those undergoing chemotherapy and radiation at the cancer center.
- Last year, I took a break from the nutrition world to spend 5 months hiking the Pacific Crest Trail from Mexico to Canada. I reached the Canadian border on August 14th.

# National Nutrition Nutrition Month 2023



## State WIC updates







### Welcome Lauren Simmons, RDN, to the State WIC team!

- Before joining the state WIC team, Lauren was the WIC coordinator in Crook county since 2019.
- Grew up in Boise, Idaho and moved to Central Oregon with husband in 2019.
- Completed degree and dietetic internship at the University of Idaho.
- Prior to Oregon WIC, worked as an inpatient clinical dietitian.
- Loves to travel, cook and spend time with husband exploring new places!

## Formula transition

#### Formula Transition Dates at - a - Glance (v2)

Today

Wor with families to transition infant back to Similac bid rula types

Feb 28, 2023

- · Waiver ends for alternative formula types
- Full return to Similac bid formula types
- · Alternative formulas removed from TWIST

We are here!

Mar & Apr 2023  Work with families to transition to contract container sizes for Similar bid formula types

Apr 30, 2023

- Waiver ends for alternate sized containers of contract formulas
- Full return to Similac bid formula container sizes of contract formulas
- Larger container sizes will be removed from TWIST

May 1, 2023  Fully return to contract requirements for Similac bid-formula types and container sizes

## Formula: shortages, discontinued products

#### **Discontinued:**

Similac for Spit Up

#### **Shortages:**

- Enfamil AR
- Alimentum
- Total Comfort

### Formula: Changes in TWIST- March 1st

- Store brand "added rice" formulas will be assigned to Enfamil AR
- Store brands of Alimentum will be assigned to Alimentum
- Gentlease will be its own formula with its own template
  - Assign using the modify function on the Food Package Assignment (FPA) screen
  - Requires medical documentation form
- Because of the changes, these formulas may not be available to purchase for the first 2-3 days in March, depending on the store

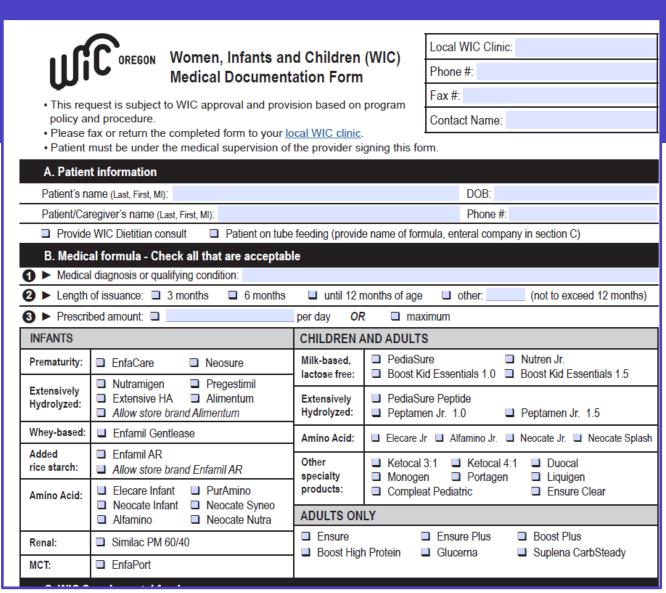
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#### Formula: medical documentation form

March 1st revision

Providers have been notified to discontinue using earlier versions of the MDF

Available online and through WIC shopify



#### **News to share: EPSDT**

EPSDT stands for <u>Early and Periodic Screening</u>, <u>Diagnosis and Treatment</u> - a nationwide, federally mandated health coverage for all children under age 21 enrolled in Medicaid (Oregon Health Plan, OHP)

Early: Assess and identify problems early, starting at birth

**Periodic:** Check children's health at periodic, age-appropriate intervals in comprehensive well-child visits

**Screening:** Provide physical, dental, mental, developmental, hearing, vision, and other screening or

laboratory tests to detect potential problems

Diagnosis: Perform diagnostic tests and assessments to follow up when a risk is identified during screening

and examinations

Treatment: Control, correct or ameliorate any problems that are found

- Oregon had waivers in effect to opt out of certain elements of EPSDT until now.
- EPSDT is being implemented in Oregon, effective **January 1, 2023**
- It includes screenings, checkups, tests and follow-up care and treatment
- Services specific to nutrition include nutrition screening, assessment, referrals for nutrition counseling to improve health outcomes, and to correct or ameliorate conditions, nutritional supplements and/or medical foods

#### News to share: AAP guidelines

- In January 2023, the <u>American Academy of Pediatricians released guidelines</u> recommending intentional weight loss for higher-weight children via "Intensive Health Behavior and Lifestyle Training" starting as early as age two with intensive behavioral approaches and drugs and surgeries starting as early as age 13
- Reactions to the new guidelines have been mixed
- WIC is a prevention program focused on participant centered services, strength-based support of our families, to improve health behaviors (vs. healthy weight)
- Weight stigma and weight bias have long term impacts and needs to be addressed in health care
- Encourage you to explore the issue, read the guidelines
- Resources to assist families:
  - Jessica Setnick: <a href="https://www.jessicasetnick.com/preparing-parents-for-the-weight-loss-conversation/">https://www.jessicasetnick.com/preparing-parents-for-the-weight-loss-conversation/</a>
  - Sunny Side Up Nutrition: <a href="https://sunnysideupnutrition.com/parent-resource-navigating-pediatric-care-in-light-of-the-new-american-academy-of-pediatrics-aap-guidelines/">https://sunnysideupnutrition.com/parent-resource-navigating-pediatric-care-in-light-of-the-new-american-academy-of-pediatrics-aap-guidelines/</a>

## Future LAWN meetings

May 23<sup>rd</sup>: Sarah Sahl, OHSU/CDRC

August 22<sup>nd</sup>: Breastfeeding Coordinators and WIC

Nutritionists

November 28th: TBD, statewide roll-out of OTIS





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