

**THANK YOU FOR  
JOINING THE SIXTH  
ANNUAL JOINT  
LAWN-BFC MEETING**

**WE WILL BEGIN SHORTLY** 

# ATTENDANCE

Please type your name and agency in the chat for attendance purposes. What has been the highlight of your summer so far?

# AGENDA

1. Local Agency Updates
2. State Agency Updates
3. Guest Presentation:

*Empowering and supporting caregivers and their preterm infants from NICU discharge to complementary food introduction* with April Mitsch, MS, RDN and Julia Farrell, PPOTD, OTR/L, IBCLC

# LOCAL AGENCY UPDATES



Clackamas County WIC Farmer's Market:  
Denise, Melissa, Beth, Audrey



Benton County WIC Farmer's Market: Brooke (WIC Coordinator)  
and Kaylee (Intern)



# HAPPY NATIONAL BREASTFEEDING MONTH!

Washington and Linn County  
Peer Counseling Programs







Sabrina (WIC Coordinator)  
Patrícia Soriano Guzmán (guest speaker)



## MULTNOMAH COUNTY'S 4TH ANNUAL BREASTFEEDING AND MATERNAL HEALTH TOWN HALL





Community partners

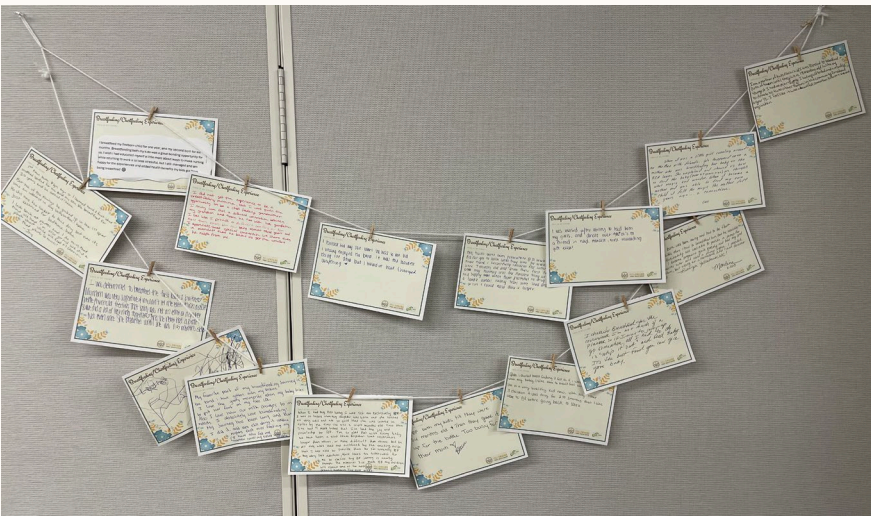


Chef Rajiv Harry









YELLOWHAWK

Alisa (WIC Coordinator) and Dusty (WIC Nutritionist)





# SHEILA ORR, RN, BSN

- Winding Waters WIC Breastfeeding Coordinator
- Completed BS in Nursing at OHSU in 1997
- Has worked part time for Baker County Health Department for 20 years providing family planning services.
- Passionate about supporting WIC parents achieve their feeding goals.
- Long-term goal of becoming an IBCLC!
- Outside of work, Sheila enjoys all sports and spending time with friends and family.



# WELCOME GRAND RONDE HWC WIC!

WIC Staff:

- **Tawna Norwest** - Clerk and Certifier  
(pictured left)
- **Becky Johnson, MS, RDN, LD** –  
Coordinator and Nutritionist (center)
- **Shawna Martin, BSN, RN, IBCLC** –  
Breastfeeding Coordinator (right)

Starting WIC services this fall!









# BECKY JOHNSON, MS, RDN, LD

- BS in Dietetics through University of Northern Colorado and dietetic internship and MS in Human Nutrition through OHSU
- Prior to working with the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and its WIC local agency I worked as Nutrition Services Manager with Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital and as Health Education Manager and Registered Dietitian with the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribes of Indians. I also currently serve on the Board of the Oregon Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.
- Dietetics is my second career. Previously I worked in international development.
- I live in Lincoln City, where I enjoy running on the beach and local trails, experimenting in the kitchen, and travelling to fun destinations with my husband.





# WIC NUTRITIONIST JOB POSTING

Washington County WIC is recruiting for a bilingual or non-bilingual Nutritionist to join their team. Check out the posting and apply [Bilingual/Non-bilingual Nutritionist - Women, Infants & Children \(WIC\) | Job Details tab | Career Pages](#). Questions? Please reach out to Tara Olson ([Tara\\_Olson@washingtoncountyor.gov](mailto:Tara_Olson@washingtoncountyor.gov))



# **OTHER LOCAL AGENCY UPDATES?**



# STATE UPDATES

- Welcome new Oregon WIC staff
- Breastfeeding
- Formula
- Training
- Nutrition Education

# COLLETTE KOKESH, MPH, CHES PUBLIC HEALTH EDUCATOR



- Training Module Coordinator
- BS in Nutrition and Health Sciences and MPH in Health Behavior and Community Health
- Previous experience as a:
  - Program assistant at Food Hero/OSU Extension
  - Intern at Washington, DC WIC
- Grew up in Sisters, OR
- A WIC participant as an infant and child
- Love backpacking, cooking new recipes, and reading

# BREASTFEEDING UPDATES

- Happy National Breastfeeding Month!
- Governor Tina Kotek has officially proclaimed August 2025 as National Breastfeeding Month in Oregon! View proclamation [here](#).
- Next level 4 wrap up webinar: January 2026





# FORMULA UPDATES

- Updated formulary on our website- Oregon WIC and Providence
- Any policy 765 questions?
- Reminder about using the Formula Warehouse for shipping formula

# MEDICAL FORMULA UPDATES

- Can local agencies receive and approve old MDFs?
  - ❖ Yes, there is a grace period until December 31.
  - ❖ WIC MDF FAQ will be sent out with LAWN follow up email.
- Any questions about the revised medical documentation form or Medicaid?



# TRAINING UPDATES

- Substance use and lead live training dates:
  - Thursday, October 9 at 10-11 a.m. and
  - Tuesday, October 14 at 2-3 p.m.
  - Recorded training will be posted to WorkDay Learning
- 2025 Risk Update – Training Memo:
  - Risk 141 Low Birth Weight
  - Risk 201 Low Hemoglobin or Hematocrit
  - Very Low HGB/HCT Report Job Aid
  - Posted to [Staff In-Services](#) page

# UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA NATIONAL MATERNAL NUTRITION INTENSIVE COURSE

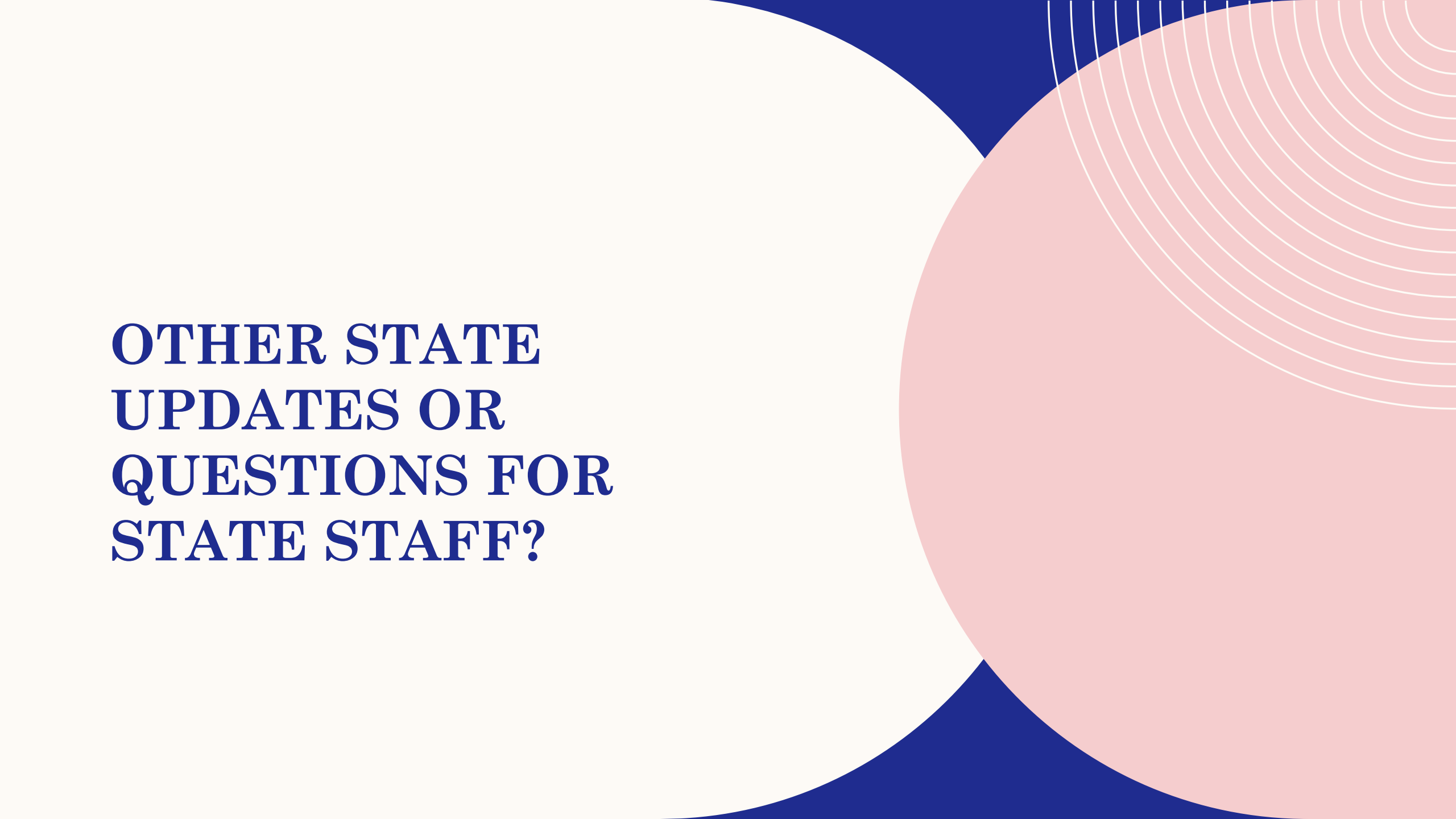
If you reached out to me to register but did not receive login instructions or are having difficulty registering, please let me know!

[ellen.r.hill@oha.Oregon.gov](mailto:ellen.r.hill@oha.Oregon.gov)



# NUTRITION EDUCATION UPDATES

- Brush Art training from August 14<sup>th</sup> posted on the Basecamp NEWS group
- More information about ordering print materials coming soon!
- Please contact Lauren Simmons ([Lauren.Simmons2@oha.oregon.gov](mailto:Lauren.Simmons2@oha.oregon.gov)) with questions or feedback on the site.



**OTHER STATE  
UPDATES OR  
QUESTIONS FOR  
STATE STAFF?**



# THANK YOU!



**Next LAWN Meeting:** Tuesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>



**Topic ideas or feedback?** Email Ellen at [ellen.r.hill@oha.Oregon.gov](mailto:ellen.r.hill@oha.Oregon.gov)

# 5-MINUTE BIO BREAK

When we return:

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