



# THANK YOU FOR JOINING THE MAY 2025 LAWN MEETING

We will begin shortly.



# ATTENDANCE

Please type your name and agency in the chat for attendance purposes. Feel free to share your favorite summer dish in the chat!

# Today's Agenda

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LOCAL AGENCY UPDATES

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STATE UPDATES

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PRESENTATION - REVISED MDF  
AND POLICY 765: MEDICAL  
DOCUMENTATION UPDATE



# LOCAL AGENCY UPDATES





# Sadie Royes, MS, RD

## Union County and UMHS

- Born and raised in Imbler/La Grande OR
- Did my undergrad at Oregon State University and my MS/DI through Idaho State in Meridian, Idaho
- Currently a WIC dietitian for both CHD in La Grande and Umatilla Morrow Head Start program
- Some “fun facts” about me- I have two cats, I am getting married next May, I graduated high school with 20 kids in my class, I also play golf!

# Kelly Warner, MPH, RD, LD (she/her) Multnomah County

- Kelly has over a decade of experience implementing federally funded and state-administered nutrition programs and improving access to nutrition education, healthy and affordable foods, and quality healthcare services for “low-income, vulnerable communities, including most recently at the USDA Food and Nutrition Services Western Regional Office as a WIC Nutritionist.
- Prior to her role at USDA, Kelly worked as a Program Manager at the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Nutrition and Physical Activity Program for six years, where she provided programmatic oversight to the ARPA Market Match and Grocery Voucher Programs and coordinated the Los Angeles County Nutrition Action Partnership coalition.
- Kelly received her Master of Public Health from the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health and completed her dietetic internship at the VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System. A double Bruin, Kelly holds a Bachelor’s Degree in International Development Studies from UCLA.
- Hailing from California, Kelly lives in Northeast Portland with her husband and two dogs. She loves a good book, hiking with her dogs, trying new restaurants and cuisines, and cooking a meal to share with friends.





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Other Local  
Agency Updates?





# STATE AGENCY UPDATES



# State Updates

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WELCOME NEW OREGON WIC STAFF

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FORMULA

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BREASTFEEDING

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TRAINING

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NUTRITION EDUCATION

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FORMULAS



# Collette Kokesh, MPH, CHES

## Public Health Educator

- Training Module Coordinator
- Member of State WIC Training Team
- BS: Nutrition and Health Sciences
- MPH: 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 in the late 90s
- Love backpacking, cooking new recipes, and reading





# Cora Ives

## Research Analyst 3

- Centered in Portland
- Lover of Dogs
- Knitter
- Rollerskater
- Karaoke song:  
Everything She Wants by WHAM!

# Formula Updates

- “Formula Safety Talking Points” shared with coordinators and nutritionists via email and posted on Basecamp
- Providence Formula Warehouse- updated formulary on our website
- [Formula Warehouse Formulary Job Aid](#) – do RDs use this resource? A different resource?
- Updated [Job Aid – Decision Tree: Infant foods for a child](#) to include medical formula from Medicaid ([WIC Staff training webpage](#) under “Food Package” job aids)





# Breastfeeding Updates



- GOLD Lactation Watch Parties
- WIC Designated Breastfeeding Expert (DBE)

# GOLD

## Lactation Watch Parties

### You are invited!

- Watch Parties are for Oregon WIC staff to attend, only. We are not recording the Team's meetings, and we are asking staff not to record them, either. Handouts for the sessions are not available.
- Continuing Education Units (CEUs) are not available\*
- The Watch Parties are on Fridays from 11:00 a.m.-noon. April 11-June 27, 2025
- Complete and submit the post-session survey after attending a Watch Party. The link to the survey will be provided in the meeting's chat.
- Questions and comments from the chat and surveys will be discussed at the July 2025, Breastfeeding Coordinator's Quarterly Call.
- Announcing 2 Free GOLD Lactation presentations for the community  
Keynote Opening Presentation, April 1, 2025  
Keynote Closing Presentation, May 12, 2025

Date	Presentation
May 30	Lactation and Perimenopause: Exploring the Complexities and Implications
June 6	Developing Weaning: A Sensory Approach to a Routine Process
June 13	Resilient Advocacy: Practical Strategies for Breastfeeding Supporters to Thrive Without Burnout.
June 20	Diaper Diagnostics: Decoding Infant Elimination
June 27	Anomalies in Breast Appearance: Not a Barrier to Breastfeeding



Are you interested  
in becoming a WIC  
DBE?



# WIC DBE Update

We encourage WIC nutritionists to become a WIC DBE, but it is not a requirement.

## Next steps:

- Complete the Breastfeeding Training Level 4 in Workday Learning
  - Self-paced lessons
  - Live- Wrap-up webinar- July 30, 2025
- Complete the WIC DBE Form
  - **Due May 30, 2025**

# WIC DBE ROADMAP

## 1 GROUP EVENT

Hosted WIC DBE Listening Session to announce the WIC DBE role to LAs and to receive feedback

September 2024

## 2 MILESTONE

The WIC DBE role is added to policy 710  
October 2024

## 3 GROUP EVENT

Hosted WIC DBE Listening Session follow-up to discuss LA logistics and state support regarding funding and mentoring  
February 2025

## 4 PROCESS

LA staff who want to be a WIC DBE complete and submit the WIC DBE Form

Start: May 2025

## 5 MILESTONE

Identify Oregon WIC DBEs. Create a WIC DBE list and a list of future WIC DBEs

Start: June 2025

## 6 PROCESS

Develop a plan with local agency breastfeeding coordinators who want to be a WIC DBE but who do not meet the requirements.

Start: August 2025

## 7 PROCESS

Create an agenda for the first WIC DBE Forum meeting

Start: September 2025

## 8 LAUNCH GROUP EVENT

The first WIC DBE Forum is held to provide space and time for peer-to-peer support and mentorship

Start: November 2025



# Training Updates

- Videos available in English, Spanish, and Russian on the New Foods, More Choice web page
  - 5 more languages in development: Ukranian, Simplified Chinese, Dari, Vietnamese, Arabic, and Marshallese
- Food Package module being revised for staff training.
- **What gaps in resources are there for you as WIC Nutritionists?**

## New Foods, More Choice



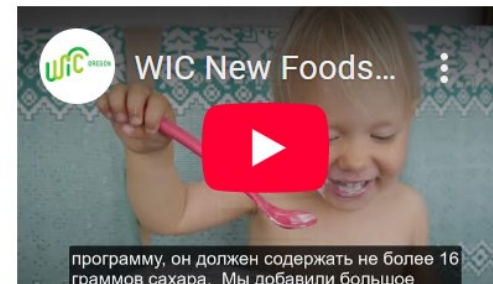
This video provides an overview of changes happening to the Food Package beginning July 1, 2025.

## Nuevos alimentos, más opciones



Este video ofrece una visión general de los cambios que se implementarán en el Paquete de Alimentos a partir del 1 de julio del 2025.

## Новые продукты, больше выбора



# WIC Communication Updates

## WIC Food Package Communication & Resources

- **Staff webpage** New Foods More Choice page:
  - Monthly newsletters
  - 2025 WIC Food List in Spanish
  - Newer resources
- Starting June 1, the **WICShopper app run banner** about new WIC foods coming July 1 and link to the videos and participant webpage
- Week of June 9<sup>th</sup> **social media** campaign kick off to generate excitement and awareness of the July 1 food package updates
- Early July 1 – statewide **media release**

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### 2025 WIC Food Package: New Foods, More Choice

**Oregon WIC Program**

- Find a WIC clinic or store
- WIC staff resources
- For WIC vendors
- Shopping with WIC
- WIC approved food list
- Eligibility guidelines
- Resources for partners
- Resources for medical providers
- Annual report
- Program regulations
- Contact us

**New Foods More Choice Newsletter**

- [New Foods, More Choice March Newsletter](#)
- [New Foods, More Choice April Newsletter](#)
- [New Foods, More Choice May Newsletter](#)

**Staff Tools and Trainings**

- [Food Package Trainings](#)
- [2025 WIC Food List](#)
- [2025 WIC Food List in Spanish](#)
- [2025 WIC Food List Swap Quick Reference Guide \(PPT\)](#)
- [2025 WIC Food List Swap Quick Reference Guide \(PDF\)](#)
- [Teletask Job Aid: Food Package Quarterly Nutrition Education and Video Sharing Instructions \(PDF\)](#)
- Tools For Assigning Fresh Fruits and Vegetables to Infants 7-12 Months
  - [Job Aid: Steps to Assign Infant Fruits and Vegetables](#)
  - [Nutrition Education Handout: It's Time to Eat! Foods For Your Baby \(English\)](#)
  - [Nutrition Education Handout: It's Time to Eat! Foods For Your Baby \(Spanish\)](#)
- [Food Package At-A-Glance \(PDF\)](#)

# University of Minnesota National Maternal Nutrition Intensive Course



- Online, self-led course with recorded presentations from live event (7 hours of CEU)
  - Oregon WIC will sponsor 25 registrants
  - Access to the recordings available **September 1 through December 31, 2025**
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## Presentations and Speakers

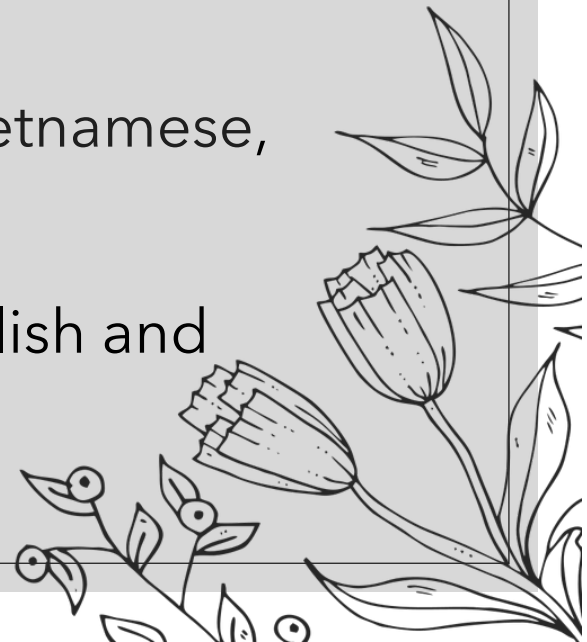
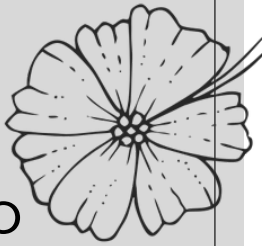
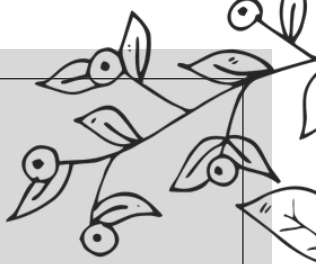
- + A Multilevel Approach to Improving Breastfeeding Practices
- + The Milky Way: Exploring How Maternal Genetics Shapes Human Milk Composition
- + Staffing, Training, and Roles of WIC Paraprofessionals: Results of a National Review
- + GLP-1 Medication Use in Adolescents
- + Ultra-Processed Foods: Challenges for Regulation and Dietary Guidance
- + Smart Eating on a Budget: Extension Tools for Healthier Families

[Learn more here!](#)



# Nutrition Education

- The new web-based nutrition education materials are very close to being released!
  - Education topics include a father's series, pregnancy, postpartum, infant feeding guide and children's series.
  - Languages include English, Spanish, Russian, Ukrainian, Vietnamese, Chinese, Arabic, Dari and Somali
  - The next phase of this project will be print materials in English and Spanish- more to come!





# Medicaid Coverage of Medical Formulas

- Presented to CCO Medical and Pharmacy Directors
- Updating our resources as needed - [FAQ for LAs](#) (FAQ for HCPs update in progress)
- Meeting with clinical RDs to discuss changes
- Possible future formula listening session hosted by OHA – invitation to follow



**What questions or cases would you like to discuss?**

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Other state updates  
or questions for state  
staff?





# Thank you!

**Next Meeting:**

- Annual joint LAWN-BFC meeting
- Tuesday, August 26<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm
- Topic: Supporting the Premature Infant

**Topic ideas or feedback?** Please share!

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# 5-MINUTE BIO BREAK

When we return - Presentation:  
Revised MDF and Policy 765:  
Medical Documentation Update

