

Policy 225

State Outreach

December 13, 2019

POLICY

The state WIC program shall conduct regular outreach activities and monitor ongoing opportunities to provide outreach to highest priority and underserved populations. The state WIC program shall provide outreach materials to local programs.

PURPOSE

To ensure that potential participants are informed about the existence and services of the WIC program and to ensure growth or maintenance of WIC participant caseload.

RELEVANT REGULATIONS

7 CFR §246.4(a) (7)—State plan

OREGON WIC PPM REFERENCES

- ◆ <u>215—Local Program Monitoring and Review</u>
- ◆ 470—Local Program Outreach

PROCEDURE

Annual Activity

1.0 Local WIC programs shall be responsible for conducting outreach activities on an annual basis. Refer to <u>470—Local Program Outreach</u> for more information.

Outreach Resources

- 2.0 The state WIC program will develop and maintain specific outreach materials.
 - 2.1. Current available materials include the following:
 - 2.1.1. WIC outreach rack cards: "You do a lot and WIC is here to help" (form 57-400; English and Spanish).
 - 2.1.2. WIC outreach posters: "Growing Healthy Futures & You Got This, Mom" (forms 57-401-1, 57-401-2, 57-401-3; English and Spanish).
 - 2.2. These outreach materials may be ordered by local WIC staff using Shopify, the online store for ordering WIC materials.
- 3.0 The state WIC program pays for National WIC Association (NWA) membership for all local agencies, as funding allows. This membership provides access to publications, fact sheets and other resources. Additionally, Oregon WIC participates in the NWA National Ad Campaign, which allows access for both state WIC and local WIC programs to materials associated with that campaign.

Information and Referral

- 4.0 The state WIC program provides funding for 211info, a statewide toll-free call center offering health information and referrals. 211info staff provide the following services:
 - 4.1. Give an overview of WIC benefits and services for those who call in, including the location of the WIC clinic and eligibility requirements.
 - 4.2. Offer additional support, referrals and resources for anyone with maternal or child health needs.
 - 4.3. Collect and report demographic information for the state WIC program. Key 211info staff are also required to attend meetings/trainings with WIC and other Oregon Public Health Division maternal and child health program staff.

Technical Assistance

5.0 The state WIC program provides consultation on outreach activities. The outreach coordinator and/or nutrition consultant assigned to a geographic area can provide examples of outreach activities local programs may perform within their own communities.

Monitoring

6.0 The state WIC program monitors local programs for compliance with outreach requirements. See <u>◆215—Local Program Monitoring and Review</u> for more information.

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POLICY HISTORY

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