



*Bureau of Nutrition and Health Promotion*

## *Friday Facts*

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### ***Policy***

#### **From the WIC State Operations – 410.10 Procurement**

Equipment and services for the state WIC office are procured through the State of Iowa's Department of General Services in accordance with OMB standards. FNS approval is obtained in advance for all vehicle purchases and any equipment over \$25,000.

The Department of General Services tags each item of equipment \$5000 or more with a unique serial number, which is entered in a computerized inventory control system. Monthly reports are available listing equipment inventories for each program area.

All equipment purchases by local agencies are approved in advance by the state WIC office in their categorical budget and are similarly tagged and tracked.

### ***Information***

#### **New Community Health Consultant**

The state WIC office is pleased to announce that Nikki Davenport accepted the position for Community Health Consultant! Nikki has worked with the Broadlawns Medical Center WIC Program for seven years. For the past 18 months she has also provided services to the Drake University Head Start Program. Prior to working for WIC, Nikki was employed as a Health Market Manager for Hy-Vee Food Stores for several years. Nikki's enthusiasm, leadership skills and team orientation combined with her WIC experience and program understanding will significantly contribute to state office operations supporting quality nutrition services for all WIC participants.

Nikki will begin work in the state office in early January 2012.

#### **Breastfeeding Scenarios Needed!**

The National WIC Association 2012 Annual Education and Networking Conference and Exhibits planning committee is hard at work putting together the conference schedule. A planned speaker for this conference is Marie Biancuzzo who will be presenting on overcoming breastfeeding obstacles. In order to present the most informative and effective presentation she is looking for real life scenarios from local WIC agencies. If you have a scenario that you would like to share with Marie please email Jill Lange by December 23, 2011.

## ***Don't forget...***



Policy 340.30 states that all scales whether digital or mechanical need to be checked at least once a year against a standard by using test weights to make sure they are accurate. If a scale is found to be inaccurate, then it needs to be calibrated or replaced. What is your agency process??

## ***Dates to Remember***

### **2012**

- January 31, 2012 – WIC Contractor's Meeting
- March 29-30, 2012 – Maternal and Breastfeeding Nutrition Core Workshops
- August 21, 2012 – WIC Contractor's Meeting
- August 29-30, 2012 – Infant and Child Nutrition Core Workshops
- October 26, 2012 – 2012 Iowa WIC Training
- October 30, 2012 – Communication and Rapport Building Core Workshop

## ***Available Formula***

<b>Product</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Expiration Date</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Contact</b>
Neocate	30 cans – 14 oz power	1/8/12	Rosebud WIC	Lucy Reifel @ 605-747-2617
Similac PM 60/40	3 cans	10/2012	Johnson County Public Health	Chuck Dufano @ 319-356-6042