



Memorandum

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TO: WIC Regional Directors
WIC Local Agency Directors

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DATE: July 15, 2011

SUBJECT: Updated VENA Web Page and Monthly VENA Workgroup Conference Call

Updated VENA Webpage

The VENA web page on the DSHS website has been updated. The web page can be accessed under the "Nutrition" tab on the DSHS website or at:

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/wichd/nut/vena-nut.shtm>

On this web page you will find VENA resource documents and tools, as well as links to other helpful websites. Also included is a section for Local Agency-developed VENA tools. Local Agencies are encouraged to share any VENA tools that they have developed.

A new *VENA Structure Tool* developed by Local Agency #001 has been posted to the web. It includes tips and examples of open-ended questions in both Spanish and English to help guide your VENA counseling sessions. Local Agencies that would like to share their VENA tools can contact their State NE liaison or send their tools to Frances.Diep@dshs.state.tx.us

Monthly VENA Workgroup Conference Call

This is an invitation to join us for our monthly VENA workgroup conference call. This is a great opportunity to share ideas, ask questions, and be a part of the latest VENA developments. Please join us on **Monday July 18, 2011** from **12:00-1:00pm**

Follow the instructions below to join the call.

1. Dial **1-877-768-0032**.
2. Dial the room number: ***1663325***.
(Note: the star key must be pressed before and after the room number.)
3. You will be connected to the conference.

If you have questions or require additional information, please contact Frances Diep, Nutrition Education Consultant at (512) 341-4584 or Frances.Diep@dshs.state.tx.us.