



Memorandum

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TO: WIC Regional Directors
WIC Local Agency Directors

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SUBJECT: January, February and March 2012 Interactive Distance Learning Class Schedules and NECS Online Staff Training Schedules

To view the January, February, and March 2012 Interactive Distance Learning (IDL) class schedules and the Nutrition Education/Clinic Services (NECS) Online Staff Training schedules, visit www.dshs.state.tx.us/wichd/tng/idl-cal-dates.shtm and download the quarterly training schedule.

The following *new* classes will be available in January, February and March:

- *Ellyn Satter's Feeding with Love and Good Sense (IDL only)*
- *Ellyn Satter's Raising a Healthy Eater (IDL only)*
- *Scheduling and Marketing CCNE Classes (IDL and Online)*
- *Mid-Certification Assessment for 1-Year Certifications (IDL only)*

Also new in 2012, we will begin offering a Nutrition Education (NE)-only training day every month for Local Agency staff. We hope this will make planning and attending training more manageable. For the first quarter NE-only training days, a variety of classes will be offered, both IDL and Online, on the following dates:

- Wednesday, January 25, 10:00 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.
- Friday, February 24, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- Monday, March 26, 10:00 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.

The NECS Online Staff Training and the IDL network are two training systems. For IDL technical assistance, you will still contact Yolanda Baz Dresch, IDL Studio Manager, at (512) 341-4443 or yolanda.bazdresch@dshs.state.tx.us. If you are interested in participating in an NECS Online Staff Training session, instructions for logging in can be found on the NECS Online schedule. Technical assistance for the NECS Online Staff Training is provided via a CenturyLink customer service representative at **1-800-485-0844**.

Beginning in January 2012, all schedule changes and/or cancellations will be posted online, at www.dshs.state.tx.us/wichd/tng/idl-cal-dates.shtm, two weeks in advance whenever possible. Though we strive to keep changes and cancellations to a minimum, we advise staff to check the WIC training website for any changes or schedule updates in advance.

If you have any questions regarding your IDL system or the IDL and Online training schedules, please call the IDL studio at (512) 341-4443.