



Memorandum

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TO: WIC Regional Directors
WIC Local Agency Directors

FROM: Linda Brumble, Unit Manager
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Nutrition Services Section

DATE: February 14, 2013

SUBJECT: Training Alternatives to *National WIC Association's 2013 Annual Education and Networking Conference*

This memo is a supplement to memo #13-004, *National WIC Association's 2013 Annual Education and Networking Conference*. Local agencies (LAs) are not required to attend the National WIC Association's annual meeting. Instead, as stated in the memo, they are encouraged to attend if LA surplus funds are available.

Several other in-state conferences are available for LA staff to attend in order to meet the requirements of WIC policies *NE: 02.0* and *BF:02.0* which state, "Nutrition Education and Breastfeeding Coordinators shall attend the WIC Program's Nutrition and Breastfeeding conference yearly. Other conferences or training may be accepted in lieu of this conference with the approval of the State Agency."

Below is a list of State Agency approved trainings that will serve in place of attending the *National WIC Association's 2013 Annual Education and Networking Conference*.

- Texas Human Nutrition Conference
 - ◆ Sponsor – Texas A&M University
 - ◆ Location – Texas A&M University College Station, TX
 - ◆ Date – March 1, 2013
 - ◆ Contact information – <http://nfs.tamu.edu/graduate-programs/events-seminars/texas-human-nutrition-conference/>

- Neonatal Nutrition Conference
 - ◆ Sponsors – Baylor College of Medicine and Texas Children's Hospital
 - ◆ Location – Sheraton Suites Houston, TX
 - ◆ Date – March 3-6, 2013
 - ◆ Contact Information – <http://www.neonate.net/conferences/nutrition/>

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- The Texas Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Annual Meeting
 - ◆ Sponsor – Texas Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics
 - ◆ Location – Renaissance Austin Hotel, Austin, TX
 - ◆ Date – April 11-13, 2013
 - ◆ Contact Information – <http://www.eatrighttexas.org/meetings/>

- The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Food and Nutrition Conference
 - ◆ Sponsor – Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics
 - ◆ Location – George R. Brown Convention Center Houston, TX
 - ◆ Date – October 19 – 22, 2013
 - ◆ Contact information – <http://www.eatright.org/FNCE/>

- The Hale, Newman, and Wilson – Clay Breastfeeding conference
 - ◆ Location – Intercontinental Hotel, Dallas TX
 - ◆ Date – September 12-14, 2013
 - ◆ Contact Information – <http://www.ibreastfeeding.com/>

Another option is for LAs to view the on-line version of the Maternal and Nutrition Intensive Course offered by the University of Minnesota. The on-line viewing dates are made available after the live presentation of the conference. This year the viewing dates will be August 16 – October 18, 2013. The cost for viewing the course is \$100 for 2 – 9 people, \$200 for 10 – 20, and \$10 for each person over the maximum in both group size options. The State Agency will provide LAs with more information about this option as it becomes available.

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