



Annual Report

Mission

To advocate for quality WIC services for eligible women, infants, and children and to provide training, leadership and educational resources for local WIC staff.

Goal

Members work together to support and improve the quality of the WIC Program by assuring quality services to all eligible clients.

Our Members

Washington Association of Local WIC Agencies has over 200 individual members who work in various capacities in the WIC Program. Of the 67 local agencies providing WIC services in Washington State, 44 are represented in WALWICA.



Farmers Market Nutrition Program

State Dollars Secured!

During the 2005 Legislative Session, WALWICA partnered with the Anti-Hunger & Nutrition Coalition, Advocates for Families and Farms, and the Washington Association of Area Agencies on Aging to obtain additional state funding in light

of budget cuts. It was down to wire in the final state budget negotiations, but an additional \$125,000 per year in state dollars were secured for WIC FMNP; 341,000 per year for Senior FMNP. The additional dollars enabled the State WIC Program to implement a check distribution scenario that brought WIC FMNP to needed areas of the state. For 2005, about 30% or 60,000 women and children receive farmers market checks. WIC FMNP is now in 35 of Washington's 39 counties and in all local WIC agencies who have a viable farmers market in their service region.



Promoting WIC in Olympia & DC

Have a Heart for Kids Day

Members of the Board and staff joined the Children's Alliance in Olympia for Have a Heart for Kids Day. The 2004 Annual Report for the Washington State WIC Program was distributed to all members of the Legislature.

NWA Leadership Conference

WALWICA sent Debra Ryan, State Representative, Carrie Nelson-Pfab, President-elect, and Caroline Tittel, Executive Director to Washington DC in March. The threesome visited with members of the Washington delegation and their staff and encouraged a funding base adequate to serve all eligible clients and sound budget and policy decisions for the program.

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Website Gets a New Look!

The newly redesigned website has a Members Only section where you can view past issues of WALWICA News, link to resources offered by the National WIC Association, and vote for officers when election time comes! The website houses information about WALWICA and its beginnings, its current activities and accomplishments, and links to information and resources to help staff achieve their training and educational needs.

Education & Training

Statewide Trainings for WIC Staff!

WALWICA was awarded a contract to manage and coordinate statewide trainings and conferences for the DOH WIC Program. Regional Lactation Trainings in Toppenish, Renton, and Spokane took place over the summer. Eighty-nine WIC staff across the state received the training along with six staff in partnering programs. WALWICA also convened a committee, comprised of twenty local and state WIC staff, to plan the Annual Washington State WIC Conference, for 650 local WIC staff. Staff met



monthly to discuss and plan the conference program packed with terrific educational opportunities and time to connect with staff from across the state.



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Staff Development

WALWICA Educational Scholarship

Shelley Wold, Columbia Valley Community Health and Maria Vasquez, Yakima Neighborhood Health Services were each recipients of a 2005 WALWICA Scholarship.

The WALWICA scholarship program assists WALWICA members in furthering their education and training. The funding covers short-term training such as workshops, seminars and course work. The maximum amount available is \$1,500 per calendar year. To qualify, staff must currently be employed by WIC and be a paid member of WALWICA for the past two (consecutive) years.

2004 Financial Report

Contributions	\$49.
Dues	\$2,080.
Fundraising	\$10,834.
Grants	\$22,654.
State Contracts	\$518,694.
Total Support	\$554,311.