



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 275 individual members who work in various capacities in the WIC Program.

Farmers Market Nutrition Program

WIC Client Survey

Following the 2005 Legislative Session, and the State Legislature's \$250,000 state appropriation for the 2005-07 biennium to support WIC FMNP, WALWICA with assistance from local agencies surveyed local WIC clients to illustrate the importance and value of the program to Washington families.



2,233 clients from WIC agencies across the state provided feedback about how the

WIC FMNP worked for them and the feedback was wonderful and summarized in a fact sheet distributed to the Legislature during the 2006 session.

WIC FMNP is now in 35 of Washington's 39 counties and helps WIC families support local farmers in their communities, eat healthier, and try new, fresh fruits and vegetables.

WIC Education 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 2005 Annual Report for the Washington State WIC Nutrition Program was distributed to all members of the Legislature as were Washington grown apples with a message of thanks for state funding for WIC FMNP



NWA Leadership Conference



WALWICA sent Holly Jurgensen, State Representative, Carrie Pfab, President, and Caroline

McNaughton Tittel, Executive Director to Washington DC in March. The threesome visited with members of the Washington delegation and their staff and encouraged sound budget and policy decisions for the program in order to serve all eligible women, infants, and children.

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WALWICA NEWS

Communication

WALWICA News Goes Electronic

The newsletter went electronic! We now have the ability to devote more attention to networking, sharing, and highlighting the exceptional work being done throughout Washington State, without being limited by the cost of providing a paper newsletter. And it's now in full color!

Education & Training

Statewide Trainings for Local WIC Staff

WALWICA was contracted by the Washington State Department of Health to manage and coordinate statewide trainings and conferences for the DOH WIC Program. Regional Breastfeeding Trainings in Spokane, Yakima, Moses Lake, Shoreline, Puyallup, and Vancouver took place over the summer. Four hundred and twenty-five WIC and MSS staff across the state participated in the trainings. 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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Educational Scholarship

WALWICA awarded several scholarships this year: Dori Johnson, Jenny Albert-Chong, and Bette Kohlenberger all of Island County Public Health; Sydney Costello of Snohomish Health District; and Carla Levesque of County Doctor Community Clinic.

The WALWICA scholarship program assists WALWICA members to further their education and training. \$1,500 is available 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.

Since the inception of this scholarship, twelve scholarships totaling nearly \$7,500 have been awarded!

2005 Financial Report

Contributions	\$49.
Dues	\$2,589.
Fundraising	\$1,529.
Grants	\$21,654.
State Contracts	\$370,507.
Total Support	\$396,328.