



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

WIC Education in Olympia, DC & Beyond

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. Each state legislator was given a 2006 WIC Annual Report, information on how public health funding affects WIC families, and district specific information about the WIC FMNP. A Washington apple was also offered for a healthy snack to those legislators accepting gifts.

NWA Washington Leadership Conference



WALWICA sent Holly Jurgensen, State Representative, Rachel Johnston, President, David Teske, Treasurer, and Carrie Pfab, Interim Executive Director to Washington DC in March. The foursome 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.

Honoring Congressman Jim McDermott



WALWICA presented an award to Congressman Jim McDermott at the request of

NWA in April. The event took place at the Downtown Seattle Public Health Center, one of 16 WIC clinics in the 7th District. Congressman McDermott was honored for his co-sponsorship of the 1989 legislation establishing the nation’s most effective cost containment program.

A National Perspective, NWA in Pittsburgh

Five WALWICA representatives had the opportunity to attend exciting educational sessions and network with WIC



staff from all over the country at the NWA Annual Conference! Holly Jurgensen, State Representative, ensured Washington had a voice as she voted on important issues at the NWA Business Meeting.

Communication

WALWICA Update

WALWICA created a listserv for its members and started distributing an electronic monthly update in June. The *WALWICA Update* keeps WALWICA members up-to-date on national, state, and local advocacy issues affecting the families they serve. It also contains information about membership issues, upcoming trainings and conferences, as well as links to articles on current nutrition issues.

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. A 5-day Intensive Lactation Management Training for 35 WIC staff took place in March. Over 200 WIC and MSS



staff attended Regional Breastfeeding Trainings in Moses Lake, Shoreline, and this summer. WALWICA also convened a workgroup, comprised of twenty local and state WIC staff, to plan the Annual Washington State

WIC Conference, for over 700 local WIC staff. Staff met monthly to discuss and plan the conference program packed with information about VENA and other topics of interest to staff as well as provide staff with time to connect with their colleagues from across the state.

Staff Development

Educational Scholarship

WALWICA was able to award an educational scholarship this year to Diane Garcia of Clark County Public Health. Diane traveled to Chicago to the La Leche League National Breastfeeding Conference in July.

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 paying member of WALWICA for the past two (consecutive) years.

Since the inception of this scholarship, thirteen scholarships totaling nearly \$8,700 have been awarded!

2007 Financial Report

Contributions	\$0.
Dues	\$3,610.
Fundraising	\$1,585.
Grants	\$0.
State Contracts	\$369,750.
Total Support	\$374,945.



2007 Board Members

Rachel Johnston President	Lisa DiGiorgio President-Elect	Carrie Pfab Past-President	Shirley Hutchison Treasurer
Melinda Yunker Secretary	Holly Jurgensen State Representative	Shirley Hutchison Awards	Tricia Mortell Awards
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