



WIC Works Resource System (WWRS)
{<http://www.nal.usda.gov/wicworks>}

What is the WWRS?

The WIC Works Resource System (WWRS) is an online education and training center for health and nutrition professionals serving in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC).

What is the goal of the WWRS?

The WIC Works mission is “to serve as an encompassing resource for WIC nutritionists and other WIC professionals nationwide.”

What can be found on the WWRS?

- WIC Learning Online (WLOL) – A self-paced, interactive, Web-based course consisting of 12 modules organized into 4 lessons: 1) Communicating with Participants 2) Counseling Skills 3) Reaching Participants through WIC and 4) Health and Nutrition. *WLOL* provides continuing education, training and resources for all levels of WIC staff.
- WIC Databases – Includes the WIC Works educational materials database for locating WIC training and education resources and the WIC Formula Database of product and manufacturer information for infant formulas, exempt infant formulas and medical foods eligible for the WIC program.
- Sharing Center – Home of the State Sharing section which includes hundreds of electronic files from various WIC state agencies on a wide variety of topics. Includes downloadable materials from the obesity prevention initiative Fit WIC.
- Learning Center – This section is organized according to the USDA/Food and Nutrition Service, WIC Nutrition Services Standards and provides information on WIC program services and resources, as well as related reports and studies.
- WIC Topics A-Z - Visit this section for information on relevant health and nutrition topics arranged alphabetically for added convenience and quick navigation.
- WIC-Talk –An electronic discussion group for WIC professionals to share resources, information and innovative solutions to WIC related issues.

What prompted the development of the WWRS?

In January 2000 the Food and Nutrition Service in collaboration with the National Agricultural Library's Food and Nutrition Information Center explored the concept of an electronic resource system that would be available via the internet to meet the needs of WIC staff around the U.S. and the world. The resource system would provide access to education and training materials in a variety of formats. What began as a simple idea is now a Web site of over 1400 pages, 12 online modules, 2 databases and an electronic discussion group. WIC Works now yields over 100,000 hits a month and continues to grow and expand.