

## Georgia Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) WIC Applicant/Participant Education Tool

Good (morning, afternoon, evening) Mr. /Ms. \_\_\_\_\_, welcome to the (Clinic name) WIC office.

My name is \_\_\_\_\_, how may I help you today?

If you prefer communicating with us in another language or have a disability, let me know. I will find assistance at no cost to you for interpretation services, translated materials or other support.”

### WIC Program Information:

**For new applicants:** The Georgia WIC Program is a nutrition program for Women, Infants and Children who have nutrition needs and are income eligible. If you are eligible, you will receive:

- Nutrition Assessments
- Nutrition Education
- Supplemental Healthy Foods (for example: fruit and vegetables, milk, eggs, cheese, juice, cereal, beans, peanut butter, whole grain breads and rice.)
- Breastfeeding education and support for prenatal moms and postpartum lactating moms and breastfeeding babies
- Referrals to other health and social services programs (for example: Medicaid, SNAP (food stamps), TANF, immunizations)

You may qualify for WIC if you:

- Are pregnant, just had a baby, are breastfeeding a baby, or have children under age 5
- Have a moderately low family income, even if you work
- Have a documented nutrition-related medical need; and
- Live in the State of Georgia

**For all participants/applicants:** Today WIC staff will ask you some questions about your address, phone number, income, and talk with you about your diet and any medical conditions that may qualify you for the program. We will also check height, weight, and hemoglobin levels. Some additional things to keep in mind as we go through the process:

- Information about your participation in the Georgia WIC program may be shared with public organizations that administer other assistance programs.
- Your demographic information (name, address, phone, date of birth) and your household size and income information can be shared with other public assistance programs to determine if you are eligible for those programs.
- The public organizations that receive your information cannot share it with another organization or person without your permission.
- Please understand that if you do not want your information to be shared, it will not be, and it will not affect your ability to participate in the Georgia WIC Program (have the participant read and declare if they want their information shared).
- What questions do you have about the information you read, or I explained to you?

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**How to collect proof of residency and income:**

Let's get started Mr./Ms. \_\_\_\_\_

What is your current address? What proof of residence do you have with you today?

What is your active telephone number?

How many people live in your household? What proof of identification do you have for yourself and the person(s) applying for WIC today?

What is your total household monthly income? What proof of income did you bring with you today?

**How to collect information about ethnicity and race:**

**The following questions asking about your ethnicity and race are being asked for statistical purposes to make sure that we are giving fair and equal treatment to everyone. Your answers are voluntary and will have no effect on your WIC services. (See NOTE below if applicant or participant refuses to self-identify)**

**Are you a Migrant Farmworker\*?** Yes or No

\*A Migrant Farmworker is an individual whose main employment is in agriculture on a seasonal basis, who has been employed within the last twenty-four (24) months and who has established for the purpose of such, a temporary abode.

**Are you Hispanic or Latino\*?** Yes or No

\*A Hispanic or Latino is a person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central America or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.

**What is your RACE?** You may choose more than one race or all that apply.

American Indian/Alaska Native – A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America), and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment.

Asian – A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent, including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.

Black or African American – A person having origins in any of the Black racial groups of Africa.

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander – A person having origins in any of the original people of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.

White – A person having origins in any of the original people of Europe, the Middle East or North Africa.

**NOTE:** If the applicant/participant refuses to select for ethnicity and race you must notify them, we are required to make a selection for them based upon visual identification or other available information. (Please remember that you are never telling someone how to classify themselves; additionally, you may use prior reported information to assist in the process of identification):

**“Providing this information is voluntary. I am required by federal regulation and Office of Management and Budget guidance to attempt to visually identify or use other available information and document your ethnicity and race. Please remember it will have no impact on your receiving WIC benefits and services.”**