

PARKING LOT ITEMS
DISTRICT NUTRITION SERVICES DIRECTORS' MEETING
March 22-23, 2016

PARS

1. Breastfeeding Peer Counseling Education separate – Add continued education to PARS as an activity.

Response:

CSC has been provided a revised list of activities for reporting PARS Peer Counseling activities. More information will be available in the near future.

Revised Topics:

Individual PC Breastfeeding Education
Group PC Breastfeeding Education
PC Trainings / Meetings
Other PC Activities

2. Can PARs be programmed not to automatically log out after 10-15 minutes of non-use?

Response:

The default setting for PARS to time out is 30 minutes. We are open to additional recommendations. If you experience problems with a refresh rate of less than 30 minutes please notify Astride Ainsley.

3. I am against using PARs for Peer Counselor Time Sheets. We have a time keeping system in place and staff are paid from that system (Nancy 5-2)

Response:

Districts will not be required to use the anticipated PARS time sheet report generator. The time sheet report is intended to assist districts that are currently using hand written time sheets.

USDA

1. Do we always need to provide NE materials at certs? (printed materials)
Regarding USDA – Management Evaluation

Response:

Printed materials should only be provided to participants when it is appropriate for the educational session and the participant's needs. Per the Georgia WIC Review Monitoring tool; during an observation, "If education materials are provided, they should match the specific educational content of the session, or reference information provided during the session." For classes: the review tool is looking for "appropriate" materials used for the class.



2. Do the referrals have to take place at intake or can we do it at the CPA session?
Regarding USDA - Management Evaluation

Response:

This should always be handled at the CPA Session for documentation purposes.
Please note that one of the primary tasks for WIC is to make appropriate referrals. Referrals can and should be made at other WIC visits as appropriate.

WEB SITE

1. WIC Web Page: Vendor listing currently under clinic listing. Update web page to include a description of the vendor listing with clinics.

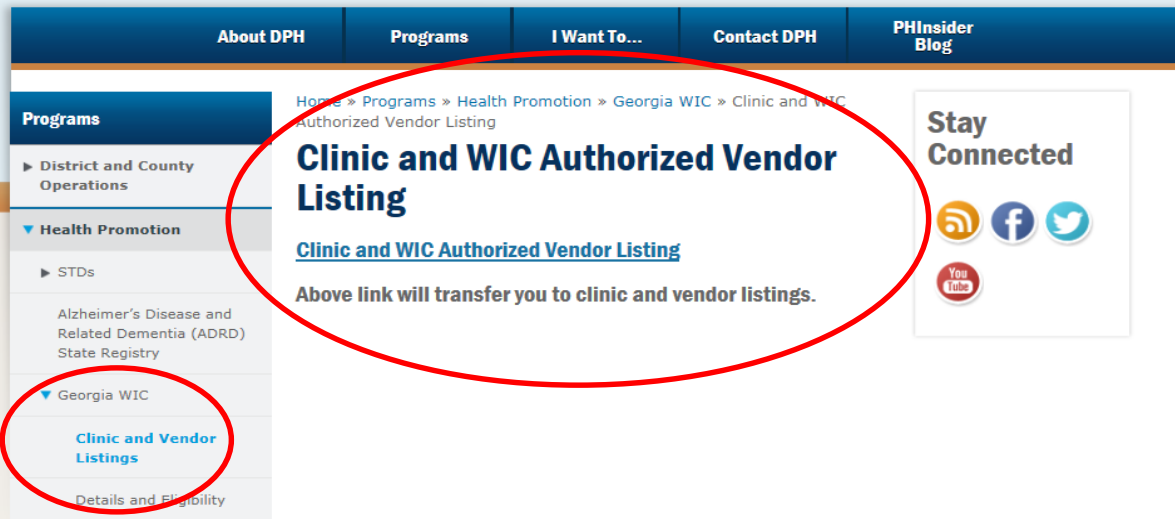
Response:

The WIC Web page has been updated to clearly list “Clinic and Vendor Listing” under the Georgia WIC Tab.

The screenshot shows the Georgia Department of Public Health website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'About Us', 'Contact Us', 'Site Map', and 'Translate'. A search bar is located on the right side. The main header features the DPH logo and the text 'Georgia Department of Public Health' and 'We Protect Lives'. Below the header is a blue navigation bar with tabs for 'About DPH', 'Programs', 'I Want To...', 'Contact DPH', and 'PHInsider Blog'. The 'Programs' tab is selected, and a sidebar on the left lists various programs. The 'Georgia WIC' link is circled in red. The main content area displays the 'Georgia WIC' page, which includes a banner image of children eating, the text 'Eat Healthy • Grow Healthy • Live Healthy', and a section titled 'Help When Help is Most Needed' with a list of eligible groups: 'Infants and Children age 1 to 5 years (including foster children)'. A 'Stay Connected' box on the right contains social media icons for RSS, Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube.



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GEORGIA GATEWAY

1. Will state pay for related travel?

Response:

Since travel will occur in the new fiscal year (SFY 2017), your District should use its funding for that year to cover its travel costs. Districts will have to show that their current budgets will be exhausted before SWO will provide additional allocation. Contact Hugh Warren directly if you believe you will exhaust your budget before being able to cover this travel.

2. All staff must travel or train the trainer?

Response:

Only approximately 50 staff will be trained as trainer for Georgia Gateway. Please see above for handling for travel.

3. Districts voiced concerns with process to do data entry. (initial testing)

Response:

Need more information to appropriately address the question.

4. Consider soliciting feedback from first testers so WIC can speak with one voice to Georgia Gateway.

Response:

State WIC will solicit recommendations from the chosen testers for UAT.

5. Gateway Training – 5 days hotels, etc.

Response:

See above

6. Logic
 - Activity Sheets
 - Bill of services form

Response:

Need more information to appropriately address the question.

DISTRICT REQUEST

1. To receive VPOD Inventory logs. Can we use one vs. two logs to do the same thing?

Response:

Need more clarity.

2. Is there an update on “Talk with Me Baby”?

Response:

Yes, see below:

- Luke Fiedorowicz has completed the data collection process for the project’s evaluation. Upon completion, he will share the final results of the evaluation with the District NSDs and TWMB champions.
 - A new TWMB video has been created and is in the final stages of translation. Distribution of the video is tentatively scheduled for late summer.
 - A TWMB newsletter has been developed and will be distributed to TWMB champions and NSDs quarterly to share updates on the project. The newsletter will also showcase innovative and creative practices happening in districts around the state.
 - A TWMB Video Conference Call is scheduled for June 29, 2016. All TWMB champions and NSDs have been invited.
 - TWMB champions will receive TWMB program swag (pens, lanyards, and t-shirts) as a token of appreciation for the great work they are doing.
 - New tools have been created to educate parents on TWMB. The tools, which include an education/counseling flip chart, goal setting prescription pad magnets, and postcard takeaways, will be piloted in a select few clinics over a three-month period and rolled out across the state in early fall.
3. What can we expect with program reviews around the NE materials piece? We have requirements, but maybe not the materials to do it.

Response:

The Georgia WIC Review Team will not hold you liable for not having educational materials because you have run out. If during the review, the review team questions the lack of materials for a participant type, the initial district list of educational materials as of October 1, 2015 can be provided as evidenced that you had sufficient variety of materials. Please be aware the State Approved Educational Materials List will be provided as soon as it is available for purchasing purposes. The financial piece for purchasing materials will be handled during the financial audit.

4. We need Strong4Life basic training and peer counseling training in/or near the southern part of the state.

Response:

Strong4Life basic training was last offered in the coastal health district February 2016. Georgia Shape has renewed their contract with Children's. The grant has a deliverable to create a web based Strong4Life orientation module. The web based training is currently in development with an expected release date of August 2016. An advanced skills development training with a focus on reflective listening, goal setting process and open ended questions will be offered in July and August 2016. The training will be offered in three locations around the state.

The next Peer Counselor Training is scheduled for June 20-22 in Macon. Please continue to work with Shlonda Smith on your training needs for new Peer Counselors.

5. Can you give us some information about language line use and billing?

Response:

Coastal is presenting on new technology, but not aware of information that we have on use and billing.

6. Nutrition Care Manual: Can we use materials for High Risk Education i.e.:
 - Tube feeding, non
 - Common medical conditions
 - Approval needed

Response:

The materials in the Nutrition Care Manual are appropriate to use for High Risk Nutrition Education with print on demand. You should not have these printed and utilized for all participants. Please assure that CPAs are reminded about scope of practice when utilizing the Nutrition Care manual for providing education and printed materials. These materials are intended by the Academy to be used by an RD and/or other qualified provider to support medical nutrition therapy. I have added this to the Agenda of the Educational Materials Task Force to develop further guidance about the utilization of the Nutrition Care Manual.

WIC POLICY

1. Why did we go back to five (5) years plus current retention schedule?
2. Can WIC only files use 3 years?
3. Can we go back to current plus three (3), please?

Response:

For the above three questions, we must follow the state guidelines for retention because it is stricter than USDA guidelines.

4. When will we receive guidelines about the Outreach Plan due in June?

Response:

Please refer to Action Memo #16-22 – Annual Outreach Plan, dated April 28, 2016.

5. When will we received information about the Baby Behavior training in June?

Response:

Agenda and registration has been sent out and registration deadline is June 15, 2016. Please contact Pat Cwiklinski at 404-656-9874 for additional information.