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SUBJECT: Fall WIC Mailing

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As you know, implementation of the new WIC food packages is rapidly approaching. Our food packages are changing to better meet the nutritional needs of WIC participants. The new food packages align with the Dietary Guidelines for Americans and infant feeding practice guidelines of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Please find enclosed in this mailing several items that will be helpful to you in the coming months as you implement changes to your WIC food packages. These materials include:

- An interactive CD of materials that were developed and submitted to the WIC Works Resource System (WWRS) team by various WIC State Agencies. For your convenience and easy access we have compiled these educational pieces on a handy CD. They are also available on the WIC Works Web Site: <u>www.nal.usda.gov/wicworks</u>
- A one page handout highlighting some of the unique features that you can find on WIC Works related to the new WIC Food Packages.

In addition to the materials on this CD, the WWRS has many other documents that may be of interest to you. Please see the WIC Food Packages section of the Web site: <u>www.nal.usda.gov/wicworks/Learning_Center/Food_Packages.html</u>

Please let us know what else we can do to help you help WIC! Contact the WWRS team by phone: 301-504-6047, by fax: 301-504-6409, or by email: **wicworks@ars.usda.gov**.



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