# WIC Nutrition Program Maine Families Grow Healthy With WIC

#### What is WIC?

WIC is a complete nutrition care program for families that offers:

- Nutrition education
- Breastfeeding and chestfeeding support and supplies
- Health screenings and referrals
- Healthy food and formula benefits on an eWIC card

#### How To Apply:

Find your local WIC office at maine.gov/WIC to make an appointment.

#### If you have a question... WIC has an answer!

WIC has nutrition and peer counselors to help and connect you to other services if needed!

#### Who can apply for WIC?

- Pregnant, nursing, and post-partum parents.
- Infants and children up to the age of five
- Children cared for by a father, grandparent, foster parent, stepparent or guardian
- Anyone living in Maine, including migrants working in Maine

WIC participants must meet income guidelines and be at nutritional risk.

Anyone who receives SNAP, TANF, or MaineCare automatically qualifies for WIC, regardless of income.

Learn more about income and nutritional risk guidelines at maine.gov/WIC.



Scan the QR code to connect with WIC staff near you and set up your first appointment.

#### Where can I find out more about the Maine CDC WIC Nutrition Program?

Call 1-800-437-9300 or 207-287-3991 Visit our web site at maine.gov/WIC

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## WIC Local Agencies in Maine

#### Aroostook County Action Program

Serving Aroostook County Presque Isle 1-800-432-7881 or 768-3026

#### **Bangor Public Health & Community Services**

Serving Piscataguis and Penobscot Counties Bangor 1-800-470-3769 or 992-4570

#### **Maine Family Planning**

Serving Hancock and Washington Counties Ellsworth 1-800-492-5550 Calais 454-3634 Machias 255-8280

Maine General Medical Center Serving Kennebec and Somerset Counties Augusta 626-6350 Waterville 861-3580 Skowhegan 1-888-942-6333

#### **MidCoast Maine Community Action**

Serving Knox, Lincoln, Sagadahoc, and Waldo Counties Bath 1-800-221-2221 Belfast 338-1267 Rockland 594-4329

## The Opportunity Alliance

Serving Cumberland County Portland 1-800-698-4959 Windham 553-5800

#### Western Maine Community Action

Serving Franklin, Oxford, and Androscoggin Counties East Wilton 1-800-645-9636 Auburn 1-877-512-8856

York County Community Action Corp.

Serving York County Sanford 1-800-965-5762 Biddeford 1-800-644-4202

## **Benefits of Breastfeeding** and Chestfeeding

•Requires no special preparation ·Can cause the uterus to shrink to its original size, helping a nursing parent's body return to its pre-pregnancy shape ·Can help protect against breast and ovarian cancer

·Promotes a close parent-child bond

## What foods can I get with WIC?

Food benefits vary based on age, nutritional need, and infant feeding status. Foods benefits may include:

Milk, eggs, cheese • Tofu & soy milk & yogurt

Fruits and

vegetables

Peanut butter

- Canned fish
- Whole grain
  - breads, tortillas, oatmeal, pasta or brown rice
  - Baby foods
- Infant formulas

### How does WIC support nursing parents?

Local WIC offices provide nursing parents with electric or manual breast pumps, the largest quantity and variety of food benefits in the WIC program, expert advice from CLCs/IBCLCs, and more!



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- Juice
- Cereal
- Dry/canned beans