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**TO:** WIC Regional Directors  
WIC Local Agency Directors

**FROM:** Linda Brumble, Unit Manager  
Nutrition Education/Clinic Services Unit  
Nutrition Services Section

**DATE:** January 21, 2013

**SUBJECT:** National WIC Association's 2013 Annual Education and Networking Conference

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The National WIC Association's (NWA) 2013 Annual Education and Networking Conference & Exhibits will be held in Little Rock, Arkansas, April 14 – 17, 2013. Attending the NWA conference meets the requirements of WIC policies NE: 02.0 and BF:02.0 which state, "Nutrition Education and Breastfeeding Coordinators shall attend the WIC Program's Nutrition and Breastfeeding conference yearly." Because this national conference is being hosted in our USDA Southwestern Region, the Texas WIC program will not be hosting our annual Nutrition and Breastfeeding Conference in 2013. You are encouraged to take advantage of this excellent opportunity to learn the latest innovations in breastfeeding and nutrition education at a national level. The NWA conference is a WIC allowable expense. The local agency should follow its own travel policy and may bill for any allowable expenses provided surplus funds are available. To find out more about the NWA conference, please visit <http://www.nwica.org/?q=events/1>.

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