



Memorandum

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TO: WIC Local Agency Directors

FROM: Linda Brumble, Unit Manager
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DATE: May 3, 2013

SUBJECT: 2013 Summer Nutrition Card Pilot

The Texas Department of Agriculture Summer Food Service Program and the Department of State Health Services WIC Program have teamed up for a third year for the Summer Nutrition Card Pilot. The purpose of the pilot is to test the use of an Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) card to provide nutrition assistance and access to healthy foods to low-income school-age children during the summer months.

The pilot is taking place again in the El Paso area and will include the same families that participated last year from the Ysleta Independent School District. The participants will receive a Summer Nutrition Card, similar to the WIC EBT card, and will be able to use it in WIC approved stores to buy the authorized foods. This is not part of the WIC Program. Only the EBT card system and WIC food package are being adapted from WIC. Since participants may travel outside of the pilot area, the card may be accepted statewide at any WIC authorized outlet.

The El Pasoans Fighting Hunger Food Bank (formerly West Texas Food Bank) will provide card distribution and participant training. Images of the materials provided to the participants are attached.

The pilot will take place from **June 8, 2013 until August 25, 2013**. If you receive a call from a participant or WIC vendor with any questions, complaints, or for a lost or stolen card, please refer them to the **El Pasoans Fighting Hunger Food Bank at 915-298-0353, ext. 108**.

If you have questions or require additional information, please contact Angela Gil, Nutrition Education Consultant, Nutrition Education/Clinic Services Unit, at 512-341-4590 or by email at angela.gil@dshs.state.tx.us.

Welcome!

Summer Nutrition Card 2013



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Shopping Guide

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