



Memorandum

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TO: WIC Regional Directors
WIC Local Agency Directors

FROM: Linda Brumble, Unit Manager
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DATE: August 6, 2012

SUBJECT: September 2012 Interactive Distance Learning Class Schedule and
NECS Online Staff Training Schedule

To view the *September 2012 Interactive Distance Learning (IDL) Training Schedule* and the *September 2012 Nutrition Education/Clinic Services (NECS) Online Staff Training Schedule*, visit www.dshs.state.tx.us/wichd/tng/idl-cal-dates.shtm. All schedule changes and/or cancellations will be posted online, two weeks in advance whenever possible. Though we strive to keep changes and cancellations to a minimum, we advise staff to check the WIC training website, in advance, for any changes or schedule updates.

New! FY13 Breast Pump Contract Changes: This class will review material and policy updates regarding the newest contractual agreements that will go into effect **October 1** for the **Texas** WIC Breast Pump Program. Content is appropriate for any veteran staff member who is involved in ordering, receiving, issuing, retrieving, or cleaning breast pumps.

Updated! Texas WIC Breast Pump Program Training (formerly *TX WIC Breast Pump Program 01 and 02*, now combined into one class): This training will provide staff with an understanding of how to use, issue, and maintain breast pump inventory. Instructions will be provided to enhance skills needed for using the inventory logs during breast pump issuance, retrieval, and reconciliation. This IDL training satisfies the breast pump training requirements identified in *WIC Policy BF:04.0 Breastfeeding Training*.

Updated! Tips on Completing the VENA Family Documentation Tool: The instructions for the VENA Family Documentation tool, as well as the form itself, have been revised. All Local Agencies (LAs) must implement use of the new form beginning **October 1, 2012**.

As of August 2012, the IDL classes on the list that follows have been updated to include a review of the Mid-Certification Assessment, new growth charts from the World Health Organization (WHO) and policy changes. LAs are required to implement the new growth charts and policies on **October 1, 2012**.

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NOTE: The above-mentioned IDL classes were made available on DVD to all LAs throughout FY 2012 and should no longer be used for staff training after **September 30, 2012**.

The NECS Online Staff Training and the IDL network are two distinct training systems. For IDL technical assistance, you may contact Yolanda Baz Dresch, IDL Studio Manager, at (512) 341-4443 or yolanda.bazdresch@dshs.state.tx.us. If you are interested in participating in an NECS Online Staff Training session, instructions for logging on can be found on the NECS online schedule. Technical assistance for NECS Online Staff Training is provided via a CenturyLink customer service representative at **1-800-485-0844**.