

▶ What is WIC?

WIC is a federally funded health and nutrition program for women, infants, and children. WIC helps families by providing nutrition education, issuing checks for healthy supplemental foods, and, making referrals to other community services.

What to do when the child is no longer in your care To locate your local WIC office, call 1-888-942-9675 or visit www.wicworks.ca.gov



Women, Infants, and Children

For Out-of-Home Caregivers

WHO QUALIFIES FOR WIC:

Infants ages 0-12 months; children up to their 5th birth date

HOW TO ENROLL IN WIC:

You must...

- ☐ Bring the infant or child to the WIC office to complete initial enrollment. If the infant or child can't be there because of an on-going medical problem, please have proof of the child's medical condition from the doctor
- □ Bring the DCFS placement documentation (including, but not limited to, the DCFS 709) to the WIC office at time of enrollment
- ☐ Bring a picture ID to verify you are the caregiver (foster parent or relative caregiver) listed on the DCFS 709 form
- ☐ Bring proof of ID for each infant or child. ID can be the Medi-Cal card/insurance card, immunization card, birth records from hospital, US Passport, county issued birth certificate, or DCFS placement documentation which notes the infant or child's name and date of birth

Please tell the WIC staff member completing the enrollment if you know the infant or child is already receiving WIC benefits. This will make the enrollment process faster.

If you can...

- Bring the most current medical check-up documents for each infant or child with the following information included: height, weight, blood work check for children over the age of 9 months
- Bring proof of your home address, for example, any mail received to your home address with your name clearly listed (for example, a utility bill or other mail)
- Bring the child's Medi-Cal number or proof of income received for the infant or child (foster care payments or CalWorks benefits)
- Inform WIC staff if you do or do not know of how long the infant or child will be in your care





END OF CARE—Important! Please read!

- ☐ When the infant or child who was enrolled in WIC benefits is no longer in your care, you are required to contact your local WIC office right away and tell them of this change
- ☐ Return any checks that have not been used to your local WIC office. Please DO NOT throw away the unused checks; they will be reprinted and given to the new caregiver.

