

## **Rights and Responsibilities**

### **Your Rights:**

All information you give WIC will be kept private.

Standards for eligibility for WIC are the same for everyone, regardless of race, color, national origin, age, disability or sex.

If you feel you have been discriminated against, you may file a complaint.

### **Your Responsibilities:**

Bring all documentation requested to each appointment.

Report address and/or phone changes to your local WIC office.

Keep your WIC checks safe; lost / stolen checks may not be replaceable.

### **If I violate the program rules above, I or my family:**

May be taken off the program for up to one year.

Will have to pay money back to the program for foods or formula I should not have received.

May face legal charges.

I have been advised of my rights and responsibilities as a WIC Program participant. I certify that the information I have provided for my eligibility determination is correct, to the best of my knowledge. This certification information is being submitted in connection with the receipt of federal supplemental nutrition assistance. Program officials may verify information I have provided.

### **I understand I may be dropped from the WIC Program if:**

I or my child or children participate in more than one WIC Program at a time (dual participation)

I provide false information about income, family size and residence location (fraud).

I or my proxy spends WIC checks at a vendor (store, farm stand or farmers' market) that is not authorized to accept them (fraud).

I or my proxy buys non-WIC foods with WIC checks (trafficking).

I or someone on my behalf sells, trades, or gives away WIC checks (trafficking).

I or someone on my behalf returns WIC foods for cash, credit, or non-WIC foods (trafficking).

I or someone on my behalf sells or trades breast pump(s) owned or rented by WIC, or WIC foods, including infant formula, which was purchased with WIC checks for cash, credit, or other foods or services (trafficking).

I or someone on my behalf gives away breast pump(s) owned or rented by WIC or WIC foods, including infant formula, which was purchased with WIC checks (fraud).

I or someone on my behalf makes changes to my WIC check(s) (forgery).

I or someone on my behalf posts WIC items for sale, exchange or free on any media, including social media (such as Facebook), Craigslist, Ebay, television, radio, newspaper or other online forum (trafficking).

I or someone on my behalf verbally or physically abuses WIC or grocery store staff (abuse).