

April 10, 1995

EVENT MEMORANDUM FOR CAROL H. RASCO

FROM: Diana Fortuna *DF*

SUBJECT: Speech before National Association of WIC Directors

I. LOGISTICS

DATE: Wednesday, April 12, 1995

TIME: 7:30 - 9:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Omni Shoreham Hotel, Regency Room, Washington D.C.

*} size of audience
who?*

A car will be waiting for you at 7:15 a.m. at the West Basement. Diana Fortuna will meet you at the main entrance to the hotel. After the speech, at 9 a.m., a car will be waiting to take you back to the office.

II. PURPOSE/BACKGROUND

Figures of what Clinton has done

This is the 12th annual conference of the National Association of WIC Directors (NAWD), being held over 4 days. The theme of the conference is "WIC: The Next Generation," examining where WIC is going in the next 20 years. NAWD's 600 members are state and local agency directors and nutritionists.

You are the only speaker at a breakfast on the last day of the conference. You are expected to discuss the upcoming block grant battle and give the Administration's views on the role of the WIC program.

III. PARTICIPANTS/AUDIENCE

State and local WIC directors and nutritionists from across the country; representatives from advocacy groups, the private sector, and the Department of Agriculture. I am still checking on the size of the audience for the breakfast.

According to Douglas Greenaway, NAWD's Executive Director, the group will be much in need of a morale booster on this last day of the conference, after they have listened to so much bad news. Also, there is some sensitivity (as there is with so many groups) that the Administration has put the spotlight on school lunch, and that WIC has not received as much attention as they feel it deserves.

IV. FORMAT

You are expected to speak for 20 minutes, followed by 10-15 minutes of Q & A from the audience. (I will check on whether it will be at the beginning or the end of the 1 1/2 hour breakfast.)

You will be introduced either by Alice Lenihan, President of NAWD, who is a WIC director from North Carolina, or by Douglas Greenaway, Executive Director of NAWD here in D.C.

The group may also conduct a bit of association business at the breakfast -- I will double-check to make sure you're not stuck waiting to speak while this is going on.

V. MEDIA

NAWD has invited a broad group of media; they will get back to me today with specific information about what media will actually attend.

VI. OTHER

Attached are your prepared remarks and the conference agenda, along with a brief fact sheet on WIC.

cc: Jeremy Ben-Ami

DRAFT

Remarks By Carol H. Rasco
National Association of WIC Directors (NAWD)
April 12, 1995

Thank you (Alice or Doug) for that kind introduction. It is wonderful to address the members of this association that has worked so effectively and diligently to improve the health and opportunities of our nation's children.

A large part of what brings me such pleasure in being here is the fact that we on the White House Domestic Policy Council focus so much of our work toward the pursuit of a single goal, and that is this: **Every child should be empowered to develop to his or her full potential.** And as all of you in this room know, if a child doesn't get a healthy start, that child is going to be seriously disadvantaged. The work that you do helps us keep focused on what we need to do . . . so on behalf of the President and his Administration, I want to thank you for your tireless and dedicated efforts.

As this conference comes to a close, I know that you have spent some time thinking about what the WIC program's second 20 years will bring. And you are doing so at a difficult time -- when some are questioning the value of the federal government's efforts to help children. But your efforts to improve nutrition, expand education, and improve health outcomes for the nation's vulnerable children are as critical today as they were twenty years ago.

Children are our most precious natural resource. If we are truly serious about developing a stronger economy, increased competitiveness, and a life better than our parents and grandparents knew, then we in the United States do not have a single child to waste.

That is why what this President and this Administration have been about is putting children and families first:

- o By increasing funding for WIC so that we can serve more nutritionally at-risk infants, children, and women. We have added over 1 million women, infants, and children to the program since 1993.
- o By fighting for guaranteed health coverage for all our families -- a goal the President remains committed to.
- o By preventing childhood disease through the comprehensive Child Immunization Initiative.
- o By acting to increase child support collections so that single mothers and their children can get the financial support they need and are owed.

- o By increasing the Earned Income Tax Credit to give working parents in low wage jobs the ability to support their families.
- o By signing the Family and Medical Leave Act to make sure that American workers no longer need to choose between their jobs and their families in times of crisis.
- o By setting world-class standards for our schools and by making college loans more affordable to give more young people access to higher education.
- o By passing the President's "Crime Bill" to ban military-style assault weapons, add 100,000 more police to our streets, and provide kids with the opportunities that will deter them from lives of crime through important prevention programs.

The President has done this in difficult times that have required him to submit tough budgets to the Congress. As you know, this has required making hard budget decisions and sometimes even proposing some reductions in worthwhile and successful programs.

Nevertheless, I believe the President and his Administration have succeeded at advancing the interests of our Nation's children while at the same time being fiscally responsible.

And the WIC program is one case where we can achieve both of these goals. WIC is an essential investment in the health, development, and nutritional well-being of the most vulnerable segments of our population. In addition to direct nutritional benefits, WIC also provides nutrition education and referrals to health care providers, making the program essential for so many moms and kids.

In study after study, the benefits of the WIC program come through loud and clear:

- o A dollar spent on WIC services for a pregnant woman produces \$1.92 to \$4.21 in Medicaid savings.
- o Women who participate in WIC are less likely to have low and very low birth weight babies.
- o WIC reduces infant mortality rates by 25-66% among Medicaid beneficiaries.
- o Four- and five-year-olds who participate in WIC have better vocabularies and digit memory test scores than children who do not, allowing them to arrive at school ready to learn.
- o Children who participate in WIC are more likely to be immunized.
- o WIC has made a significant contribution to reducing anemia among children.

- o According to the General Accounting Office, WIC benefits saved \$740 million in health and special education costs in 1990.
- o And WIC participants report the program taught them parenting skills and how to shop wisely for food.

At the same time, we have worked to improve the efficiency of the program -- with impressive results. Competitive bidding for infant formula has produced rebates worth \$1 billion, allowing WIC benefits to be extended to an additional 1.6 million participants.

Now in its 21st year of helping moms and kids to live healthier lives, WIC is a remarkably successful program, and you should all take pride in its accomplishments.

While I am proud of all that this Administration has done for children and families and all that we plan to do, I don't pretend that the concept of government protecting children and helping them reach their potential is an original idea. For decades, the American people have projected a deep compassion for children. We have taken pride in the high goals and expectations we have held for our children. But today, we find ourselves in a place in history where we must decide, as a society, how much children really matter to us.

American children are in crisis. Twenty-three percent of our children live in poverty and millions go hungry every day. Too many children are bearing children of their own. Drugs and guns have silently crept their way into schools and neighborhoods and playgrounds, and street violence and domestic abuse continue to claim the lives of our young people before they reach adulthood. But the most dangerous place for our Nation's children today is not their homes and not the streets, but Capitol Hill.

Surely, as we search for solutions to the difficult problems I have mentioned, we need a full and honest debate about what to do. But that discussion is not taking place today. There is no exchange of ideas, no weighing of the evidence. Instead there is a full-scale assault on nearly every single program that helps the neediest and most vulnerable and disadvantaged among us.

The President has described what has been happening in Congress as "a war on the children of America." The war is taking many forms:

- o Under the mantle of "welfare reform," House Republicans have voted to block grant WIC and other child nutrition programs. WIC's proposed block grant would be \$987 million less than the amount required to keep WIC operating at current levels. This would rise to \$5.3 billion over five years.

These block grants would allow up to 20% of each state's nutrition funds to be used for other purposes, risking even more cuts in WIC.

- o Federal nutritional standards for WIC food packages would be repealed, threatening WIC's effectiveness. Cost containment efforts spearheaded by the federal government, such as competitive bidding for infant formula, would be diminished.
- o The House rescission package would deny 100,000 women, infants, and children nutrition assistance from the WIC program for six months. [Check Senate.]
- o The House Republicans' "welfare reform" bill would also require parents to work after no more than two years on AFDC but would not guarantee families more help with child care. Where will the infants and children of these working parents go?
- o Republicans would end child care entitlements designed to help families get off and stay off welfare, eliminate all health and safety standards for child care programs, and make cuts that would deny child care assistance to over 300,000 children.
- o They would turn back the clock on child welfare so that resources will be available only for crisis intervention and not prevention. States have made significant progress on their family preservation and support plans, and have made commitments to other agencies and the private sector in the process. Withdrawing the federal legislation that encourages these accomplishments threatens to disrupt this cooperation and destroy this progress.
- o Congressional Republicans are threatening funding for school drug prevention programs like the Safe and Drug Free Schools program that has been the cornerstone of our nation's drug prevention effort ever since Nancy Reagan helped establish it eight years ago. Republican cuts would mean that 94% of all school districts would lose funding for their program.
- o The House voted to dismantle the portion of the SSI program that provides cash assistance to poor children with severe disabilities. Their bill would eliminate all SSI eligibility and benefits for 225,000 children with severe disabilities who now receive help. In the future, most disabled children meeting the narrow new child disability standards the Republicans would set would receive no SSI cash assistance for food, clothing and shelter.
- o And then there's health care reform. The President has challenged the Congress to work with him to take the first steps towards guaranteeing health security to all Americans and containing health care costs for families, businesses, and federal, state and local governments. Because their constituents are demanding action, some Republicans have begun to respond to the President's challenge by coming forward with proposals and bills. But for too many Republicans in Congress, "health reform" has turned into the code word for slashing Medicare and Medicaid to pay for tax cuts

for the wealthy.

- o As you know, Medicaid is a crucial safety net for mothers and their children, the elderly, and people with disabilities. Republicans have suggested cutting federal spending on Medicaid by at least \$180 billion to \$190 billion between now and the year 2002.
- o With cuts this large, states -- many of which have been trying to expand coverage -- could be forced to shrink benefits or drop coverage for millions of mothers and children.

Or the states could pick up the tab to preserve the Medicaid program -- by raising taxes dramatically or by slashing services like education and public safety.

And that's not a complete description of the volleys that have already been fired by Congressional Republicans in this war. If the wrong side wins, the fall-out will reach far beyond the tens of billions in cuts for children's programs over the next five years that have already been proposed.

The fall-out will reach our notion of who we are as a people and what we stand for as a society.

This President has fought to make federal programs more flexible and easier for States to administer. But only a national system of federal nutrition programs can establish and meet nutrition standards, respond to economic changes, and ensure that children's health will be protected.

So let's not be fooled by the rhetoric about block grants and greater flexibility and autonomy for the states. Everyone in this room knows from personal experience that states can have the flexibility they need in a block grant context and still be held accountable for reasonable federal standards. Everyone here knows that all the state flexibility in the world won't help needy children and their families when we also slash its funding. And let's remember that slashing programs that help children is not going to significantly reduce the deficit.

The only people who will benefit from gutting children's programs are families earning more than \$200,000 a year who will be eligible for a tax cut.

In just under 100 short days, we have learned that the Contract With America is indeed a financial arrangement -- one that assigns far more importance to the interests of the very wealthy and the very powerful than to the interests of the poor and the needy.

Our Nation does not need that sort of contract. As the President says, we need a covenant. A trust between government and the American people that reflects our long-held belief that every citizen has the right -- and the responsibility -- to rise as far as their God-given talents and determination can take them, and to give something back to their communities in return.

That is the underlying principle of the President's New Covenant, which, as he said in his State of the Union address, is grounded in some pretty old ideas. These ideas have guided us for more than a century in our efforts to protect and support children.

Yet today, the foundation we have built to promote work over welfare and strengthen families is in jeopardy. And if Congress weakens or destroys these programs, it will represent a total reversal of the historic commitment our Nation has made to its children.

Few Americans realize that the first federal effort at child care was in 1863, when the government sponsored a nursery for mothers serving in Civil War hospitals. Few know that food vouchers -- an early version of food stamps -- were given to freed slaves after the war to help them get by.

Few realize that the first federal immunization program was begun at the beginning of the century. Or that Congress established the Children's Bureau in 1912 to safeguard the well-being of children.

Aid for Families with Dependent Children -- welfare -- was started in 1935 as a way to enable mothers, many of them widows, to stay home and care for their children. Children were protected by labor laws beginning in the 1930s. And Congress appropriated funds for emergency maternal and infant care during World War II.

Congress passed the National School Lunch Act in 1946 after it became apparent that many inductees into our armed forces in World War II had not received proper nutrition as children.

And the WIC program was enacted in 1972 with bipartisan support, following a national nutritional survey that found it was common for American children in low-income families to have anemia and inadequate growth.

In 1948, Senator Robert Taft, the leading conservative Republican of his era, stated that the American economy was rich enough "to prevent extreme hardship and maintain a minimum standard floor under subsistence, education, medical care and housing, to give to all a minimum standard of decent living and to all children a fair opportunity to get a start in life." This nation is wealthier today than it was when Senator Taft spoke. But many Republicans in Congress are far less concerned about our Nation's children than Senator Taft was.

Throughout much of our history, children's programs have received broad, bipartisan support because there is such compelling evidence that early intervention saves money, saves time, and saves lives. And because taking care of our children reaffirms the values of opportunity and responsibility that built America.

Before now, we never would have dreamed of counting cuts in programs for children as checkmarks on a 100-day scorecard.

Before now, we came together as Americans to safeguard the rights of disabled, abused, and hungry children through WIC, Head Start, the Child Abuse Prevention Act of 1974, the Education of All Handicapped Children Act of 1975, and the Children's Welfare and Adoption Assistance Act of 1980.

Each of these initiatives did more than just throw money at a problem. Each of these improved our country, gave voices to the voiceless, strengthened our nation, and protected our children from harm.

But today, poor children and families are viewed less as people whose plight causes us concern than as culprits for everything else that goes wrong in society. Drugs, violence, illegitimacy, and abuse are seen as afflicting only the poor. And it is poor children and families who are singled out for punishment. But condemning poor children and their families to lives of greater poverty and hopelessness will not rid us of all our social problems -- social problems that affect, may I add, all strata of society.

Now some in Washington and around the country justify these extreme budget cuts by saying: "Look at all these children's programs out there, and things are only getting worse. It must be that these programs don't make a difference."

Well, nobody ever conceived of these programs as a panacea. We all know that services alone will not lift a child out of poverty. WIC can help a child's physical and intellectual development, but it can't give him or her a place to live. A Maternal and Child Health program can give a pregnant woman better health care, but it can't pay her rent.

To overcome poverty, children and families need the basic necessities in life. They also need to be buffered by a strong economy. The fact of the matter is that many families are poor because of economic forces beyond their control. Recession, the restructuring of our economy, the erosion of take-home pay in real dollars, unemployment, and discrimination in hiring and in promotion all contribute.

That's why the search for solutions to today's social problems is so complex. That's why we must avoid an unbalanced approach that both robs children of services and fails to address the broad economic and social forces that contribute to poverty in the first place. And that's why the President has fought so hard for meaningful deficit reduction, the creation of nearly 6 million new jobs, and investments

in the skills and training of our people because these are structural changes that will help lift children and families out of poverty.

To address our problems, parents must take responsibility too. They must provide love and nurturing to their children. They must be willing to make whatever sacrifices are necessary to create conditions within the family that enable children to flourish. And in some cases, young men and women must postpone having children until they have the resources to provide the love, support, and responsible care children need. Both national policies and personal values must play a role.

While we agree that government programs alone cannot solve all these problems, we must appreciate the profound good that government does for millions of children and families in America every day, through programs like WIC.

The fact is that child poverty in America declined from the mid 1960s until the early 1970s. It started rising again just after real wages fell in 1973. Then, in the 1980s, when the safety net began to fray, we witnessed a dramatic increase in the percentage of children living in poverty. And an increase in out-of-wedlock teen pregnancies, in juvenile incarceration for violent crimes, and in low birth-weight babies.

The fact of the matter is that the safety net works to keep children from falling into poverty -- when it's in place.

I want you to know that the White House and the Clinton Administration will be working to ensure that our children and families are kept from further harm. We are so appreciative of the tremendous support you all have given us in the past -- and we know you will continue to join us in speaking up and speaking out for the children and women that you so ably serve. You are on the front lines in the battle to improve quality of life for America's women, infants, and children. Your dedicated work and your powerful voices were never so important as they are today.

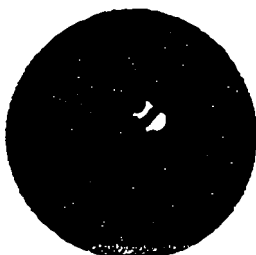
In the past few weeks, we have seen the public's response to the budget proposals coming out of the Republican House. The response has shown that whatever Americans voted for last November, they did not vote for a war on children. The public wants us to protect our children. And that is why we can, and will, win this fight.

Thank you very much.

WIC Facts

- o Funding for the WIC program increased by \$610 million from fiscal year 1993 to fiscal year 1995, from \$2.86 billion to \$3.47 billion.
- o More than 1 million participants (women, infants, and children) have been added to the program since fiscal year 1993 -- increasing from 5.9 million to 7 million.
- o The President's budget for FY 1996 would increase it further, to \$3.82 billion, allowing WIC to serve 7.4 million participants.
- o WIC was enacted in 1972, and is now in its 21st year.
- o In addition to providing supplemental foods to low-income women and children, WIC also offers nutrition education and helps refer women and children to other needed health and social services.
- o The WIC program has also added some on-site immunizations as part of our Childhood Immunization Initiative.
- o WIC clinics now offer clients the opportunity to register to vote, as part of the Motor-Voter law.

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February 22, 1995

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Dear Ms. Rasco:

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Thank you for agreeing to speak at the **NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WIC DIRECTORS, NAWD**, 1995 National Conference "WIC: The Next Generation at the Omni Shoreham in Washington, DC.

Beth M. Wetherbee
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We would like you to speak during the breakfast session on Wednesday, April 12 from 7:30-9:00am. Attendees will be state and local WIC Directors and nutritionists from across the country, and representatives from advocacy groups, the private sector and the federal government.

Melinda R. Newport
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Please feel free to call the National Office on 202/232-5492 should you have any questions.

Douglas Greenaway
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6 September 1994

Carol H. Rasco
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The White House
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Dear Ms. Rasco:

I am writing on behalf of the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WIC DIRECTORS, NAWD, to invite you to address our Twelfth Annual NAWD Conference, "WIC The Next Generation," April 9-12, at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, DC.

The NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WIC DIRECTORS is dedicated to maximizing the resources of the Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants and Children, WIC. NAWD's members - nationally recognized health professionals, nutritionists, and dietitians - are committed to addressing the nutrition and health care needs of the millions of women, infants and children who participate in the WIC program. Our 600 members are state, US Territory, Native American and local agency directors and nutritionists who together serve over 5.8 million program participants. They are the front lines in the battle to improve the quality of life for America's women, infants and children.

To accommodate your busy schedule, I would like to offer the following dates and times for your consideration: the Opening Session, Sunday 9 April, 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM; the Awards Banquet, Sunday 9 April, 6:00 PM - 9:30 PM; or Breakfast, Wednesday 12 April, 7:30 AM - 9:00 AM.

Please notify me at your earliest convenience on 202/232-5492 as to whether or not you will be able to join us. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,
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About the Conference

The theme of this year's conference is "WIC: The Next Generation." Now that we've celebrated a long 20 years in WIC, from the beginning of the program and leading to its place in public health, it's time to think about where it is going during the next 20 years. There are many issues to face. The theme of this conference is how to position WIC for the next generation of WIC kids.

This year's conference will be slightly different than conferences in the past. First, there is an orientation for new directors (state or local) or for anyone else who is interested. It is on Saturday, prior to the actual conference. Throughout, there will be a track for new directors who want more detailed information than what is presented on Saturday. This track will be identified as WIC 101. Each concurrent session will also follow tracks to make sure that every interest area is represented. Finally, there are four half-day workshops where participants can actually get hands-on experience in working with various management issues.

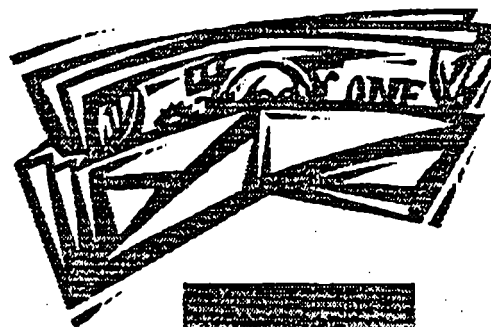
The conference committee had a lot of fun planning this year's meeting and knows you will enjoy participating. We look forward to seeing you in Washington, D.C.

Conference Objectives

- To identify innovative ways of providing services to our clients.
- To learn new management techniques for an ever-changing environment.
- To increase and update technical, clinical, and nutrition-education skills and knowledge.

Continuing Education Credits

Continuing education credits have been applied for through the American Dietetic Association for Registered Dietitians, the American Home Economics Association for Home Economists, and the Vermont Department of Health for Registered Nurses.



Agenda In Detail

**Friday,
April 7**

Room	Track	8:00-10:00	10:30-12:00	1:00-2:00	2:00-5:00
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Capitol

Native-American
Coalition
4:00-6:00

**Saturday,
April 8**

Hampton

New Directors' Orientation 1:00-6:00

Executive

Native-American Coalition

President-elect's Suite

Finance Committee

Council

LA Section Steering Committee

Cabinet

Board Meeting

President's Suite

Executive
Committee

Senate

Nutrition Coordinators Section Reps

President-elect's Suite

EBT Committee
3:30-5:00

**Sunday,
April 9**

	8:30-10:00	10:30-12:00	1:00-3:30	4:00-5:30
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Regency

Welcome &
Introduction of
Candidates

Capitol

By-laws Committee

Diplomat

Moderators Training
9:30-11:00

Diplomat

State Directors

Palladian

Nutrition Coordinators

Blue Room

LA Directors &
Breakouts

Empire

Changing Lanes
Without Hitting the
Potholes

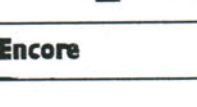
Exhibit

Exhibit Opening & Meet the Candidates. Cash Bar & Social Hour 6:00-7:30 in Exhibit Hall

Room **Track** **8:30-10:00** **10:30-12:00** **1:30-3:00** **3:30-5:00**

Monday, April 10

Exhibits Open 8:30- 5:00

Regency		General Opening Session			
Capitol	WIC 101 		Intro. to Govt./ The Ages of WIC		
Capitol				Funding Cycle	
Capitol					Food Delivery Systems
Executive	Fiscal 		What if WIC is Blocked		
Executive				EBT	
Garbo	Showcase 				Financial Planning
Congressional					EBT
Marqui Lounge	Clinical 		Effective Nutritional Rehabilitation for HIV/AIDS		
Marqui Lounge				Feeding the Fragile Gut	
Hampton			Studies, Surveys Update		
Hampton	Showcase 			Funding Formula & Town Hall Meeting	
Diplomat			Prenatal Nutrition Update		
Congressional	Nutrition Ed. 			Facilitative Learning	
Hampton					English as a Second Language
Congressional	General Mgt. 		Hiring & Retention with Civil Rights & ADA in Mind		
Regency				Legislation Update	
Diplomat					Evaluation of Program Performance
Executive					Legislation Update
Forum	Encore 			Video Theater	
Regency			Changing Lanes Without Hitting the Pitfalls		
Diplomat				Prenatal Nutrition Update	
Marqui Lounge					Feeding the Fragile Gut
Blue Room				Communications/Team Building	

Reception & Dinner 6:00-9:30 • Regency Ballroom • NAWD Awards, Entertainment - Capitol Steps

Room Track 8:30-10:00 10:30-12:00 1:30-3:00 3:30-5:00

Exhibits Open 9:00 - 1:00

Tuesday, April 11

Capitol	WIC 101 		Certification/ Nutrition Services	Vendor Management	
Capitol					ME/Audit
Capitol					
Executive	Fiscal 	Rebates, Grants, ADP Demo Project Workshop	Farmer's Market Discussion Panel	New Fiscal Rules & Trends/WISE	
Executive					
Executive					
Hampton	Clinical 	History of Infant Feeding	Using Medications While Breastfeeding	Nutritional Assessment	
Ambassador					
Diplomat					
Cabinet	Showcase 	Community & Migrant Health Centers	USDA Town Hall Meeting	TBA	Effectively Using Volunteers in WIC
Hampton					
Hampton					
Ambassador	Nutrition Ed. 	Spillie Heels, Purple Eye Shadow & Your Basic Nutrition Handout	LA Panel NE Showcase	Counseling Skills	
Diplomat					
Cabinet					
Diplomat	General Mgt. 	Meeting the Clients' Needs	Moror Voter	Taking Your Ethics to Work	
Congressional					
Congressional					
Congressional	Encore	Business Meeting Closed		Meeting the Clients' Needs	Using Medications While Breastfeeding
Ambassador					
Executive					
Blue Room	Workshop	Cultural Competency Workshop	Visit Delegation	Re-engineering WIC	Visit Delegation
Blue Room					
Embassy Room					BF Coordinators Meeting 5:30-7:00

Luncheon • 12:00 - 1:30 • Regency Ballroom
Last chance to bid on the silent auction is at the 10:30 break

Room Track 7:30-9:00 9:00-11:00 11:00-12:00

**Wednesday,
April 12**

Regency	General	Kellogg's Breakfast Carol H. Rasco		Closing Session USDA Awards
Regency				
Capitol	WIC IOI		Q&A/Mentors	
Hampton	Fiscal		Are You Fiscally Fit?	
Ambassador	Clinical		New Weights	
Congressional	General Mgt.		Brainstorming on WIC Vision	
Executive	Nutrition Ed.		Classy Vegetables	
Blue Room	General Mgt.		Turning Stress into Personal Power	