

HOW WIC HELPS THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

MISSION OF WIC

To assure healthy pregnancies, healthy birth outcomes and healthy growth and development for women, infants and children up to age 5 who are at nutrition risk, by providing nutritious foods to supplement diets, information and education on healthy eating, and referrals to health care and critical social services.

FUN FACTS

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN
MARIANA ISLANDS CHILDHOOD (2-5 YEAR
OLD) OVERWEIGHT AND OBESITY RATES
HAVE DECREASED FROM 2011-2016

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS BREASTFEEDING RATES HAVE INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY SINCE 2012

FROM OUR PARTICIPANTS

"Staff are amazing and very caring towards my health and my children. Highly recommended! This is a great place for mothers to learn more on the benefits of breastfeeding, and also gain assistance in purchasing these healthy foods. Thank you CNMI WIC!"

WIC Participant, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

WHO PARTICIPATES IN WIC?

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands WIC Participation FY 2015 "Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on how being associated with the WIC program has positively impacted our company over the last 10 years. Ten years ago, our company was already starting to introduce healthier items. The WIC program forced us to not only bring in more healthy food options, but to also bring in these items at the best possible price."

WIC Grocer Participant, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

Pregnant Women	270
Fully Breastfeeding Women	[74]
Total Breasfeeding Women	241
Postpartum Women	137
Infants	585
Children	2,294
Total	3,527
Coverage (% eligible)	NA

Source: USDA FNS WIC Program Data FY2015 https://www.fns.usda.gov/pd/wic-program



WIC IS EFFICIENT

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Food and Nutrition Services Benefits FY 2015 Monthly food value per participant \$73.22

Net federal food cost \$3,098,652

Competitive bidding savings \$562,990

Admin Cost (Nutrition Service Benefits) \$1,145,013

Total funds to state \$4,806,655

Source: USDA FNS WIC Program Data FY2015 https://www.fns.usda.gov/pd/wic-program

BREASTFEEDING



Source: USDA 2014 WIC Participant and Program Characteristics (PC) Report. PC data allows for standardized comparisons to demonstrate overall progress. Some states collect more data than required by the PC Report and may yield different and more current results than shown.

EBT STATUS

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands is implementing WIC EBT. All state WIC programs must transition from paper vouchers to electronic benefit transfer cards (EBT) by 2020.

WIC SUPPORTS MILITARY FAMILIES

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands does not have a strong military presence here in the CNMI, they do not have special programs for them. However, they welcome and support our troops.

CONTACT DETAILS

STATE WIC DIRECTOR

Erin Angela Camacho P.O. Box 502509 Saipan, MP 96950

T: 670-664-4084 **E:** erinc@cnmiwic.org

NUTRITION COORDINATOR

Erin Angela Camacho P.O. Box 502509 Saipan, MP 96950

T: 670-664-4084 **E:** erinc@cnmiwic.org

BREASTFEEDING COORDINATOR

Luisa Santos PO Box 1390 Window Rock, AZ 86515

T: 670-664-4084 **E:** luisas@cnmiwic.org

STATE VENDOR MANAGER

Fabian Ulloa PO Box 1390 Window Rock, AZ 86515

T: 670-664-4067
E: fabianu@cnmiwic.org