

## WOMEN, INFANTS, AND CHILDREN (WIC) PROGRAM FACT SHEET

WIC provides eligible families with nutrition education, breastfeeding support, referrals to health care and community services, and a WIC card to buy healthy foods. The WIC card can be used to buy fruits and vegetables, whole grains, milk, eggs, yogurt, and more.

## Who is eligible for WIC?

WIC serves people who live in California, meet the income guidelines, and:

- Are pregnant
- Are breastfeeding a baby under age 1
- Had a baby in the last six (6) months
- Have a child under five (5), including foster children
- Had a miscarriage or termination in the last six (6) months

Visit <u>myfamily.wic.ca.gov</u> and use the "Am I Eligible?" calculator to see if you are eligible for WIC.

## How do I apply for WIC?



**Phone:** Call 1-888-WIC-WORKS (1-888-942-9675) to enroll by phone or to find your local WIC office.

**Online:** Visit <u>signupwic.com</u> to enroll in WIC online, or find the phone number to your local WIC office.

## What other information should I know?

- WIC benefits are increasing temporarily for Summer 2021! From June through September, every WIC participant 12 months of age and older will receive \$35 to spend on fruits and vegetables, in addition to all the other WIC foods.
- WIC benefits are available to all eligible families affected by COVID-19. If your income has been affected by recent events and you are pregnant or have a child under 5, WIC can help provide nutritious foods and more resources to keep your growing family healthy.
- WIC is not just for women. Fathers, stepparents, grandparents, guardians, caretakers, and foster parents with a child under 5 are welcome to sign up and participate in WIC for their qualifying children.
- Not everything at the grocery store is eligible for purchase using the WIC card. Visit <u>myfamily.wic.ca.gov</u> and select "Shopping for WIC Foods" to learn more about the approved food list.
- Pregnant parents and children who receive CalFresh Food benefits automatically qualify for WIC.

Visit the myfamily.wic.ca.gov for questions and more information about WIC

