



Week ending issue: July 29, 2016– Issue #301

Policy

Please get those June claims in! Please have all June claims submitted on IowaGrants.gov no later than COB August 15, 2016.

In order to meet the deadline established by Department of Administrative Services/State Accounting Enterprise (DAS/SAE) for processing FY16 claims for expenses occurring between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016, all FY16 claims must be received by the Bureau of Finance no later than close of business Thursday, August 18, 2016.

FY16 claims received by the Bureau of Finance after August 18th will continue to be processed but there is no guarantee of payment before the fiscal year is closed by DAS/SAE on August 30th. Any claims not paid by DAS/SAE by August 30th or claims received by the Bureau of Finance after August 30th will be processed through the State Appeal Board. State Appeal Board claims cannot be processed for payment until after September 16, 2016.

Information

Job Opening:

State WIC Director at Polk County IDPH - [View details](#)

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***Thank you of the Week***

"WIC is a great help for healthy food but also source of medical, emotional assistance when weight gain or nursing becomes an issue. I love WIC and people who make it happen. Every time I pick up my vouchers and have to say a prayer for this program to remain around forever. It has truly been a blessing in more ways." WIC Participant

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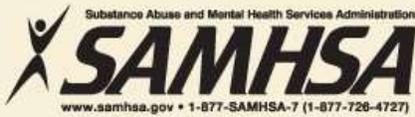
**We would love to hear from you! If you have a comment or story about how WIC has made a difference for you and your family we'd love to hear it! (We won't use your name!) Please send it to us in a pm and you could be featured in our next "Thank you of the Week" post!*

Participant Centered Services

The ability to ask the right question is more than half the battle to finding the answer.

Thomas J Watson

Save the Date



Behavioral Health Is Essential to Health • Prevention Works • Treatment Is Effective • People Recover

Please mark your calendars and join SAMHSA and Project LAUNCH for a webinar highlighting the recently developed Maternal Depression Toolkit!

Depression in Mothers: More Than the Blues is a user-friendly toolkit developed by SAMHSA, in partnership with experts in the fields of mental health and maternal and child health. The toolkit delivers background information about depression. It also offers ideas that providers can use daily when helping mothers, and their families, who may be suffering from depression. Dr. Deborah Perry, from Georgetown University's Center for Child and Human Development, will walk the participants through the toolkit framework and components. Opportunities for additional technical assistance also will be shared.

Please join SAMHSA to learn more about how you can best support pregnant women and mothers of young children who may be at risk for or experiencing depression.

Who Should Participate?

This webinar will benefit early childhood professionals who interact with pregnant women and new mothers. It will be especially useful to WIC staff, home visitors, and Healthy Start staff already working with families to raise awareness and understanding about maternal depression.

Date:

Monday, August 15, 2016

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM Pacific Time 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM Mountain Time 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Central Time 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM Eastern Time

Place:

Webinar

Contact:

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eWIC/Focus Update

Sometimes certain buttons are not enabled in Focus when they should be, for example the “New” button. Completely logging out of Focus and logging back in usually takes care of this issue.

Dates to Remember/Training

August:

- Infant/Child Workshop – August 2nd – see attachments at end of today’s Friday Facts
- WIC Contractor Meeting – August 30th
- August 31st - **Free Webinar: “Share the Love – Starting a Food Rescue Program in Your Community”**

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September:

- NETC Webinar (All New Staff) – September 15, 8:30-11:30 a.m.
- NETC Webinar (Health Professional) – September 22, 8:30-11:30 a.m.
- NETC Webinar (Support Staff) – September 29, 8:30-11:30 a.m.

October:

- Communication and Rapport Workshop – October 26th

November:

- NETC Webinar (All New Staff) – November 10, 8:30-11:30 a.m.
- NETC Webinar (Health Professional) – November 16, 8:30-11:30 a.m.
- NETC Webinar (Support Staff) – November 17, 8:30-11:30 a.m.

Available Formula

Product	Quantity	Expiration Date	Agency	Contact
Vivonex T.E.N.	60- 2.84 oz. packets	11/2016	State WIC Office	Nicole Newman 515-281-4545
Keto cal. 3:1, 11 oz. Unflavored Powder	8 containers	9-4-16	HACAP	Angela Munson 319-366-7632
Pediasure 1.0	1 case	11-16-16	HACAP	Angela Munson 319-366-7632
Ketocal 4.1 (vanilla)	1 case	9-9-16	HACAP	Angela Munson 319-366-7632
Elecare	6 containers/powder	3-1-17 4-1-17	HACAP	Angela Munson 319-366-7632

Product	Quantity	Expiration Date	Agency	Contact
	5 containers/powder			
Complete Amino Acid Mix	1 can	10-21-17	Mid Iowa Community Action	Sierra Steven 515-232-9020, ext. 105
RTU Neosure	26 containers	9-1-17	Upper Des Moines Opportunity	Tammy Chapman, RD, LD 712-859-3885, Ext. 110 tchapman@udmo.com

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- (1) Mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights 1400
Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C.20250-9410;
- (2) Fax: (202) 690-7442; or
- (3) Email: program.intake@usda.gov

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[Live Webinar] “Share the Love – Starting a Food Rescue Program in Your Community”

Learn from 3 different Iowa non-profit organizations working to combat hunger by reducing food waste.

- 40 percent of the good, safe food produced in America is never making it to people's plates. That means 70 million tons, goes to waste. ([source](#))
- In Iowa, 1 in 8 adults faces food insecurity daily. ([source](#))
- 12.6% of Iowans are struggling with hunger. This translates to over 389,250 Iowans, and include 139,850 children. ([source](#))

Food rescue is the process of collecting donated food from restaurants, grocery stores, growers, event centers, caterers, and other food service providers, and distributing that food to people in need through local social service organizations. In the food business, predicting exact levels of demand can be a challenge. As a result, there is often safe, prepared food left unsold at the end of a shift, event, or work day. Such food can be put to good use through a food rescue program, which manages the pickup of donated food and distribution to agencies that serve people who are food insecure.

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Eat Greater Des Moines – Eat Greater Des Moines, a nonprofit organization, works to provide access to healthy food for all Iowans. Their mission is to identify, develop, and connect resources with the broader community to support the entire food lifecycle in central Iowa. Eat Greater Des Moines works to make food rescue easier for donors and recipient organizations. They do this through developing relationships between both parties and making the process easy with a newly released smartphone application, ChowBank. The [ChowBank](#) app makes connecting with a local social service agency easy!



Table to Table - The mission of Table to Table is to keep wholesome, edible food from going to waste by collecting it from donors and distributing to those in need through agencies that serve the hungry, homeless and at-risk populations. Since starting in April of 1996, Table to Table volunteers have rescued and distributed over 14 million pounds of food to area agencies.



Food Rescue Partnership - The Food Rescue Partnership is a community-focused coalition committed to rescuing food throughout the Quad Cities that would otherwise be thrown away, by informing and engaging the public and by fostering partnerships among food establishments, the Foodbank, food pantries, meal sites, and shelters.

Date: Wednesday, August 31st

Time: 1:00 – 2:30 pm (CST)

Registration: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2183235744203622401>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Presenters



Aubrey Alvarez is the Executive Director of Eat Greater Des Moines in Des Moines. Eat Greater Des Moines started in April 2013 to help build connections throughout the food system. One area of focus includes food rescue. Aubrey is a graduate of the University of Northern Iowa (bachelor of arts in health promotion) and Drake University (masters in public administration). She is also a member of the leadership team for the Food Access and Health Collaborative, the Iowa Food Waste Stakeholder Coalition, Partnership For a Hunger Free Polk County, Hunger Free Dallas County Initiative, Regional Food System Working Group Steering Committee, and Food Hub Manager Working Group. She is a 2015 graduate of the Greater Des Moines Leadership Institute.



Bob Andrlik is the Executive Director of Table to Table Food Distribution Network in Iowa City. Table to Table was the first food rescue organization in Iowa and has rescued over 14 million pounds of food since their beginning in 1996. Bob believes it is imperative to keep wholesome food out of the waste stream and to channel it to those in need. He would like to see other communities benefit from the powerful impact a program of keeping food from going to waste can have. Bob began his studies at Coe College in Cedar Rapids and earned his degree in Liberal Studies from the University of Iowa in 2000. He joined Table to Table in 2001. He is also a member of the leadership team for the Food Access and Health Collaborative of the Iowa Food Systems Council, the Iowa Food Waste Reduction Task Force, the Johnson County Local Hunger Task Force, Grow Johnson County Board and the HACAP Food Reservoir Advisory Committee.



Christina McDonough is the Community Transformation Consultant at the Scott County Health Department. The Scott County Health Department collected data on 124 food system indicators and was leading organization to assist the workgroup in narrowing the focus to the % of food waste (industrial/commercial) food system indicator. Christina's position grants her the ability to participate in the first ever, Food Rescue Partnership. Christina earned her Bachelors in Health Promotion from the University of Northern Iowa in Health Promotion and is a Certified Health Education Specialist.