Leveraging Partnerships and Technology to Increase WIC Participation

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Objectives

1.

Describe strategy development for "WIC Modernization"

2.

 Share the overall modernization initiatives of Colorado WIC

3.

 Describe the process for creating online referrals from Colorado Program for Eligibility and Application Kit (PEAK)

Understanding the Baseline

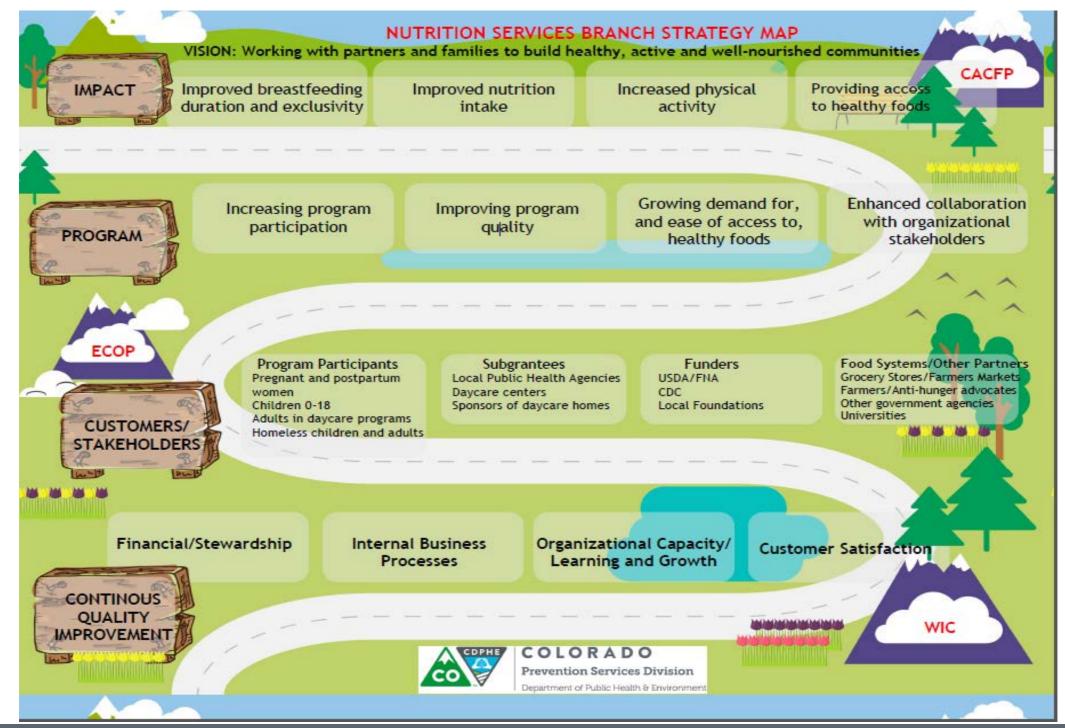
Moderately high knowledge of the food vouchers/grocery assistance and nutrition education provided by WIC, however, less of an understanding of the additional resources and services that WIC offers.

The greatest challenges to using WIC relate to the shopping experiences.

Consistent belief that the highest values of WIC include the food/financial support, the education and the additional supports that it provides to families.

Interest in an online platform and consistent findings that email, text messaging, phone and in-person visits are preferred methods of contact.

Strategy Map



Modernization

EBT



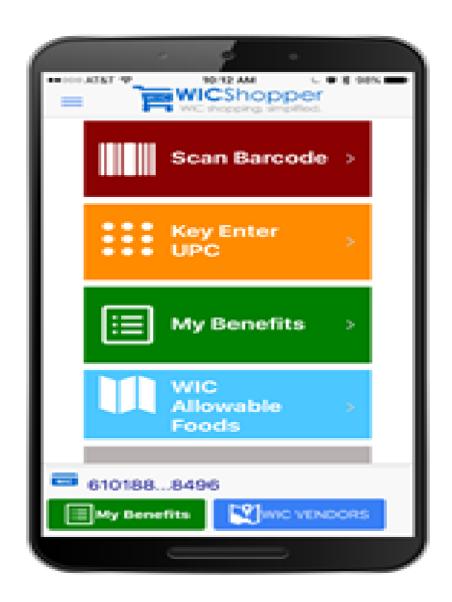
Text Messaging



Nutrition Education Choice



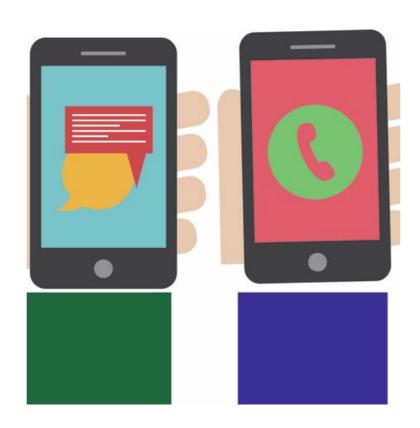
WICShopper



WIC Data Central



New Website & Participant Portal Feasibility Study



Colorado PEAK



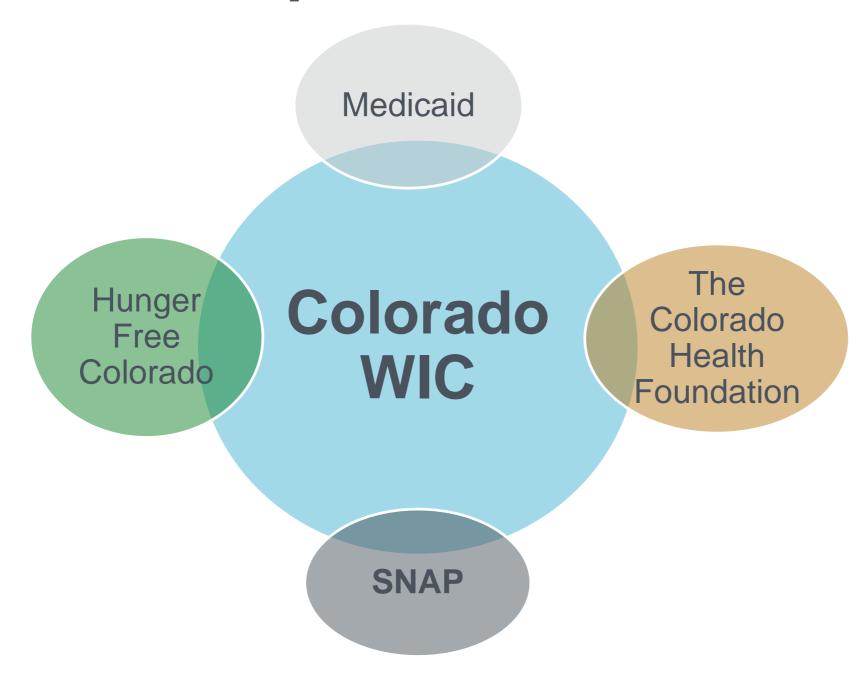
The Goal

Increase awareness

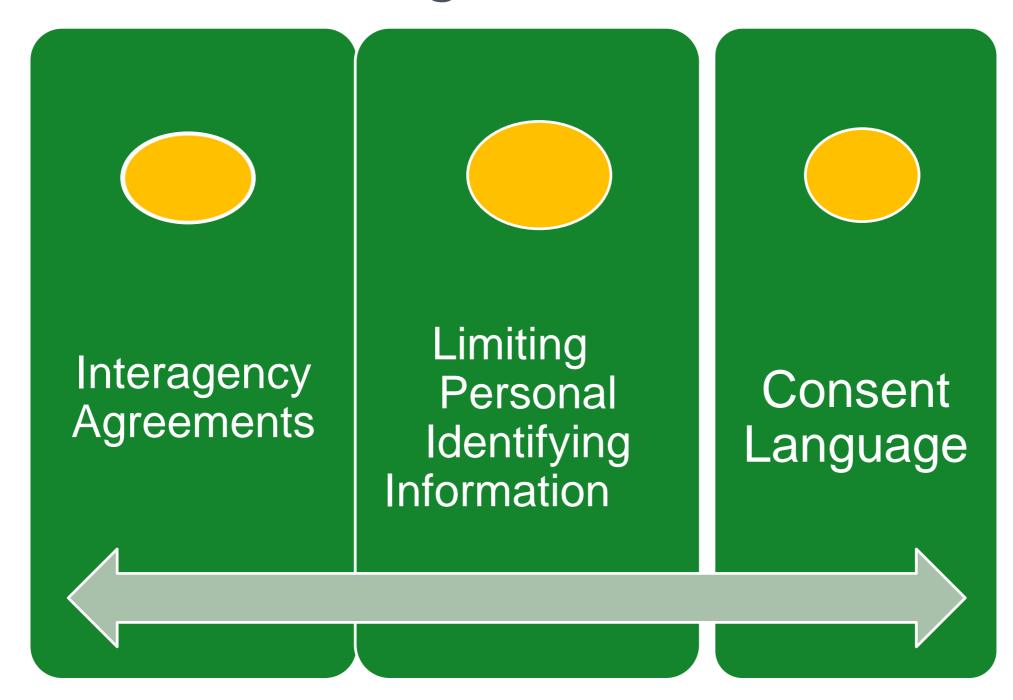
Targeted outreach

Increase program participation

Partnerships



Data Sharing





Colorado PEAK



Which Benefits Would Your Household Like to Apply For?

The first step is to tell us which benefits **your household** would like to get by checking the box for each benefit your household would like to apply for. Later you will have the opportunity to select specific programs for each person in your home as you complete the application. Click the Next button at the bottom of the page to continue.

Español ? Help > Exit

- Medical Assistance (including Health First Colorado (Colorado Medicaid), CHP+, Tax Credits, and Cost Sharing Reductions) Show Details
- Food Assistance Show Details
- Colorado Works / TANF Cash Assistance for Families with Dependent Children Show Details
- Adult Financial Cash Assistance for disabled or individuals over the age of 60 Show Details
- Child Care Assistance (CCCAP) Show Details
- Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) for first-time moms Show Details
- Head Start Show Details
- SafeCare Colorado Show Details
- Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Hide Details

You can participate in WIC if you:

- Meet income guidelines or are enrolled in Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid Program), Colorado Works/Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), or Food Assistance/SNAP.
- Live in Colorado
- Are pregnant or a new mom
- Have a child younger than 5 years of age

What does WIC offer?

- Free, healthy food using an eWIC debit card
- · Personalized nutrition consultation
- Breastfeeding information, support, and breast pumps
- · Referrals to family health and other community services

Potentially Eligible

Women, Infants and Children (WIC)

You may be eligible for WIC. Are you currently enrolled in WIC?



WIC provides free, healthy foods, nutrition education, breastfeeding support, and referrals to other services.

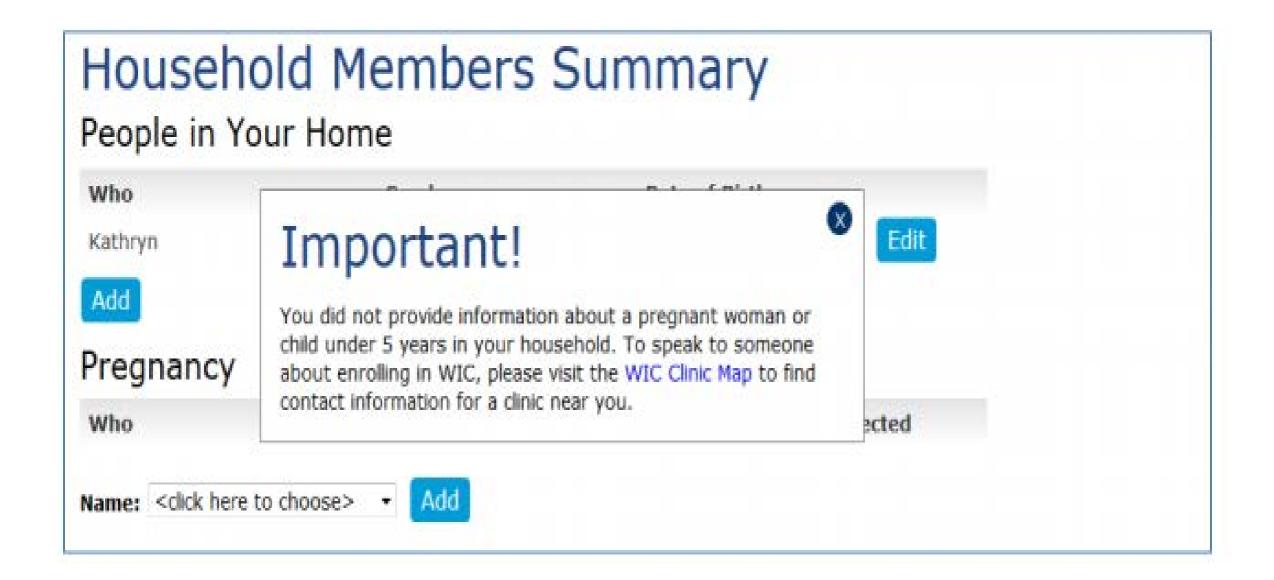
Do you want WIC to contact you?



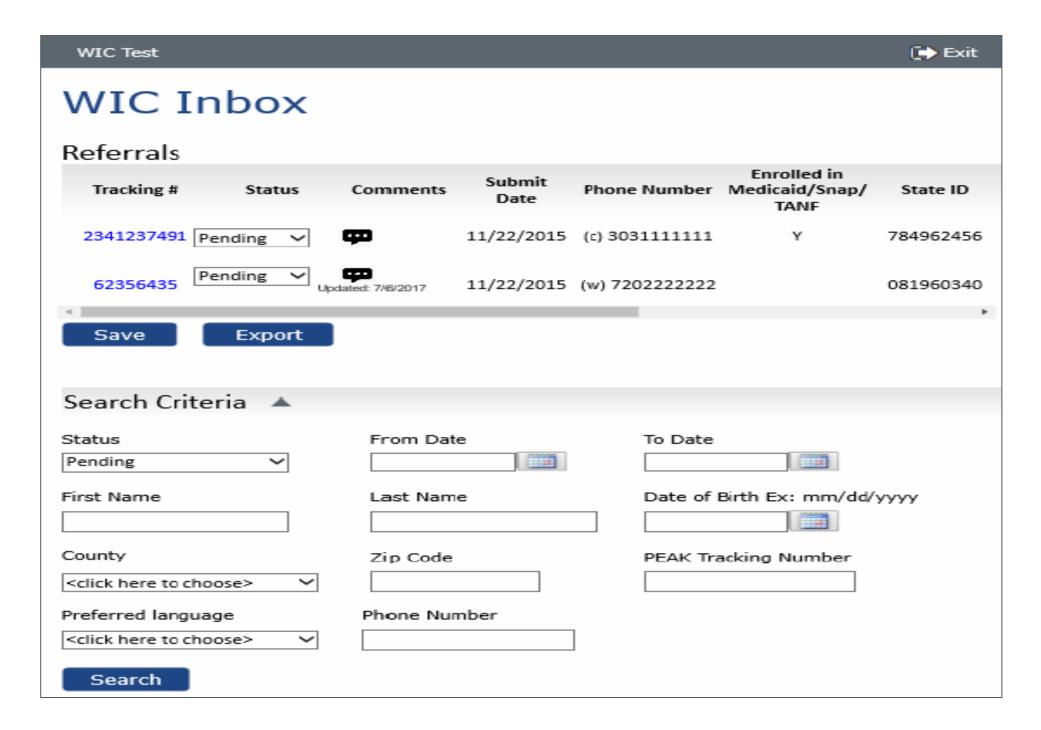
No

WIC will contact you soon to schedule an appointment to enroll. If you would like to contact someone now, please visit the WIC Clinic Map to find contact information for a clinic near you.

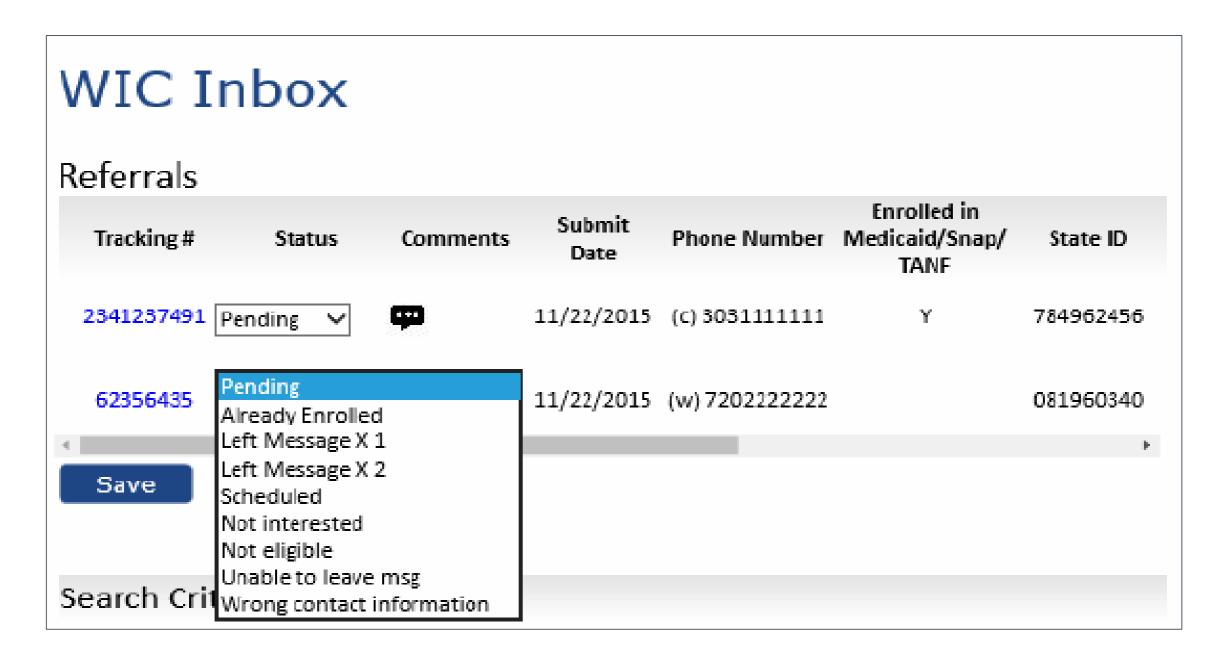
Not Eligible



PEAKPro Inbox



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User Feedback

Integrated into recent PEAKPro release

It stopped the bleeding!

Positive impact on caseload

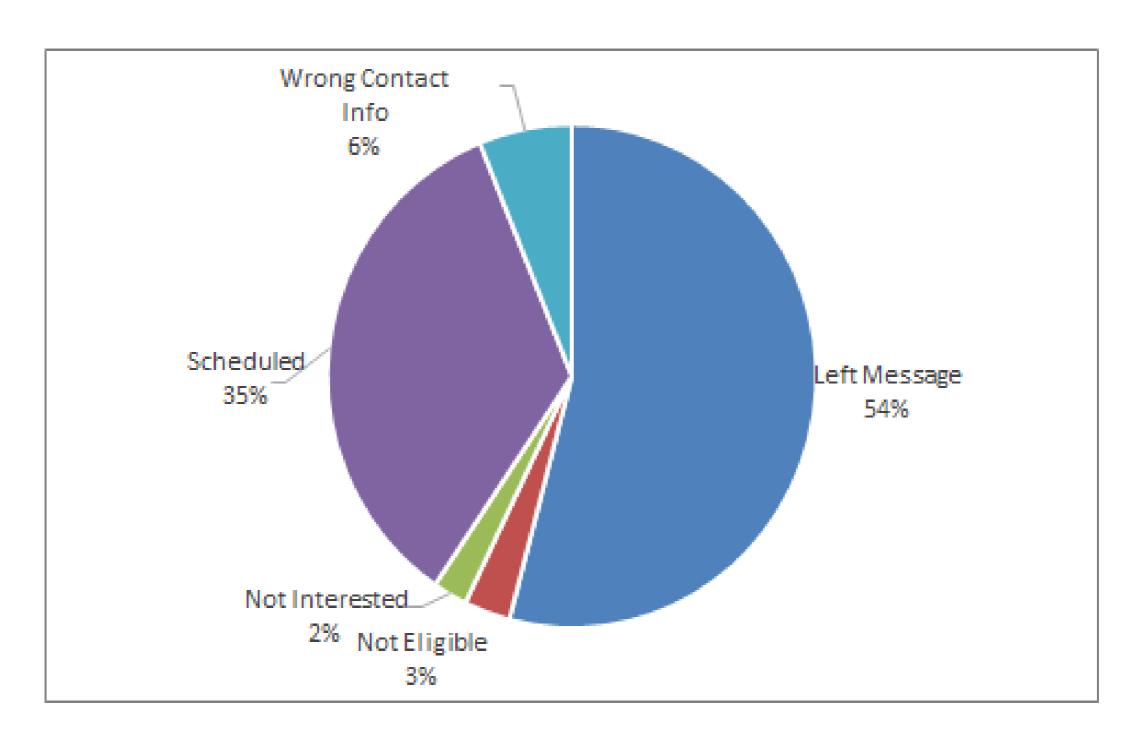
Still a challenge.

Contacting Referrals

Data



5,618 Online WIC Referrals



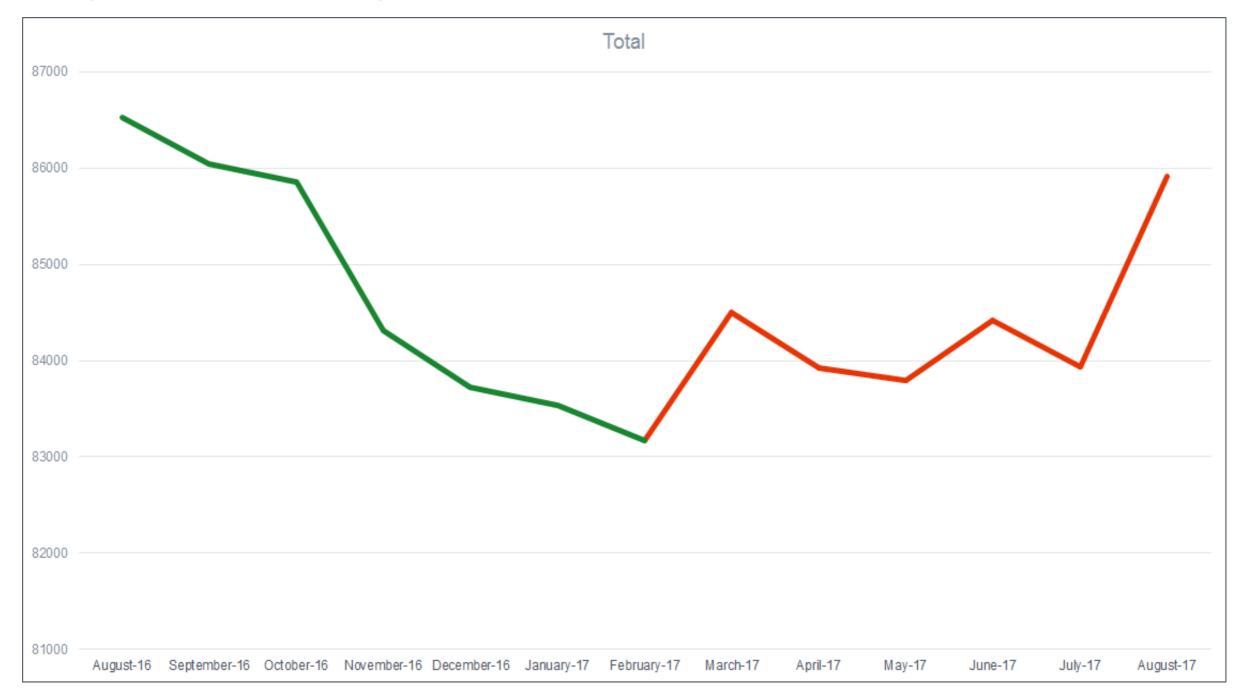
CO WIC Vouchered Participants

2013 - 2017



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August 2016 - August 2017



Final Thoughts

Questions?

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