



Ideas for collaboration beyond the Data Sharing Agreement

- **Data sharing: local WIC to local Head Start**
 - Sharing data for children enrolled after the beginning of the school year.
 - Working with the WIC RD or Coordinator to receive additional information about children identified as high risk and to develop a shared care plan.

- **Communication – relationship between programs**
 - Communicate new health and program initiatives and find ways to promote consistent nutrition and health messages

- **Ask the WIC coordinator or Registered Dietitian to be on the Head Start Advisory Committee**
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- **Ask the WIC program staff to attend Head Start conferences and/or trainings**
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- **Work with your local WIC coordinator to develop nutrition education classes that may be used as the WIC second nutrition education**
 - Schedule parent education well in advance so the class can be included in the schedule classes offered WIC-Head Start parents at their WIC appointment.

- **Encourage families to participate on the WIC program and come to their WIC appointments.**
 - Approximately 40% of WIC appointments are missed. Increasing the show rate for WIC=Head Start families would be a great contribution to the partnership. Encourage WIC eligible families who are not on the program to apply.

- **Invite the WIC program to do a satellite clinic at your Head Start center.**
 - Families with children between the ages of 3-5 are the most likely to drop off of the WIC program. The most common reason is difficulty making it to appointments. A scheduled WIC clinic at the Head Start at a time parents are already planning to be there would ease the burden and make it easier to continue WIC participation.