

Division of Community Nutrition

<i>Subject: Drug and Substance Abuse Referrals</i>		<i>Policy: CRT 08.0.2</i>
<i>Reference: C.F.R. §246.7 (a)</i>	<i>Effective: August 12, 2013</i>	<i>Supersedes: August 1, 2008</i>

I. Policy:

Local agencies shall provide drug and other harmful substance abuse information and a list of local resources for drug and substance abuse counseling and treatment to participants, parents / legal guardians and caretakers at each certification and subsequent certification appointment.

II. Procedure(s):

- A. A SWO-approved poster on substance abuse and pregnancy shall be displayed in the WIC clinic area.
- B. Distribute SWO approved material on drug and harmful substance abuse.
- C. Compile and maintain a list of local drug and substance abuse resources.
 - 1) The list shall include the name, address, telephone number, and specific services which each agency provides
 - 2) Ensure participant receives a printed copy of referrals
- D. If drug or substance abuse is identified or suspected during the certification visit:
 - 1) Educate the participant, parent / legal guardian or caretaker on the dangers associated with the use of drugs, alcohol and tobacco
 - 2) Refer the participant, parent / legal guardian or caretaker to a drug abuse clinic, treatment program, counselor or other drug abuse professional
 - 3) Document referral in Crossroads
- E. Coordinate WIC services with local drug and substance abuse counseling and treatment center(s).