



Wisconsin WIC Association (WWA): Spring Newsletter 2016

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A Memorable Experience at Capitol Hill

The National WIC Association Leadership Conference was held in Washington D.C. February 28-March 1, 2016. Four WWA members and/or board members attended the conference in addition to two employees of the City of Milwaukee Health Department (Kim Konopacki and Amber Zugbaum).

Congratulation to Rachel Garramone, Angie Wilks-Tate, Kristi Cooley and Rosamaria Martinez who represented WWA in Washington D.C. at the conference!

These women met with Senators and House Representatives (Glenn Grotham, James Sensenbrenner, Gwen Moore, Sean Duffy and Reed Ribble) on Capitol Hill during the conference dates to practice advocacy skills.

- **Angie Wilks-Tate states:**
"I truly learned a lot during this experience and it has definitely broadened my knowledge base in the area of advocacy!"

- **Don't forget to apply for a scholarship next year to attend the 2017 NWA Leadership Conference.**



Have a Voice and Be Heard! WWA Memberships

Join our Community! Sign-up your WIC Project for all staff to become members of WWA!

If you are unsure if your project has renewed its membership go to our [Current Wisconsin WIC Project Membership Page](#).

To register, complete and mail an invoice with a check or pay online on our [Membership Renewal Page](#). Look at our [Membership Benefits](#).



The mission of the Wisconsin WIC Association is to inspire and empower the Wisconsin WIC community to advocate for and promote quality nutrition services and assure effectiveness through collaboration, cooperation and education.



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Voices of WIC

“The staff at WIC has been so nice and helpful this past year. I know you must have stressful days but you have gone above and beyond what I have ever expected. Thank you for your kindness.”

–Anonymous Father on the Wood County WIC program.

We need your quotes!

Please send your WIC participant stories to aroltgen@co.wood.wi.us or your regional representative, *and we will make sure your WIC stories are featured!*

Advocacy Committee

- The advocacy committee has been working on development of the Advocacy Chair Description.
- In addition the committee is working on a local advocacy campaign for the fall of 2016.
- Stay tuned for more information in the next newsletters.
- Finally, for more up to date information, you can visit the [NWA website](#) here is the most recent WIC Policy Update.
- Subscribe for email updates on the Facebook page as well.

WWA Silent Auction 2016

The WWA will be conducting a silent auction during the State WIC Conference in Appleton, WI this June. Proceeds will go to support continuing education opportunities for WWA Members.

Some items available for bidding at the conference include:

- Hand crafted items, jewelry and baby items
- Milwaukee Bucks Tickets
- Gift certificates
- Gift baskets

Help support this event by promoting the silent auction at staff meetings, consider donating items yourself including candles, books, lotions, movie tickets, kitchen items, etc. Encourage staff to participate in the auction during the conference! Please respond by June 1st and send a picture of the items to awilks_tate@mhsi.org