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Missouri Department of Health WIC Program Increases Income

Guidelines for WIC services

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St. Charles County- The St. Charles County Department of Community Health and the Environment has announced that a contract to continue to provide WIC services for federal fiscal year 2006 has been signed with the Missouri Department of Health (Contract #ERS045-6192). WIC (The Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children) provides specific nutritious supplemental foods and nutrition education to pregnant and breastfeeding women, postpartum women, infants, and children up to age 5 at no cost to the individual.

WIC guidelines count the unborn child as a member of the family when income eligibility is determined.

The program is open to persons who meet the WIC income guidelines shown below and are determined by health professionals to be at nutritional risk.

<u>Family Size</u>	<u>Annual</u>	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>Weekly</u>
2	23,736	1,978	457
3	29,767	2,481	573
4	35,798	2,984	689
5	41,829	3,486	805
Each Additional Family Member	+6,031	+503	+116

The program, administrated by the St. Charles County Department of Community Health and the Environment, has sites in O'Fallon, Wentzville, and the city of St. Charles. Persons interested in applying or in need of more information should contact the WIC office at (636) 949-7402. Those interested in learning more about the services of the Department of Community Health and the Environment may visit our website at www.scchealth.org.

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