



MN WIC 2024 Training Conference Agenda

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Conference Timeline [DRAFT Agenda]

Time	Room	Session/Event	Speaker
7:30 - 8:30 a.m.	Grand Ballroom Foyer	Registration/Breakfast- Buffet Style	
8:30 – 8:40 a.m.	Grand Ballroom W/C	Opening/Introductions	Kate Franken, MPH, RD, Minnesota WIC Director, NWA Board Chair
8:40 – 8:55 a.m.	Grand Ballroom W/C	Welcoming Remarks	Special Guest TBA
8:55 – 9:05 a.m.	Grand Ballroom W/C	Tribal Agreement/Housekeeping	Tina Breitenbach, RD, Breastfeeding, Training, & Communications Unit Supervisor
9:05- 9:10 a.m.	Grand Ballroom W/C	Sheila Farnan Award	Katlyn Hubbard, Becker County Nutrition & Breastfeeding Coordinator, Advisory Group Chair
9:10 – 9:15 a.m.	Grand Ballroom W/C	Friend of WIC Award	Kate Franken
9:15 – 10:30 a.m.	Grand Ballroom W/C	Keynote 1: Iron Strong Pregnancies, Babies, and Children*	Dr. Diana B. Cutts, MD, HCMC
10:30 – 10:45 a.m.		BREAK	
10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Grand Ballroom W/C	Keynote 2: Participant-Centered Services: How do you like me now? *	Bernadette Flores, MPA, RD & Jillian Ondreyka, MPH, RDN, IBCLC
12:00 – 1:00 p.m.	Grand Ballroom Foyer	LUNCH- Buffet Style	Slide Show
1:00 – 2:00 p.m.		First Round Breakout (Choose a session)	
	Grand Ballroom W/C	Support Staff- How to Rock in Your Role*	Bernadette Flores, MPA, RD & Jillian Ondreyka, MPH, RDN, IBCLC
	Grand Ballroom East	Addressing Challenges with Pediatric Feeding and Swallowing in the WIC Population**	Amber Valentine-Forston, MS, CCC-SLP, BCS-S, IBCLC, CNT
	Veranda 1-4	Diversity Without Adversity: Building Your Cultural Competence **	Sonia Ellis-Taylor, Senior Learning Consultant at Learning Dynamics

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	Veranda 5-8	Involving Fathers: The Other Half of the Village	William Moore, CPE, Doula
2:00 - 2:15 p.m.		BREAK	
2:15 – 3:15 p.m.		Second Round Breakout (Choose a session)	
	Grand Ballroom W/C	Counselors- How to Rock in Your Role*	Bernadette Flores, MPA, RD & Jillian Ondreyka, MPH, RDN, IBCLC
	Grand Ballroom East	Embracing Culture with WIC: Discovering Nutritious WIC Approved Cultural Foods**	EatWell Exchange: Ashley Carter, MS, RD, LD & Jasmine Westbrooks, MS, RD, LDN, CDCES
	Veranda 1-4	I Love What I Do, Wish I Wanted to Go to Work **	Monica Smith, MA, LPC, RD
	Veranda 5-8	Navigating the Pump: Panel Session	Everyday Miracles (Abby Susick, Sara Hildreth, Claudia Beck); Yaa Yaa Nti; Megan Warfield-Kimball OTD, MSHS, OTR/L; Rosie Pierce-Martin, MPH, RD, LD, IBCLC
3:15 – 3:30 p.m.	Grand Ballroom Foyer	BREAK/Afternoon Snack	
3:30 – 4:45 p.m.	Grand Ballroom W/C	Keynote 3: Up In Smoke: The Potential Health Impact of Cannabis Use During Pregnancy and Lactation on the Baby *	Laurel Wilson, IBCLC, RLC, INHC, CLE, CCCE, CLD
4:45 - 5:00 p.m.	Grand Ballroom W/C	Closing Remarks	Kate Franken

Session will be recorded live and available at the post conference (with Q&A)/Session will be presented live and a prerecorded version will be available at the post conference (without Q&A).*

NOTE: This agenda is subject to slight changes in timing, order, and location of sessions.

Additional Details

Babes in arms/Lactation space: MDH WIC greatly encourages and promotes access for all. You may attend the conference with a *nursing infant aged below 6 months*, as long as they can be accommodated on the parent’s lap or in a stroller. We kindly ask you be mindful of other audience members and exit the room as needed should your infant become restless/upset. Breastfeeding is welcome anywhere at the conference! If you prefer privacy or a place to express milk, a lactation room is available.

Prayer room: A prayer/meditation room will be available for conference attendee use.

Accommodations: We are committed to providing equal access to this meeting for all participants. If you have a disability or special need that requires our awareness, please include that when registering for the conference. Please note that we strive to be an inclusive, accessible conference, but not all requests can be guaranteed.

