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IRB Approval Letter



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Memo

Date: February 24, 2012
To: Susie McNutt, Project Director
From: Kerry Levin, Chair Westat IRB *Kerry Levin*
Subject: Expedited Approval of WIC TODDLER & INFANT, 8967
FWA 0005551

As Chair of the Westat Institutional Review Board (IRB), I reviewed the materials submitted for the following: **WIC TODDLER & INFANT, 8967**. The Westat IRB reviews all studies involving research on human subjects. The Food and Nutrition Service, of the USDA, will fund this study.

The purpose of this study is to examine current infant and toddler feeding practices among families receiving WIC services, a federally-funded program that provides nutrition and nutrition education/support to pregnant and postpartum women, infants, and toddlers. Participants will be recruited from approximately 80 WIC service locations around the country. These participants will be assigned either to the core (up to 11 interviews) or supplemental (up to 4 interviews).

The study will include the following data collection activities:

- Cognitive testing
- Telephone survey of WIC participants (main survey and child food intake)
- Administrative and records data
- Clinic Site Staff survey
- Key Informant interviews

Westat's role will include the following activities:

- Cognitive testing
- Fielding participant data collection
- Conducting record retrieval
- Conducting analyses
- Preparing datasets
- Writing reports

Altaram Institute, a subcontractor in the study, is responsible for the following activities:

- Conduct the Clinic Site Staff Survey
- Conduct Key Informant Interviews
- Recruit sites
- Seek records periodically on the enrolled participants

