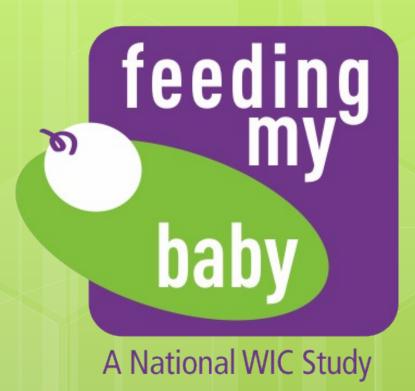
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APPENDIX V Study extension webinar slides



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# Greetings from the Feeding My Baby Study Team!

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## Webinar Agenda

- Study objectives
- Study timelines
- Study activities
- Highlights from study reports
- Study activities during the extension
- Role of State Agencies and sites during study extension period
- Questions from State Agencies and sites



#### Study Objectives

- Update results of WIC infant feeding practices study conducted in 1994-95
- Compare new findings with previous WIC study and other studies of infant and toddler feeding practices
- Assess conditions of overfeeding and overconsumption
- Identify nutrition education influences on infant and child feeding practices
- Assess the impact of WIC on nutrition, health and developmental outcomes
- Determine changes in feeding practices and behaviors as infants transition to toddlers and preschoolers
- Identify factors that lead to continued, discontinued, or renewed participation in WIC through age 5 years



# How will the findings be used?

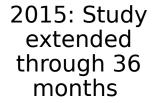
- Provide insight on the factors and influences that impact feeding practices—useful for planning nutrition education
- Describe food and nutrient intake from infancy through age 5 years—useful for assessing WIC food packages
- Identify factors associated with movement in and out of WIC—useful for addressing program retention and outreach
- Inform the nation about the important role WIC plays in early childhood nutrition



# Study Timeline

2013: Study begins for prenatal through 24 months

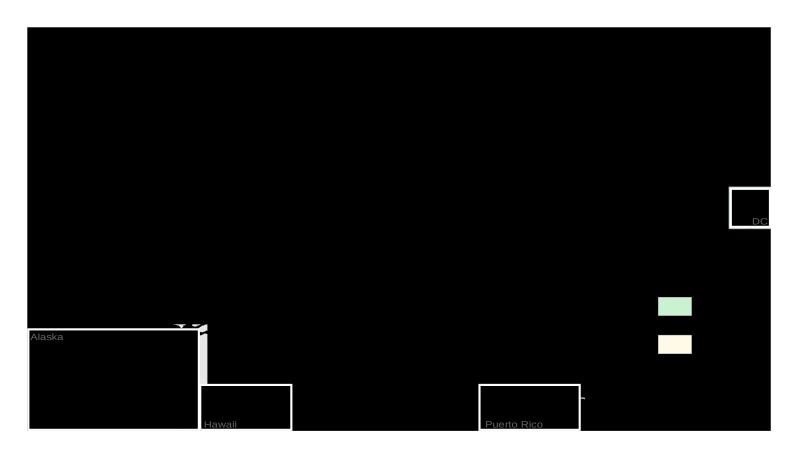
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## Study States and Sites





## Study Activities

- 2013: Recruitment of prenatal women and infants into study; WIC staff interviews and survey
- 2013-2015: Interviews of prenatal women and infants from birth through 24 months; infant measurements at 6, 12 and 24 months
- 2015-2016: Interviews for children at 30 and 36 months; measurements at 36 months
- 2016-2019: Interviews for children at 42 through 60 months; measurements at 48 and 60 months
- 2020: Final report



## Recruitment of Study Participants

- Recruited 4,367 participants
  - Prenatal women
  - •Mothers of infants up to 2.5 months old



# Interviews with Parents/Caregivers

[add table of status of interviews at time of webinar]



# Measurements of Infants/Children

- WIC data requests to State Agencies for measurements at 6, 12, and 24 months to date
- Feeding My Baby measurement cards beginning when children turn 36 months
- Requests to healthcare providers
- Home health agencies
- [add bullet point on status of receiving measurement data]



## Study Highlights: Prenatal

- 2,649 women who enrolled in WIC prenatally (73%)
- Topics
  - Beliefs about breastfeeding
  - Experience and advice about infant feeding
  - WIC Program knowledge
  - Intentions to breastfeed

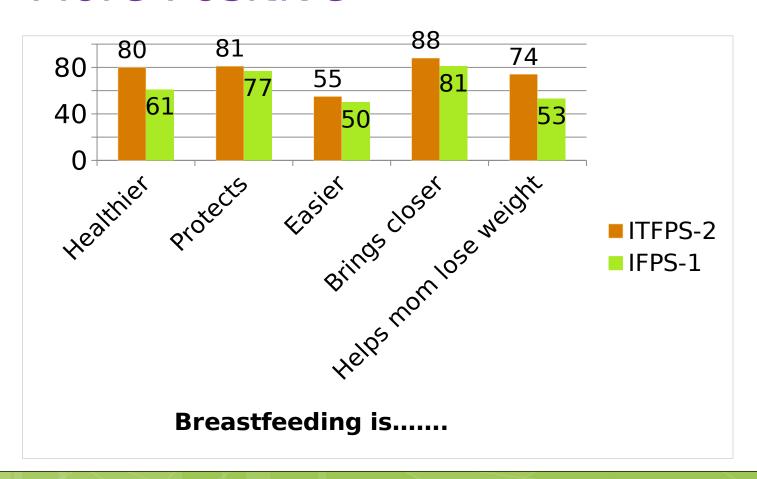
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# Participant Socio-demographics

| Demographics of mothers             | Percent            |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Race: White/Black                   | 59% and 25%        |
| Ethnicity: Hispanic/Latino          | 40%                |
| Unmarried                           | 70%                |
| ≤ 75% poverty threshold             | 63%                |
| Food security: Low/Very low         | 31% and <b>17%</b> |
| History of breastfeeding            | 54%                |
| Weight: Overweight/Obese            | 26% and 28%        |
| Enroll: 1st-2nd trimester/1st child | 67% and 40%        |

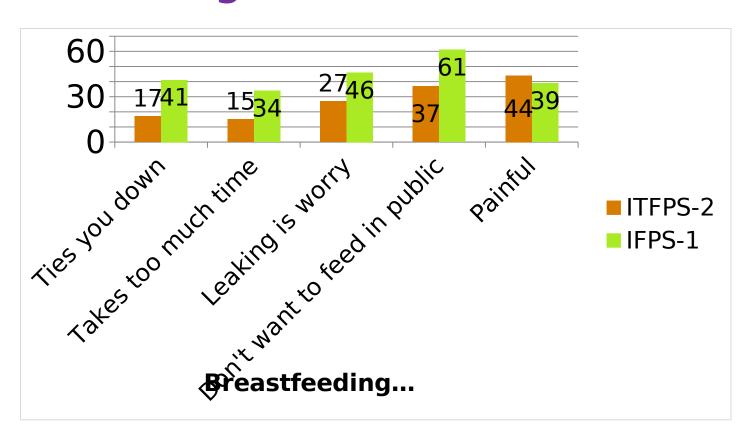


## Breastfeeding Beliefs--More Positive



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# Breastfeeding Beliefs--Less Negative





# Breastfeeding Beliefs by Socio-demographics

- Race: African Americans least positive
- Ethnicity: Hispanics most positive
- Education: Less educated less positive

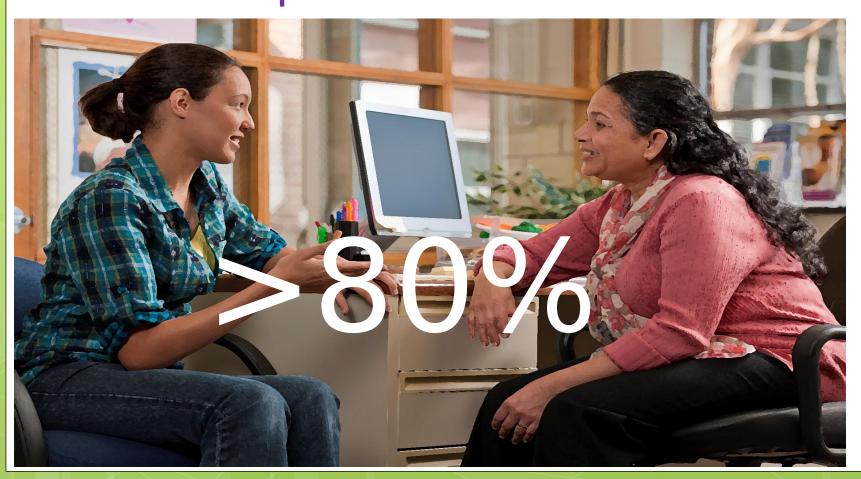


# Infant Feeding Advice

| 78  | Husband/boyfriend |
|-----|-------------------|
| 68% | WIC staff         |
| 62% | Mothers           |
| 51% | Doctor            |
| 40% | Friends           |
| 39% | Other relative    |

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# Advice Important to Decision



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# Infant Feeding Intention(IF) Attional WIC Study Scale\*

- I am planning to only formula feed my baby and do not plan to breastfeed at all.
- I am planning to breastfeed my baby or at least try.
- When my baby is 1 month old, I will be breastfeeding without using any formula or other milk.
- When my baby is 3 months old, I will be breastfeeding my baby without using any formula or other milk.
- When my baby is 6 months old, I will be breastfeeding my baby without using any formula or other milk.

<sup>\*</sup>developed by Nommsen-Rivers (2010)



#### Mean IFI Score

- •All prenatal women in study = 9.8
- Prenatal women in study pregnant with 1st child = 10.2



## Higher Intention to Breastfeed

- Hispanic
- Married
- >75% of poverty guidelines
- Breastfed previously for >3 months
- More education



#### Lower Intention to Breastfeed

- African American
- Pregnant with a third or subsequent child
- Having been on WIC previously
- Not living with the baby's father
- Engaging in discussions about infant feeding plans with no more than one person



#### No Impact on Intention to Breastfeed

- Food security
- Pregnancy trimester joined WIC
- Weight before pregnancy
- Born in the US

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## Intention to Breastfeed: Regression Model

Socio-demographics + Beliefs + Advice/experiences → Intentions to Breastfeed

Regression model explains nearly 34% of the variability in IFI scores.

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# Socio-demographics (SD) + baby Beliefs + Advice = Intentional WIC Study

| Explanatory variable                             | Coeffici<br>ent<br>sign | Signific ance |
|--|-------------------------|---------------|
| SD: Some BF history                              | Positive                | Significant   |
| SD: >High School education                       | Positive                | Significant   |
| SD: Mother living with father of baby            | Positive                | Significant   |
| SD: Second/subsequent born                       | Negative                | Significant   |
| Belief: Benefits Index                           | Positive                | Significant   |
| Belief: Barriers Index                           | Negative                | Significant   |
| Advice: Spoke with >1 person about feeding plans | Positive                | Significant   |



### Summary

- Breastfeeding is viewed much more favorably than 20 years ago
- Views on *Benefits* drive intention to breastfeed; vary by race, ethnicity and education level
- **Advice** from more than one person impacts intention

Study reports available at <a href="http://www.fns.usda.gov/wic/wic-studies">http://www.fns.usda.gov/wic/wic-studies</a>



# Study Highlights: Infant

[include 5-6 slides of findings for infants if approved by FNS]



## Study Activities during Extension

- Obtain State/local IRB approvals
- Notify parents/caregivers and ask them to continue with study
- Stay in contact with parents/caregivers
- Conduct four additional interviews—42, 48, 54, 60 months
- Obtain weight and height measurements at 48 and 60 months



# Study Participation during Extension

Estimates: number of children who will continue in study and percent of completed interviews\*

|           | Number in<br>Study | Percent<br>Interviews<br>Completed |
|-----------|--------------------|------------------------------------|
| 42 Months | 2,319              | 57%                                |
| 48 Months | 2,200              | 54%                                |
| 54 Months | 2,087              | 52%                                |
| 60 Months | 1,980              | 49%                                |

<sup>\*</sup> Children remain in study regardless of WIC enrollment status

# Keeping Parents/Caregivers Engaged

- Extension flyer, birthday cards, thank you notes, phone calls, text messages
- Incentives
  - > \$45 \$60 (plus \$10 for use of cell phone) for interviews 42, 58, 54 and 60 months

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- > \$50 (plus \$10 for transportation) for obtaining measurements at 48 months
- \$60 (plus \$10 for transportation) for obtaining measurements at 60 months

# Assistance from States and Sites

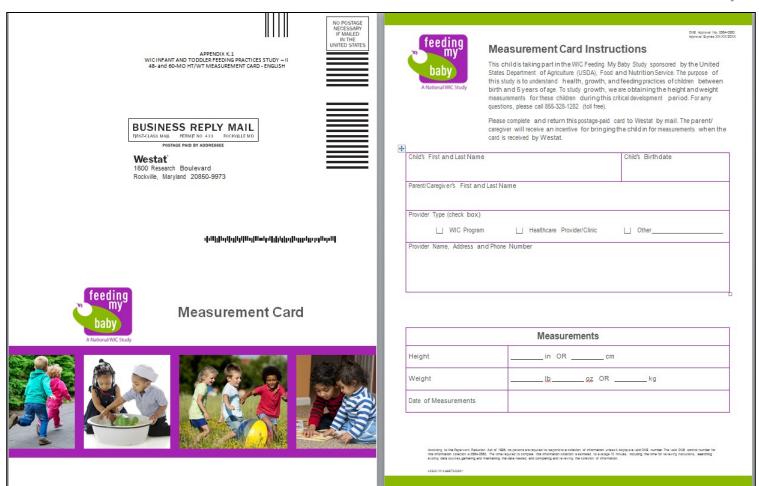
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- Obtaining measurements at 48 and 60 months (age 4 and 5 years)
- All parents/caregivers will be asked to take child to WIC site or healthcare provider for measurements
- Measurement cards will be provided to all parents/caregivers to obtain measurements and return to Westat

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#### Measurement Card

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#### Measurements at WIC Sites

- All children in the study—some on WIC and some not on WIC
- All parents/caregivers will be offered incentive to have measurement card completed and returned
  - On WIC at 48 months: recertification
  - Not on WIC at 48 and 60 months: identify convenient WIC site for parent/caregiver



#### Measurement Data Alternatives

- WIC data request for 48 month measurements
  - only if child is on WIC and measurement card not returned
- Request for measurements from healthcare provider
- Parent/caregiver sends in copy of record from healthcare provider
- Home health agency



#### Other Assistance from WIC

- Help with locating parents/caregivers of children in the study if....
  - They can't be located through other means
  - They are believed to be participating in WIC

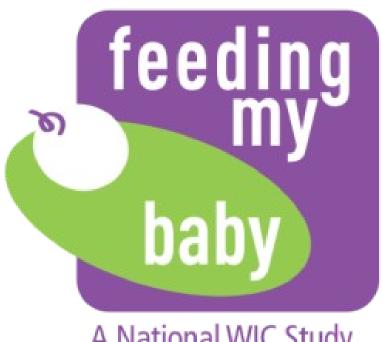


# What are your questions?





# Thank you for your support!



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