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## **Division of Public and Behavioral Health**

### **NEWS RELEASE**

#### **Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer for Children Program Continues This Year!**

The Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health's Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program, in partnership with the Nevada Department of Agriculture, will be administering the Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) for Children Program during the Summer of 2015.

The Summer EBT for Children Program provides food benefits to households with children receiving free and reduced lunch and breakfast at school, who would miss out during summer months when school is not in session. The program uses the WIC framework to deliver food benefits on EBT cards that can be used at WIC authorized stores throughout the state to purchase WIC eligible foods such as fruits and vegetables, whole grains, eggs, milk and cereal.

Households with students who participated in the past, still living in the demonstration counties (Douglas, Lyon, and Washoe) and still eligible for the School Free and Reduced Lunch program, are eligible to participate in 2015.

New for 2015, the Summer EBT for Children Program is expanding to include children receiving free and reduced lunch in Elko, Humboldt, Lander, Lincoln, Nye, Pershing, and White Pine School Districts. Expanding the program to serve these counties brings the estimated number of children served by the Summer EBT for Children Program to 14,000. This program will provide over \$1.5 million in food to children in rural Nevada.

Eligible households will be notified of the program by mail and should expect to receive materials in the middle of May informing them of the program, explaining how the program works, and what food benefits they will be receiving.

Questions should be directed to Lauren Dalton 775.684.3473.

For more information about the Division of Public and Behavioral Health, go to:  
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