

California WIC Local Agency Linkages: Shared Staff

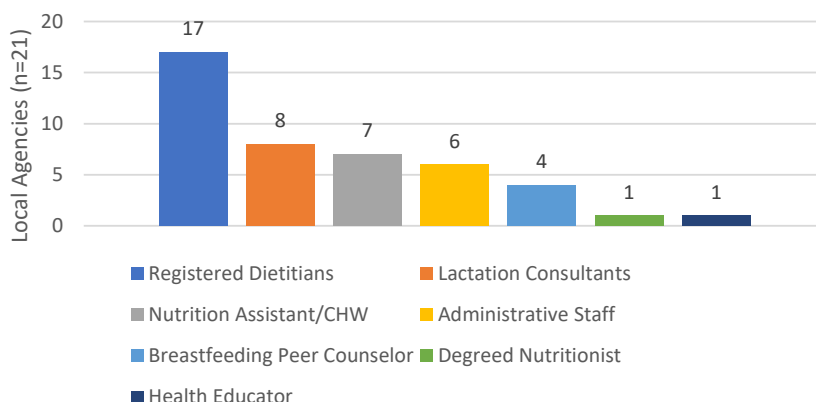
California WIC local agencies partner with healthcare and other programs to facilitate access to WIC services and coordinate care for program participants. Some local agencies share staff to provide healthcare, patient/client assistance or administrative services in addition to WIC services. The 84 local agencies shared information about their partnerships and linkages in a survey conducted during 2023. This fact sheet summarizes linkages WIC agencies have in place to share staff with healthcare/clinics and other programs within their agency or community.

Key Findings

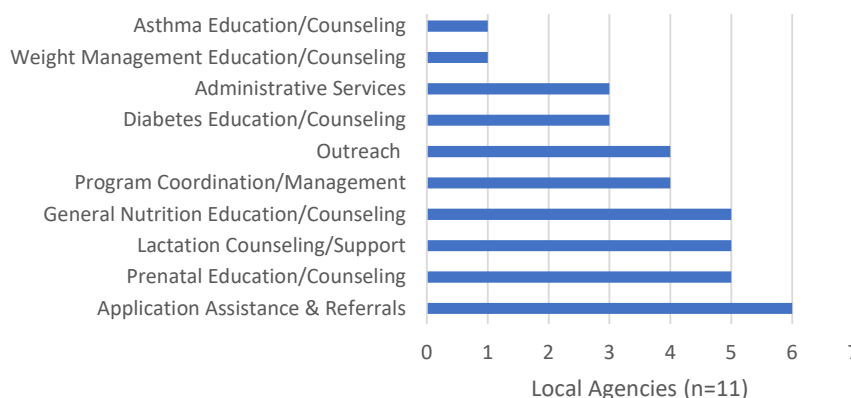
- **11 local agencies** (serving about 34% of eligible participants) share staff between WIC and healthcare/clinics. Funding sources for shared staff include Comprehensive Perinatal Services Program (7), Medi-Cal (4), General Clinic funds (4), HIV (2), Other or Unknown (4).
- **10 local agencies** (serving about 11% of eligible participants) share staff between WIC and other programs including CalFresh (5), Maternal & Child Health (3), Black Infant Health, Home Visiting, Oral Health, Senior Services, Mental Health Treatment/Jail Medical Services, Other (3).

For FFY 2023, California WIC caseload, the number of eligible women, infants, and children who could participate in WIC and receive benefits, was 1,017,450. Source: California Dept. of Public Health

Type of Staff Shared



Services Provided by Staff Shared With Healthcare



Benefits

- Supports integration of WIC with healthcare and care coordination for participants/patients.
- Facilitates WIC and healthcare referrals, hospital navigation, and care coordination.
- Supports the healthcare workforce to provide whole-person care to address social drivers of health.
- Provides opportunities for Registered Dietitians and Lactation Consultants to use and develop clinical skills.
- Shares personnel costs across multiple sources.
- May help with recruiting and retaining staff.