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## **NECAC Receives Contract Amendment for WIC Program in Warren and St. Charles Counties**

The not-for-profit North East Community Action Corporation (NECAC) has received a contract amendment to provide Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program services in Warren County and St. Charles Counties.

NECAC was originally awarded \$194,388 by the Missouri Department of Health to continue providing WIC for Fiscal 2011 which began Oct. 1 and runs through Sept. 30, 2011. The contract amendment increases the award by \$31,056 which will allow NECAC to serve 1,480 clients each month, up from 1,264 clients previously.

WIC is a supplemental food program that provides free nutritious foods and nutrition education to pregnant, breast-feeding and postpartum women and teens and infants and children up to age 5. Participants must meet WIC income guidelines and be determined by a health professional to be at nutritional risk.

In Warren County, WIC sessions are held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays at the NECAC Warren County Service Center at 120 E. Main in Warrenton. Saturday hours were recently added with WIC sessions held on the second Saturday of the month from 9 a.m. to noon. Some evening appointments are also available each month. Appointments are encouraged. The telephone number is 636-456-2933.

**In St. Charles County, WIC sessions are held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays at the NECAC WIC and Family Planning Center at 3400 Meadow Pointe Drive in O'Fallon. Sessions are also available on the third Saturday of the month from 9 a.m. to noon. The telephone number is 636-240-7350.**

**NECAC is a 12-county area not-for-profit social service, community health and public housing Community Action Agency that administers and operates programs for the low-income, elderly, youth, handicapped and disadvantaged through partnerships, contracts and grants with government agencies, private businesses and other non-profit groups. NECAC is one of 19 Community Action Agencies in Missouri and part of a national network of 980 agencies.**

**NECAC's Central Administration Offices are located in Bowling Green with NECAC County Service Centers operated in each county. The agency administers more than 60 programs in partnership with more than 30 funding sources. The agency has 140 full-time and more than 250 part-time employees and serves more than 16,000 families and 60,000 individuals each year.**

**NECAC is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer. Services provided on a nondiscriminatory basis.**