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**Taney County Health Department Renews Annual WIC Contract for 2025  
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The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) is pleased to announce the annual contract for the WIC (Women, Infants and Children) Supplemental Nutrition Food Program has been renewed for 2025. WIC provides services to eligible women who are pregnant, breastfeeding and/or postpartum mothers, infants, and children up to five years of age. Foster parents, single fathers, and grandparents are also encouraged to utilize WIC services.

The WIC Program is a public health nutrition program that helps to improve the health and nutrition of infants, children, and women throughout Taney County by offering healthy foods and encouraging healthy eating habits. Women who participate in WIC during pregnancy have healthier pregnancies and improved birth outcomes. WIC provides nutrition education, breastfeeding education and support, referrals for other health and social services, and supplemental foods, at no cost to the participant. WIC supplemental foods may include milk, cheese, yogurt, eggs, cereal, whole grains (pasta, rice, tortillas) beans, peanut butter, and fruits and vegetables, as well as infant formula, infant cereal and some infant foods.

Taney County Health Department WIC program provides services to an average of 1,414 participants each month. Participants must meet certain guidelines and nutritional criteria to be eligible for WIC services. A family of four, with a gross weekly income of \$1,110 or annual income of \$57,720 or less, would qualify. Taney County WIC provides services at both the Branson and Forsyth locations, as well as four mobile locations throughout Taney County.

For more information about WIC services, breastfeeding support programs, or to schedule an appointment, please call the Taney County Health Department – Branson 417-334-4544 ext. 592 or Forsyth 417-546-4725 ext. 592, visit our website [www.taneycohealth.org](http://www.taneycohealth.org), or like us on Facebook, Instagram and Pinterest.

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