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# WIC welcomes lawmakers

**ATTLEBORO** — Legislators and their aides gathered Friday for an informational breakfast at the Women, Infants and Children Nutrition Program at 95 Pine St. in Attleboro. The WIC Program in the Taunton-Attleboro area is sponsored by Citizens For Citizens and covers 12 towns.

Legislators learned that WIC is more than food checks. Nutrition assessments and education are a big part of WIC. Participants receive healthy eating tips, breastfeeding education and 24-by-7 support, referrals to health and human services, anemia and immunization screening.

WIC checks can be spent only for healthy foods prescribed by WIC nutritionists for each individual. In 2010, WIC checks were redeemed at 35 authorized stores in the greater Taunton-Attleboro area for more than \$2.1 million, putting money back into the community.

Legislators received studies showing that WIC is cost effective in improving the health of infants and pregnant women, and improves children's health so they start school ready to learn.



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## Legislators visit WIC

Area lawmakers on Friday visited the Women, Infants and Children Nutrition Program in Attleboro known as WIC. Pictured, from left, are: Diana Martell of WIC; Dayna Markley of WIC; WIC Director Karen Swass; Lidia Munoz of WIC, state Rep. Betty Poirier, R-North Attleboro; state Sen. James Timilty, D-Walpole; state Rep. George Ross, R-Attleboro; Kara Coddaira of WIC; Lisa Nelson, an aide to U.S. Rep. James McGovern, D-Worcester; Joanne Muti, an aide to state Rep. Daniel Winslow, R-Norfolk; Marybeth Wiscinski of Head Start; Maryanne Jefferson, an aide to state Sen. Richard Ross, R-Wrentham; and Debbie Doucette of Head Start.