

CURRICULUM POLICY

- ✓ The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (FNP) guidance states we are required to document the curriculum we use so the federal office can review it and compile everything being used.
- ✓ There are a couple reasons for this – the most pertinent to us is that SNAP-Ed monies are not to be used to develop materials without first searching to make sure it does not exist. We are very aware that this is different from Extension culture so bear with us. The second reason is that all materials handed out to clientele must have the clear message about SNAP-Ed (FNP) money paying for them.
- ✓ In order for us to be in compliance with this request in the proposal we list all the materials we will use and how the feds can get to all curriculum.
- ✓ This is why all of the curriculum, including handouts, are posted on Wellness Ways. If it isn't there you may not use it. We may not reference nutrition curriculum that you have bought for yourself by simply linking to a web site from Wellness Ways unless that curriculum is available at no charge for all of our teaching staff to use in our program.
- ✓ Curriculum such as ***Food, Fun & Reading*** from Univ. of Vermont or ***Professor Popcorn*** from Purdue are available for cost. We must get permission to alter the handouts so every handout from their curriculum has the proper logos and disclaimers that are required by the USDA/SNAP-Ed program. We are willing to do this on a limited basis.
- ✓ If you have purchased curriculum that cannot be posted on Wellness Ways please continue to use it as a **resource** for **ideas** on how to creatively teach nutrition and **DO NOT** use the handouts that come with that curriculum.
- ✓ Remember too that few people who love learning actually love the materials – they mostly love the teacher so use the 4A's when teaching. You are the most valuable tool when it comes to changing the way your clients view nutrition education and making lifestyle changes for improving their health.
- ✓ The guidance recommends that states participating in the SNAP-Ed program use nutrition materials provided by USDA (Team Nutrition, MyPyramid, Eat Smart-Play Hard, etc.). As more of these materials become available – we will keep everyone up to date.
- ✓ So continue to check Wellness Ways <http://wellnessways.aces.illinois.edu/> for updated and new nutrition materials. Our goal is for everyone to get all of their materials from the website exclusively.
- ✓ You may use the handouts on Wellness Ways even if the logos are not updated. We will continue to update as quickly as possible. We appreciate your patience with this matter and thank you for all of your hard work. If you have questions please contact Robin Orr or Vicki Rowe.