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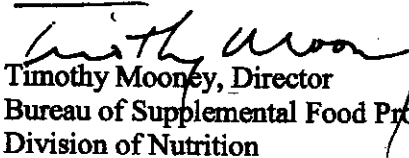
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Effective August 29, 2008, WIC became one of the participating partners in MyBenefits, an on-line screening tool, developed by the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance.

MyBenefits allows all New York State residents to pre-screen for seven of New York State's benefit programs. This service is available in English and Spanish. By entering household information, users will receive a list of programs, including WIC and Food Stamps, for which they may be eligible. Users determined to be potentially eligible for WIC will be referred to the Growing Up Healthy Hotline. The web address is [www.mybenefits.ny.gov](http://www.mybenefits.ny.gov).

Also, as a reminder, another resource, ACCESS NYC, is an on-line public benefits screening tool that allows residents of New York City only to pre-screen for over 40 programs. This service is available in English, Spanish, Chinese, Arabic, Russian, Korean and Haitian Creole. The web address is [www.nyc.gov/accessnyc](http://www.nyc.gov/accessnyc).

WIC staff are encouraged to refer participants to the appropriate websites to learn more about the programs and benefits available to New York State residents.

  
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