Washington State WIC Nutrition Program



2016 Baby Behavior Energizers - Crying

These "Energizers":

- Will give you an opportunity to refresh your skills and build your confidence talking about Baby Behavior Cues messaging with your clients
- Will benefit all WIC staff doing direct client services (including clerks)
- Include a variety of activities to accommodate all learning styles
- Can be completed alone, as well as in a 1:1 or group setting
 - For example, in place of a facilitated group discussion, complete the activity and answer the discussion questions with one of your coworkers
- Range in time from 15 minutes to a few hours
- Are optional.

How to use these Energizers:

- View the videos and training activities before completing the case studies/scenarios. This will refresh your skills and knowledge.
- We encourage you to send us your Baby Behavior stories about successful 1:1 client visits, group education, TLC sessions, etc. Tell us what has worked for you so we can all learn from one another.

Case Studies/Scenario	Activity	Discussion Questions
 Time: 30 minutes Print the "Crying Case Studies" document before doing the activity. Cut the document (on the dashed lines) into 6 separate case studies. 	 Facilitate this activity with a small group of staff. Break group into pairs to practice counseling using each case study. Each pair will receive a case study with a question to answer. Using the Why Babies Cry handout, come up with a short 30-second answer to your participant's question. (5 minutes to write answer) Share the case studies and answers with the larger group. 	The questions are printed on the "Crying Case Studies" document.
Training	Activity	Discussion Questions
 Module 2 - Crying (scroll down to the "Staff Refresher Training Materials") Time: 1 hour 1 of 3 modules from the Staff Refresher Trainings A Facilitator's Guide and a materials checklist is included with each module This training will help staff: Strengthen their skills and build confidence through practical applications of knowledge Identify why babies cry and why crying is stressful Recognize that responding to cues early can prevent some crying Review steps to calm a crying baby. 	Facilitate this module with a small group of staff.	Use the discussion questions included throughout the module.

Video	Activity	Discussion Questions
 "Getting to Know Your Baby": newborn crying Video time: 5 minutes. View in full screen mode Total time: 15 – 30 minutes depending on your discussion time Video contains a chat with Dr. Jane about newborn crying Excerpted from the video "Getting to Know Your Baby" developed by the California Baby Behavior Campaign in collaboration with UC Davis Human Lactation Center. 	 Watch this video, either in a group or alone Think about how you'd answer the discussion questions to the right. 	Parents might ask you the following questions. How would you answer them? • Why is it so stressful to hear a baby cries? • Why do babies cry so much? • Sometimes my baby cries and cries, and I know she's not hungry, what should I do?





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