

State WIC Director receives NWA Leadership Award

At the end of May, Karen Sell received the prestigious National WIC Association Leadership Award during the NWA 2009 Annual Conference in Nashville, Tennessee. The award was presented to her for her hard work in Arizona on behalf of the WIC program and the families that WIC serves. She was recognized for her leadership, commitment, support, and partnership within the WIC program nationwide. The award was presented to her in front of more than 1,000 of her WIC colleagues at the recent NWA Awards luncheon. Karen leads the Bureau of USDA Nutrition Programs with 90 state employees and oversees programs throughout the state that employ nearly 900 staff members. With a Bureau budget of more than \$210 million, she administers WIC, Arizona Nutrition Network, Farmer's Market, Folic Acid, Breastfeeding, Senior Food Program, Commodity Supplemental Food Program, Nutrition and Physical Activity, Coordinated School Health, and Healthy Communities programs. Through her leadership, Bureau programs serve nearly one million low-income Arizonans each year. We are very proud of Karen and thank her for all the hard work she has dedicated to the state. In addition, the Arizona WIC Program administers the computer services for state WIC agencies in Guam, Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, and the Navajo Nation. Karen is pictured here celebrating with colleagues from Guam, Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands, and American Samoa who contributed to her nomination for the award. Congratulations Karen!

