

Congresswoman Sydney Kamlager-Dove Visits Lundquist WIC

To see firsthand how WIC is addressing food insecurity, Congresswoman Sydney Kamlager-Dove visited Lundquist WIC's Central Avenue WIC Office in California's 37th Congressional District, which she represents.

Her visit, in August, came only one week before the White House urged Congress to approve 1.4 billion dollars in WIC funding as part of any short-term funding

and throughout the state and country.

"Working to improve the quality of life for families and children in Los Angeles has been a priority of mine for years. Combating hunger and ensuring our most vulnerable have food on their tables is essential."

One of her goals is to draw her fellow legislators' attention to food insecurity and its inherent dangers, and to convince Congresspersons that combating hunger with nutrition programs such as WIC is essential.

Several Lundquist WIC staff, among them Dr. Marisela Montoya, Executive Director, and Nancy Avila, Chief of Site Operations, provided an extensive overview of WIC, emphasizing that a cut to funding would result in the inability to serve all who are eligible.



(Left to Right) Congresswoman Sydney Kamlager-Dove discusses concerns with Nancy Avila, Chief of WIC Site Operations, and Dr. Marisela Montoya, Executive Director of South Los Angeles Health Projects.



Congresswoman and WIC mom share lovely moment as mom recounts her touching breastfeeding journey.

proposal that may be passed to avoid a government shutdown.

The Congresswoman said she wanted to underscore the importance of nutrition assistance in her district



Lundquist WIC staff host Congresswoman Sydney Kamlager-Dove (center) at Central Ave. WIC Office in South Los Angeles.

A breastfeeding WIC mother spoke at length about how difficult breastfeeding had been until being referred to WIC. She expressed her gratitude to WIC for the support she is receiving.

During the Congresswoman's tour, she commented that some legislators have argued that low-income people should not be offered food assistance because they don't work to support their families. Lundquist WIC staff explained that many WIC participants work but because of low wages are still eligible for WIC benefits.

Congresswoman Kamlager-Dove has stated that she will continue to support nutrition assistance programs through important legislation such as the Farm Bill and has prioritized protecting WIC and SNAP funding.

"We are pleased to have played a role in assisting the Congresswoman to strengthen her argument about the necessity for maintaining WIC funding," Dr. Marisela Montoya said.