Merle Descallar, WIC site supervisor, Sandy Ramirez, and Gilda Torres all work at the Simi Valley WIC Office and were delighted to share their experiences taking on the roles of immunization registry champions.

“With WIC’s mission to keep infants and young children healthy, the registry is a natural fit,” says Merle. The three agree that the registry is a tool to help make sure their clients get their infant shots taken care of. “We can look up the client on the registry and check for any missed shots, and remind them of upcoming shots that will be due.”

At first they worried it might slow them down. After all, it’s no surprise that every minute counts during a visit with a WIC client. That’s why after months using the system on the job, these registry champions are happy to spread the word that it’s “quick and easy” to find a client’s shot record, “especially since many clients we see are also served by the public health clinic that uses the registry too. Those records are right there already for us to check.”

According to Merle, Sandy, and Gilda, transitioning to the immunization registry from their old system was no problem, even if you’re no computer wiz. “Thanks to the staff at the registry program,” Merle and her fellow WIC staff are satisfied registry users—“not just because it’s easy, it’s also the right thing to do to help our clients.”