



Breastfeeding Peer Counselor — WIC: The Edgecombe County Health Department is accepting applications for a part-time (20 hours a week) Breastfeeding Peer Counselor in WIC. This position provides basic breastfeeding information, support, and encouragement to pregnant and postpartum WIC participants and performs within the peer counselor scope of practice. The employee in this position must perform in a professional manner in all aspects of the peer counselor role. The employee will encourage and support participants to breastfeed. The employee will teach basic breastfeeding to participants and help them when difficulties occur. The BFPC makes breastfeeding support appointments for clients who need breastfeeding peer counseling services and identifies participants needing WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counselor services in the WIC clinic and integrates **BFPC** services into the clinic flow **to ensure** clients receive **BFPC breastfeeding support**. A **WIC** Breastfeeding Peer Counselor (BFPC) must successfully complete the NC WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counselor training which is provided and acquire ongoing breastfeeding education to maintain and build knowledge and skills within scope of practice. Primary tasks include: Recruiting pregnant and postpartum breastfeeding WIC participants for Breastfeeding Peer Counseling services. Maintaining routine contact with an assigned caseload of pregnant and postpartum breastfeeding clients by means of phone calls and clinic contacts, in order to deliver anticipatory guidance, basic breastfeeding education, as well as encouragement and support for breastfeeding. Receiving and responding to telephone calls. Consulting with other WIC staff as appropriate to provide participants with timely information to resolve problems with breastfeeding and/or WIC Program participation. Making appropriate referrals according to established protocols in order to avoid breastfeeding complications for mother and baby. Yield mothers experiencing difficulties to the WIC designated breastfeeding expert. Document client contacts and contracts in the North Carolina WIC Crossroads electronic medical record and in the client contact spreadsheet, as well as documenting all equipment issued to the client. Provides monthly reports required by the NC WIC and Edgecombe County WIC Program.

Applicant must be a mother who has personal experience with breastfeeding, having breastfed at least one child, have a high school diploma or GED, able **to** portray breastfeeding in a positive manner and have reliable transportation.

A valid North Carolina Driver License, pre-employment drug testing and background check required.

Starting Salary: \$10/hr.

Interested candidates **must complete and** submit an Edgecombe County Application Form. The application may be obtained online at www.edoecombecountync.gov/

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