



Part Time Breastfeeding Peer Counselor



LINN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

Class Code: 550

AVAILABLE POSITION

Public Health WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counselor
Public Health Department (Classification 550)
Non Union, Non Benefited, Part Time Position

This is a part-time, temporary, non-benefited position performing breastfeeding peer counseling for WIC participants. Under the supervision of the Breastfeeding Peer Counseling Coordinator, a person employed in this position will provide basic breastfeeding information, support, and counseling to WIC pregnant and breastfeeding participants by telephone, texting, and during office visits.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

- Receives a caseload of WIC participants and makes routine periodic contacts with participants.
- Gives basic breastfeeding information and support to WIC participants, including telling them about the benefits of breastfeeding, overcoming common barriers, and getting a good start with breastfeeding.
- Helps participants prevent and handle common breastfeeding concerns within the scope of a Peer Counselor.
- Counsels WIC pregnant and breastfeeding participants by telephone, texting, and during office visits at scheduled intervals determined by the local WIC program.
- Facilitates prenatal classes to prepare participants for breastfeeding. Facilitates postpartum groups for breastfeeding WIC participants.
- Respects each participant by keeping her information strictly confidential.
- Keeps accurate records of all contacts made with WIC participants.
- Refers participant, according to clinic-established protocols.
- Attends staff meetings and breastfeeding conferences/workshops as appropriate.
- May assist WIC staff in promoting breastfeeding's peer counseling through projects and duties as assigned.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Possession of a high school diploma or GED with a demonstrated proficiency in reading and writing. Breastfed at least one baby six months or more (does not need to be currently breastfeeding). Meets the WIC demographic (mother of children under the age of five). Possession of a valid motor vehicle operator's license and ability to pass a criminal history check. Is enthusiastic about breastfeeding and wants to help other parents enjoy a positive experience. Able to make telephone calls and respond to texts outside of business hours on County issued Cell phone. Fluency in English & Spanish and able to communicate in a professional manner in written and spoken interactions with colleagues and participants. Basic technology skills an comfort with standard office computer use, telephone texting, and tele-conferencing (e.g. Zoom, Microsoft Teams).

SALARY, BENEFITS, COMPENSATION:

No Benefits, prorated sick hours. Hourly rate is depending on qualifications:

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| SALARY RANGE | \$ 24-\$25 per Hour |
| CLOSINGDATE: | Until Filled |
| HOW TO APPLY: | www.linncountyhealth.org |

AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION EMPLOYER

A copy of the Job Classification for this position as well as the Employment application may be obtained from the Linn County Board of Commissioner's Office, Room 201, Linn County Courthouse, PO Box 100, Albany, OR 97321; at the Oregon Employment Division Office in Albany, or online at <http://www.co.linn.or.us>.