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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

TITLE: WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counselor
RATE: $16.00/hr
HOURS: 18 hrs/week (Flexible schedule)
LOCATION: Hybrid with some travel required (<25%)

The Madison County Health Department (MCHD) is dedicated to the purpose of disease prevention and health promotion for all Madison County residents.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK:

A paraprofessional support person who gives basic breastfeeding information and encouragement to WIC pregnant and breastfeeding mothers.

Essential Duties

- Completes WIC breastfeeding training classes to become a peer counselor.
- Receives a caseload of WIC mothers and makes routine periodic contacts with all mothers assigned.
- Gives basic breastfeeding information and support to new mothers, including telling them about the benefits of breastfeeding, overcoming common barriers, and getting a good start with breastfeeding. Helps mothers prevent and handle common breastfeeding concerns.
- Counsels WIC pregnant and breastfeeding mothers by telephone, home visits, and/or hospital visits at scheduled intervals determined by the local WIC Program.
- May counsel women in the WIC clinic
- Is available outside the WIC clinic and the usual 8 to 5 working schedule to new mothers who are having breastfeeding problems.
- Respects each mother by keeping her information strictly confidential.
- Keeps accurate records of all contacts made with WIC mothers.
- Refers mothers, according to clinic-established protocols, to:
    - WIC Competent Professional Authority (CPA)
    - WIC Designated Breastfeeding Expert
    - Other community resources following agency-approved protocols
- Attends and assists with prenatal classes and breastfeeding support groups.
- Attends staff meetings, quarterly trainings, and breastfeeding conferences/workshops as appropriate.
- Continues education following agency-approved guidelines.
- Reads assigned books and materials on breastfeeding that are provided by the supervisor.
- May assist WIC staff in promoting breastfeeding peer counseling through special projects and duties as assigned.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

- Has successfully breastfed at least one baby for a minimum of 6 weeks (does not have to be currently breastfeeding).
- Is enthusiastic about breastfeeding and wants to help other mothers enjoy a positive experience.
- Has a valid driver's license.

MINIMUM EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING

Preference given to applicants with experience as a WIC participant.

OTHER JOB FUNCTIONS

Performs related duties as required.
Management reserves the right to add or amend duties at any time.

A NC State Application Form (PD 107) and official high school and /or college transcripts must be submitted to:

Lindsey Thomas
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493 Medical Park Drive Marshall, NC 28753

Or

WIC@MadisonCountyNC.gov

CLOSING DATE: Position open until filled.