

**JOB OPENING
MACON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

**Part-Time
Breastfeeding Peer Counselor**

Minimum Qualifications: Minimum of a high school diploma or equivalent and has breastfed at least one baby; recent breastfeeding preferred. Is enthusiastic about breastfeeding and wants to help other mothers enjoy a positive experience. Must be willing to make phone calls from home with a phone stipend provided. Must have ability to maintain positive working relationships with clients, co-workers, community partners, and the general public while protecting confidentiality at all times. Must have the ability to work with diverse community groups. Must have a dependable vehicle for use during work hours, valid driver's license, and appropriate auto insurance. Must be physically able to get in and out of car many times per day in all types of weather and be able to adapt in a positive manner to various client living conditions (i.e. dirty, cramped). Must be able to carry, pull, and manage a minimum of 30 pounds of equipment.

Summary of Job Duties: Obtains required breastfeeding training classes to become a peer counselor including Certified Lactation Counselor training and Loving Support Peer Counselor Training. Makes routine periodic contacts with all clients assigned. May counsel women in the WIC/FCM area as well as client home or hospital visits. Gives basic breastfeeding information and support to new mothers. Available outside usual working hours to mothers who are having breastfeeding problems. Keeps accurate records of all contacts and uses Cornerstone for documentation. Makes appropriate referrals. Attends, assists, and/or conducts prenatal support group sessions, breastfeeding support groups, and infant feeding classes. Attends staff meetings and breastfeeding conferences/workshops/trainings as appropriate. Participates in monthly Peer Counselor phone calls. Reads assigned books and materials on breastfeeding that are provided by the supervisor(s). Completes breastfeeding supply ordering as needed including, but not limited to: breast pumps, pump kits, and educational materials. Maintains inventory/cleaning of breast pumps and peer incentive supplies. May assist with development of breastfeeding informational materials and outreach materials for media use. May participate in the local and Regional Breastfeeding Task Force. Responsible at all times to protect the confidentiality of each client's file. Complies with MCHD policy to be on call 24 hours per day 7 days per week. Performs other duties as requested by the supervisor(s).

How to Apply: Applications can be picked up at the Macon County Health Department Front Desk at 1221 E. Condit, Decatur, Illinois, or you can go to our website, www.maconcountyhealth.org to print a copy of the application. Completed applications should be submitted to Macon County Health Department Attention: HR at 1221 E. Condit, Decatur, Illinois, 62521 or emailed to hr@maconcountyhealth.org.

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