



## JOB SPECIFICATION

Code 22190  
Grade GS 44

# COMMUNITY SERVICE AIDE BREASTFEEDING COUNSELOR

### **General Purpose**

Under general supervision, counsels pregnant women and mothers to breastfeed their infants and conducts educational classes covering breastfeeding techniques and issues to improve the health of babies.

### **Typical Duties:**

Participates in center's breastfeeding activities and client training. Involves: counsels pregnant women and mothers on techniques and benefits of breastfeeding, answers questions and illustrates techniques. Routinely monitors waiting area to ensure sufficient educational materials are available. Maintains contact with mothers to monitor their progress and provides participants with information about program services. Teaches specific breastfeeding educational programs based upon scripts and the use of videos.

### **Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities**

- Application of good knowledge of breastfeeding philosophy and techniques.
- Application of good knowledge of community structure and resources related to breastfeeding.
- Application of good knowledge of community and family conditions and how these conditions and training affect clients' breastfeeding success.
- Application of good knowledge of interviewing and counseling techniques.
- Clear, concise oral and written communication in English and Spanish.
- Operate one or more simple office machines (typewriter, computer and desk calculator).

### **Other Job Characteristics**

- Regular exposure to dust, grease, and soiling of clothing and skin surfaces normally encountered in a clinic.
- Sitting, standing, walking, lifting light objects and possibility of local travel.
- Immunizations and PPD (TB) skin test are required as a condition of employment unless waived for religious or medical reasons.

### **Minimum Qualifications**

Education and Experience: High School Diploma or equivalent (GED) and is a current or past WIC participant breastfeeding woman.

Licenses and Certificates: Texas Class "C" Driver's License or equivalent from another state.