



WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counselor

Mission Statement: Waimānalo Health Center (WHC) is committed to providing the highest level of primary and preventive health services, with special attention to the needs of Native Hawaiians and the medically underserved, and improving the health and wellness of individuals and their `ohana regardless of their ability to pay.

SUMMARY

The Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infant and Children (WIC) is federally funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service. The primary objective of the program is to provide nutritious supplemental foods to pregnant or lactating women, infants and children under the age of five who are determined to be at a nutritional risk and to provide nutrition education to all WIC clients.

In the context of the Patient Centered Health Care Home, the WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counselor assists new moms with giving paraprofessional support, basic breastfeeding information, and encouragement to WIC pregnant and breastfeeding mothers.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Graduation from high school or equivalent is preferred.
- Has breastfed at least one baby (does not have to be currently breastfeeding) for 3 to 6 months, preferably a year.
- Is enthusiastic about breastfeeding and wants to help other mothers enjoy a positive experience.
- Has a telephone and is willing to make phone calls from home.
- Has reliable transportation.