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Staff Referrals for Peer Counseling

Overview

Introduction All local WIC agency staff will inform pregnant and breastfeeding women of the Peer counseling services available and encourage them to participate. Interested participants will be referred to the program using the electronic data system.

Procedure The table below describes how local agency staff members make a referral to the breastfeeding peer counselor program.

Stage	Description
1	The WIC nurse or dietitian describes the peer counselor program to pregnant participants and asks if they are interested in being assigned a peer counselor.
2	If the participant is interested in the peer counselor program, indicate in their Focus record and complete a written referral form if used by the agency.
3	The Peer Counseling Coordinator reviews Focus routinely for referral requests. If used, the WIC nurse or dietitian gives the referral form to the local agency Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Coordinator.
4	The local agency Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Coordinator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Assigns a peer counselor to the pregnant participant, and ● Will be responsible for checking the electronic data system on a routine basis for referrals.

Sample referral form A sample referral form is located on page 2 of this policy.

Sample Referral Form

Referral to Breastfeeding Peer Counselor

Name of client: _____

Address: _____

Phone: () _____ Age: _____

Due date or baby's DOB: _____

_____ Client is interested in receiving breastfeeding information.

_____ Client is currently breastfeeding.

_____ Client needs follow-up help with breastfeeding.

Explain: _____

_____ Other: _____

Referred by: _____ Date: _____
