

ABORTION COUNSELOR

Provide short-term counseling for abortion patients. Support ethical process, decision-making, relationship issues, religious and/or values questions; assess coping skills, support system, and resolution around decision. Provide emotional support for patients.

Hours: Approx 5-7 hrs every Friday; 1.5-3.5 hrs for bi-monthly meetings

Compensation: \$20.00 - \$21.00/hr. Supervisor: Counseling Supervisor

Start Date: As soon as possible

WHY WOMEN'S HEALTH?

- ✓ **We make a real impact** for those we serve. As the first abortion provider to open in Colorado, we remain innovative and locally focused, honoring the legacy of our founders. We aim to create access for those who need it the most by breaking down barriers that exist in our community.
- ✓ **We support each other.** The culture at Women's Health is built around trust, collaboration, and respect. Diverse backgrounds, experiences and viewpoints are celebrated and valued here. Our approximately 40 staff members are driven by their personal passion for our cause, and come together to build strong, effective programs.

The **Mission of Boulder Valley Women's Health Center** is to provide accessible, confidential and comprehensive gynecological and reproductive healthcare, including sexual health services and education. We envision a healthy community of people empowered to make informed choices about their sexual health and well-being.

PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES:

SHORT-TERM COUNSELING

- Discuss and support patient's decision-making process.
- Provide acceptance and non-judgmental support for patients.
- Provide emotional support to patients during and after surgical procedures.
- Offer referrals and post-procedure support as needed.
- Offer counseling support to patients' partners as requested.

ASSESSMENT

- Assess patient's emotional stability, coping skills, and sources of emotional support. e.g. family, friends, pregnancy partner
- Assess resolution of patient's decision making-process.

EDUCATION

- Provide information about medical procedures, aftercare, and contraception, and obtain informed consent. Invite and answer all questions. Refer to medical staff as needed.

PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES CONTINUED:

PROFESSIONAL RELATIONSHIPS

- Maintain collegial professional relationships with other counselors, medical personnel and administrative staff
- Attend bi-monthly 1.5 hour Counseling Team Meetings - 3rd Thursdays of even months
- Attend bi-monthly 2 hour All Staff Meetings - 3rd Thursdays of even months (preferred)
- Attend one 3 hour annual Counseling Team Retreat.

QUALIFIED APPLICANTS WILL DEMONSTRATE:

- Master's Degree in counseling or related field (or working towards).
- Bilingual Spanish and English preferred.
- Bicultural preferred.
- Experience in abortion counseling or health care preferred.
- Strong commitment to reproductive freedom, and an ability to demonstrate knowledge and passion for the mission of Women's Health.
- Strong work ethic and a proactive, self-directed work style.

Women's Health values diversity and is committed to hiring individuals from various backgrounds. As an Equal Opportunity Employer, we do not discriminate based on race, color, religion, gender identity, gender expression, sexual identity, national origin, age, or ability.

TO APPLY:

- Email your resume and a cover letter, specifically addressing the position responsibilities and your associated qualifications, to:
 - **Griffin Jensen** [Pronouns: they/them/theirs], **Counseling Supervisor**: griffin@bvwhc.org
- Position will remain open until filled.
- No phone calls, please.
- Employment at Women's Health is contingent upon candidate passing background check.