

Well Baby/Child & Breastfeeding Volunteers Required

We are currently recruiting volunteers to assist at Well Baby/Child & Breastfeeding clinics, (WBC). This is a wonderful opportunity for anyone who would like to become involved with these clinics and the Early Years Team.

These particular clinics are for families with children ages 0 – 4 years of age. The clinics are free of charge and there is the opportunity for families to connect and meet other young families. Clients can see a public health nurse from the Health Unit about breastfeeding, nutrition, safety, child development, community support, adjustment to parenthood, and parenting. No appointments are necessary.

The volunteers at these clinics arrive a little earlier than the actual clinic to help with the set-up and they stay a little longer at the end to help with clean-up. They are the first point of contact at the clinic as they greet and welcome all clients who arrive. The volunteers register the clients, entertain toddlers when Mom is meeting with the nurse, provide infection control, record their hours worked, help with surveys and other data collection tools and provide verbal feedback to the public health nurse at the end of the clinic.

Volunteers must be compassionate, friendly, empathetic, possess good listening skills and be respectful. They must have good written & verbal communication skills. Confidentiality must be maintained at all times. Sensitivity to cultural differences is required. The volunteer must be comfortable working with groups of people of all ages, but especially enjoy working with young babies, toddlers and young families. The ability to communicate in English and another language is an asset.

Volunteers must undergo a vulnerable sector screening check, as well as complete some additional training that is required of all MLHU volunteers.

Clinics are held at various community locations throughout London and Middlesex County and run approximately 3-4 hours each. We are looking for people who wish to make a weekly commitment to a specific clinic and are asking that they give consideration to making a two-year commitment to working in these positions.

Volunteers at Well Baby/Child & Breastfeeding Clinics are the window to the Middlesex-London Health Unit by virtue of the fact that they are the first people seen by our clients. Their warm, caring nature creates a positive first impression of the Health Unit and this is a very powerful asset.