

## Scope of Practice Scenarios Handout

*Identify which situations may be outside the peer counselor's scope of practice.*

### **Situation #1**

Morgan is breastfeeding her 2-week-old baby, Avery. She calls to report that she is concerned that Avery is not gaining weight well. She reports that she never really experienced any of the breast changes she had learned about, and wonders if she is making enough milk for her baby.

### **Situation #2**

Amy is pregnant. You have been making monthly contacts with Amy to talk with her about breastfeeding and have managed to build a trusting relationship with her. Amy is now in her 7th month of pregnancy and reports to you that she is experiencing some bleeding. She wonders if this is normal.

### **Situation #3**

Melissa is in her 8th month of pregnancy. She is thinking she might want to breastfeed this baby, but because she formula-fed her last baby, she is worried that breastfeeding might be too hard.

### **Situation #4**

Stephanie texts the WIC peer counselor and tells her she is returning to work in three weeks. She wonders if it is okay to continue breastfeeding.

### **Situation #5**

Felisha sees the peer counselor in the WIC clinic after her baby's recertification appointment. The baby is now 5 days old and Felisha is worried about the fact her nipples are a little sore.

### **Situation #6**

Terry calls the WIC clinic and asks to speak to the peer counselor. She reports that her 3-week-old baby has suddenly stopped nursing and has not had a bowel movement in a couple of days. She is now engorged since the baby is refusing to latch.

### **Situation #7**

Gina is pregnant with her first child and interested in breastfeeding. She reports that her partner, Mike, is unsure about it and thinks formula might be easier since his mother will be caring for their baby when Gina goes back to work.

### **Situation #8**

Chelsea is breastfeeding her 1-month-old baby boy. She confides in her peer counselor that she uses formula at night and only breastfeeds during the day while her boyfriend is at work. Chelsea reports that her boyfriend becomes very angry and sometimes hits her when he sees her using her breasts to feed her baby boy. She would like to continue breastfeeding at least during the day for as long as she can.