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# Contractual Oncology Support Counselor (with Clinical License)

## Join Us!

At Wellness House, we are always looking for smart, dedicated experts who believe in a psychosocial approach. WH provides an opportunity to use your unique skills and talents to make a difference in the lives of those impacted by cancer.

## A Meaningful Mission

Wellness House envisions a community where all people affected by cancer thrive. Offered at no cost, and as a complement to medical treatment, our programs educate, support, and empower participants in order to help them improve their physical and emotional well-being.

## **Summary of Position:**

<u>Department:</u>	Programs
Supervised by:	Support and Counseling Program Manager
Status:	Independent Contractor
Schedule:	Hours vary; minimum of 3 hours per month, evening availability preferable
Location:	On-site at main location in Hinsdale

The Contractual Oncology Support Counselor provides direct psychosocial support to adults and children diagnosed with cancer and/or their caregivers through support group facilitation, counseling, and educational presentations for Wellness House. This includes planning and preparing for groups, sessions, and presentations and appropriate follow-up with participants.

The Contractual Oncology Support Counselor is responsible for maintaining productive professional relationships with Wellness House staff and hospital, medical, and community partners. The individual in this role provides feedback to Wellness House about program utilization and evaluation and attends periodic meetings. Work hours for this position are flexible, with evenings being seen as the highest priority of need.

An ideal candidate for the Contractual Oncology Support Counselor role would be someone with a clinical license who could provide consistent group facilitation on a weekly or monthly basis. Evening availability is our highest priority (Mondays and Thursdays preferable), with possible coverage opportunities during daytime hours. This person would also be willing to be called and asked to provide additional coverage as-needed for in-person support groups for adult participants, teens, and/or children.

#### **Responsibilities:**

Facilitate groups for adults and/or children diagnosed with cancer and/or family members at Wellness House, partner locations, or online, including planning, facilitation, and participant follow-up (connection to WH staff or additional resources if needed).

Provide individual consultation and short-term counseling with participants as needed and as per agreed upon schedule.

Fill in as a group substitute as needed and as available.

Collect intake paperwork for first-time participants, record attendance, and submit all paperwork to Wellness House staff in a timely manner.

Provide appropriate communication to professionals at partner locations to maintain collaborative relationships.

Participate in planning meetings at Wellness House and partner locations as requested.

Provide feedback to Wellness House staff regarding group process and partner collaboration regularly.

## Minimum Qualifications:

<u>Education:</u> Master's degree or higher in psychology, social work, counseling, or related field; must have clinical license.

<u>Experience</u>: Professional experience in support group facilitation; community health-related work preferred.

<u>Competencies</u>: Knowledge about the psychosocial effects of cancer preferred. Solid organization and planning skills; ability to communicate effectively both verbally and written; initiative; highly ethical; commitment to the mission of Wellness House.

Professional liability insurance required.

Applications by members of all underrepresented groups are encouraged.

Wellness House is an EOE.