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HIGHLIGHTS

HEALTH PROFESSIONAL LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM (HPLRP)

HPLRP awards funding for educational loan repayment to eligible health care, mental health, and public health professionals in exchange for service in Missouri areas with a shortage in the field.

HPLRP can award up to:

- \$65,000 for licensed health care and mental health practitioners with a doctoral degree
- \$35,000 for licensed health care and mental health practitioners with a bachelor's or master's degree
- \$20,000 for public health professionals with a bachelor's degree or higher
- \$10,000 for licensed health care and mental health providers with an associate degree

Applications accepted **January 1 – March 1**. For more information, please contact the Office of Rural Health and Primary Care (ORHPC) at (573) 751-6441 or via email at: DHSS.LoanRepayment@health.mo.gov or you may access our website at: Health.Mo.Gov/living/families/primarycare/hplrp/.

PATHWAYS: MISSOURI PUBLIC HEALTH INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Providing internship opportunities is a great way to guide the future public health workforce, energize existing staff, and accomplish projects that have been delayed for too long. The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) in partnership with Missouri State University's Master of Public Health Program with funding from the CDC's Infrastructure Grant has established the Pathways Public Health Internship Program. Local public health agencies and DHSS programs can host students for an internship up to 320 hours (some students need fewer hours). Students will receive a stipend of \$20/hour upon completion of their internship while agencies will receive up to 320 hours of work from students pursuing degrees in public health, nursing, environmental health, or other disciplines. To participate in the Pathways program as a student or host site, follow the link provided and complete the application: <https://health.mo.gov/living/lpha/internships/index.php>. Interested students can follow the link and apply to be considered for an internship. Need more information? Click: [here](#). We are currently accepting applications from students for the summer 2024 semester until March 15. Agencies can apply anytime to be matched with students in future semesters. Selection of students and matching with agencies will occur in March. Agencies will then interview students; agree on duties, projects, etc.; and confirm a match! For more information on the Pathways Program please contact Rebecca Damron at: rebeccadamron@missouristate.edu.

- [Missouri Immunization Coalition Immunization Conference](#)
- [Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program Lead Case Management Training](#)
- [Save The Date for the 2024 New Administrator Orientation \(NAO\)](#)
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LPHA Job Opportunities

Links to Valuable Resources

- [Calendar of Events](#)
- [Directory of LPHAs](#)
- [Area Agencies on Aging & Services](#)
- [Missouri Association of Local Public Health Agencies](#)
- [Missouri Institute for Community Health](#)
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- [CDC's Weekly Scientific Digest](#)
- [CDC Environmental Health Training Resources](#)
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- [Missouri Health Information Technology \(MO HIT\) Assistance Center](#)
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- [Heartland Centers](#)
- [Midwest Public Health Training Center](#)

CELEBRATE NATIONAL POISON PREVENTION WEEK (NPPW) -- March 17-23

NPPW brings together the nation's 55 Poison Centers, community organizations, and government agencies to raise awareness of the risks posed by poisonous substances, precautions people can take to keep their families safe, and using the Poison Help line (1-800-222-1222). Please use our Partner Toolkit If you would like to use any premade graphics, social media messages, and other resources that week on your social media pages. Click: [here](#) for a link to the toolkit. Please remember to use the hashtag #NPPW24. If you need FREE magnets, brochures, or other resources for your public health clients, please contact Amanda Ruback (Community Outreach Coordinator) at: Amanda.Ruback@ssmhealth.com or phone: 314-612-5719.

MISSOURI SENIOR COMMUNITY SERVICE EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (SCSEP)

The Division of Senior and Disability Services is seeking public input for the 2024 (SCSEP) four-year plan as required by the United States Department of Labor. The Plan is available for comment through **March 4**, and can be found at: <https://health.mo.gov/seniors/senioremployment/index.php>. Please submit any comments to MoStatePlanOnAging@health.mo.gov.

ATTENTION MANDATED REPORTERS

Missouri's Adult Abuse and Neglect Hotline online reporting application has been upgraded and the link has change effective Monday, February 26. If you saved the old link, it will no longer work; however, the online reporting application can still be accessed at [Health.Mo.Gov/abuse](https://health.mo.gov/abuse). As a mandated reporter we encourage you to access the link on the webpage to report adult abuse, neglect, self-neglect, and financial exploitation. Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, Division of Senior and Disability Services is dedicated to providing you with the support you need, when you need it. If you have any questions or concerns, you may send them to: DSDSOfficeofConstituentServices@health.mo.gov.

WIC UPDATES

WIC Updates have been posted to the WIC webpage at: <https://health.mo.gov/living/families/wic-portal/updates/>.

- Celebrating IBCLC Day
- CEU Corner
- WIC Local Agency Town Hall recording
- Policy 8.1.080 Program Explanation
- Commonly Used WIC Acronyms updated
- Upcoming training session: User access to override waiting periods

DHSS CORNER

DHSS JOB OPPORTUNITIES/NEWS:

For additional DHSS Job Opportunities, please visit the MO Careers website [here](#).

MEETINGS, CONFERENCES, AND TRAININGS

Senior and Disability Services-Master Plan On Aging Town Halls

We need your help! Meetings will be held across the state the last week of February and the first week of March to gather feedback from local individuals who know about issues and needs in their communities for the aging. These in-person town hall-style events are open to anyone who wants to influence the direction of the state when it comes to aging in Missouri. There will be 10 in person town halls that will be occurring in locations near you. In addition, there will be two virtual sessions held on March 21 as we know not everyone can make it to an in-person town hall meeting. Please visit the [MPA webpage](#) for more information or to register.

Readiness Assessment Training for Missouri Local Public Health Agencies

Join The Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) to learn more about the PHAB Readiness Assessment process, including an overview of the assessment, approaches to completing the assessment, and its benefits. The training will be offered virtually on March 6 from 9:00am-10:30am CT. **Please click here to register: [Register today >](#)**. There is a maximum of 3 staff per health department. Can't attend this training? Don't worry – there will be additional opportunities to attend:

- April 17 from 2:00pm-3:30pm CT
- June 25 from 1:00pm-2:30pm CT
- August 28 from 2:00pm-3:30pm CT

Please contact: educationservices@phaboard.org with any questions.

MO LPHAs can receive incentive credit by attending PHAB Readiness Assessment training. To receive credit email: incentivefundingsubmissions@health.mo.gov after the training.

State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) Upcoming Courses

Please click: [here](#) to view upcoming courses being offered by the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) along with their registration status. This section contains courses that have a target audience that includes Public Health, Medical (Hospital) or Healthcare.

Award Nominations for the Missouri Environmental Health Association (MEHA)

The MEHA is seeking award nominations. This is a great opportunity to recognize someone for their efforts. It only takes a few minutes of your time but will be something the recipient will treasure for their career. Do not delay, finalist and selections are being made soon! Online applications can be found at: [MEHA Awards — Missouri Environmental Health Association \(mehamo.org\)](#). Deadline is March 15.

MEHA Annual Education Conference — April 2-5

Registration is now open for the Annual Education Conference at the Oasis Hotel and Convention Center in Springfield April 2-5. The following link will take you straight to e registration form. [2024 Annual Education Conference — Missouri Environmental Health Association \(mehamo.org\)](#). We are offering an exciting Clean In Place (CIP) Workshop this year as our pre-conference. An agenda will be posted shortly. Heads up, hotel spots fill up quick!

Missouri COVID-19 Lessons Learned & Public Health Strategies Conference — April 16-18

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services presents The Missouri COVID-19 Lessons Learned & Public Health Strategies Conference scheduled for April 16-18. This conference will be held at the Capital Plaza Hotel & Convention Center in Jefferson City. We anticipate approximately 300 attendees and hope you can join us during this important event. For additional details and to register, please click on the following link: [Conference Registration](#). If you have any questions please call Eric Hueste at: Eric.Hueste@Health.mo.gov.

Missouri Immunization Coalition Immunization Conference -- April 25-26

The Missouri Immunization Coalition is hosting the Missouri Immunization Conference on April 25-26 at the Holiday Inn Executive Center in Columbia, MO. Interested individuals can register for the conference and find information on the agenda, hotel booking, and accreditation by visiting the website link below.

Conference Registration: <https://web.cvent.com/event/19c54b37-ccb7-42a4-9862-86f70a9819a1/summary>

Conference Article: <https://moimmunize.org/registration-is-open-for-the-2024-missouri-immunization-conference-building-immunity-in-missouri-communities/>.

Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program Lead Case Management Training

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services' Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program is hosting an in-person training for lead case management. The training will be held on Thursday, May 9 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Wildwood Complex in Jefferson City, MO. The training will cover the basics of lead poisoning, testing requirements, case management, and more. There will NOT be a virtual option for this date. If you would like to sign up for this training, please contact Maggie Burns at: maggie.burns@health.mo.gov for more information.

Save The Date for the 2024 New Administrator Orientation (NAO) – July 10-July 11

Please [save the date](#) to attend our 2024 NAO located at the Courtyard by Marriott in Jefferson City, MO for the following dates: July 9 — July 11. More information to follow. If you have any questions please contact Chelsea Robbins at: Chelsea.robbins@health.mo.gov.

Show Me Summit On Aging & Health -- Call For Presentations and Sponsorship/Exhibit Opportunities Now Open

Missouri Association of Area Agencies on Aging (ma4) will be holding the 19th Show Me Summit on Aging & Health, September 9 – 11 in Springfield, MO. Please join ma4 this fall to create a stimulating Show Me Summit on Aging & Health by sharing your expertise and knowledge in the field of aging services. Deadline for proposals is April 15.

For more information including a tentative agenda please click: [here](#). Contact Julie Peetz with questions: jpeetz@ma4web.org | 314.620.4585. For information regarding sponsorship or exhibiting opportunities please see the [Sponsor and Exhibit Prospectus](#).

LPHA JOB OPPORTUNITIES

NUTRITIONIST – Barry County Health Department

The Barry County Health Department is seeking a full-time (40 hours/week) nutritionist to provide individual assessment, counseling, and support for breastfeeding, pregnant and postpartum women, infants, and children up to age 5. Duties also include individual and group education and being accountable for daily clinic functions. At minimum, the candidate must have graduated from an accredited four-year college or university with a Bachelor's degree in Dietetics, Public Health Nutrition, Home Economics, or closely related field; including or supplemented by at least fifteen (15) semester hours in food and nutrition including diet therapy and community nutrition. WIC experience is preferred. The selected candidate will provide nutrition education to WIC eligible participants and assess their nutritional needs for certification eligibility. The applicant must be reliable and able to work in a team environment. Excellent customer service skills and professional demeanor is expected at all times. Please send resumes attention: Roger F. Brock Administrator Barry County Health Department to: PO box 207 Cassville, Missouri 65625 or resumes can be dropped off at 65 Main Street Cassville, Mo 65625. For questions please contact Roger F. Brock Administrator at: 417-847-2114.

ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH SPECIALIST I – Jefferson County Health Department

This is professional and technical work in promoting community environmental health and in the implementation of environmentally influenced public health laws and regulations. An employee in this class conducts field inspections and evaluations concerning the application of public health practices designed to prevent disease and promote environmental health, life safety and consumer protection. The employee works under the Environmental Supervisor and is responsible for the accurate performance of assigned duties with considerable independence, subject to periodic review of work in progress and upon completion. This is a full-time position. Please visit our website to apply: <https://recruiting.paylocity.com/recruiting/jobs/All/7c5afd1f-778d-4439-8dd2-3aa4290ffdd7/Jefferson-County-Health-Department>.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE SUPERVISOR — Jefferson County Health Department

The Full-time Public Health Nursing Supervisor (PHNS) is an advanced public health nursing position responsible for managing staff, overseeing patient care, and ensuring adherence to established policies and procedures. The position is charged with assigning staff and monitoring their activities, recruiting, and training new personnel and serving as an interface between clinical staff, patients, community members, and agency administration. This position requires advanced public health nursing experience with individuals, groups, agencies, care providers and community groups working to assess, plan, implement and evaluate evidenced based programs and projects. Please visit our website to apply: <https://recruiting.paylocity.com/recruiting/jobs/All/7c5afd1f-778d-4439-8dd2-3aa4290ffdd7/Jefferson-County-Health-Department>.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE I — Jefferson County Health Department

This is entry-level and part-time professional community health nursing practice in the promotion and provision of nursing services in accordance with community focused health programs in the clinical setting. An employee in this class receives training and performs nursing services in a clinical based setting. Additionally, the employee will experience involvement in community-based programs involving preventative education, immunization clinics and school clinical based specialized functions. Responsibilities are performed with supervision within established policies and professional guidance from the Nursing Supervisor, Nursing Administrator or assigned preceptor. Please visit our website to apply: <https://recruiting.paylocity.com/recruiting/jobs/All/7c5afd1f-778d-4439-8dd2-3aa4290ffdd7/Jefferson-County-Health-Department>.

REGISTERED DENTAL HYGIENIST/DENTAL ASSISTANT — Jefferson County Health Department

This full-time position will provide quality dental care and associated services to patients under the general supervision of a dentist and using established dental hygiene procedures. Work is performed under the supervision of a licensed dentist and considerable judgment is required to provide appropriate dental services. Services rendered may be under direct, indirect, or general supervision. Please visit our website to apply: <https://recruiting.paylocity.com/recruiting/jobs/All/7c5afd1f-778d-4439-8dd2-3aa4290ffdd7/Jefferson-County-Health-Department>.

OFFICE SUPPORT SERVICES ASSISTANT — Jefferson County Health Department

This is mid-level clerical support work of moderate difficulty and complexity involving a variety of tasks requiring independent work decisions within established policies and timeframes, usually requiring familiarity with specialized terminology. This is a full-time position. Please visit our website to apply: <https://recruiting.paylocity.com/recruiting/jobs/All/7c5afd1f-778d-4439-8dd2-3aa4290ffdd7/Jefferson-County-Health-Department>.

PATIENT ACCOUNTS REPRESENTATIVE — Jefferson County Health Department

This full-time position assists the agency clinical and accounting departments to coordinate, process, and manage patient clinical accounts. Responsibilities include processing of patient statements, collection of payment from patients, establishment of payment options, direct client interactions, and coordination between the agency billing representative, insurance companies, and public health specialty reimbursement programs. Please visit our website to apply: <https://recruiting.paylocity.com/recruiting/jobs/All/7c5afd1f-778d-4439-8dd2-3aa4290fdd7/Jefferson-County-Health-Department>.

PIKE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Pike County Health Department Home Health & Hospice is currently seeking to fill the following full time positions. Learn more and apply online at: <https://pikecountyhealth.org/about-us/career-opportunities/>.

- Home Health and Hospice Social Worker
- RN Case Manager
- Certified Nursing Assistant - CNA

FULL-TIME WIC NUTRITIONIST — City of St. Joseph Health Department

The City of St. Joseph Health Department has an opening for a full-time nutritionist in the WIC program. The nutritionist will assist with administering the WIC program while following the policies and procedures established by the Federal and State government, and participate in the development and implementation of nutritional counseling and education for the local Women/Infant/Children (WIC) Nutrition Program. No supervisory responsibilities. Limited budgetary responsibilities. Helps coordinate nutrition and breast-feeding services provided to participants in the WIC Program. For more information, and to apply, please click: [here](#).

FULL-TIME REGISTERED DIETITIANS — St. Louis County Department of Public Health

The St. Louis County Department of Public Health has an opening for a WIC Health Education Supervisor (Registered Dietitian). This is a full time, grant funded, Registered Dietitian position working out of the North Central Community Health Center at 4000 Jennings Station Road. The WIC Supervisor position requires a minimum of one year of Registered Dietitian experience. The Department of Public Health also has two additional Registered Dietitian positions that would work in the Health Center medical clinics at the John C. Murphy Health Center at 6121 N. Hanley Road and the North Central Community Health Center at 4000 Jennings Station Rd. doing a mixture of Medical Nutrition Therapy and WIC. For additional information or to apply online visit: <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/stlouis> and search for WIC Health Education Supervisor and/or Registered Dietitian.

FULL TIME NUTRITIONIST/DIETITIAN — Affinia Healthcare

Affinia Healthcare has an immediate opening for a full time Nutritionist/Dietitian in the WIC program. The candidate must have graduated from an accredited four-year college or university with a Bachelor's degree in Public Health Nutrition, Dietetics, Home Economic, or closely related field; including or supplemented by at least fifteen semester hours in food and nutrition including diet therapy and community nutrition. The selected candidate will provide nutrition education to WIC eligible participants and assess their nutritional needs for certification eligibility. Resumes will be accepted by email only to: kgore@affiniahealthcare.org.

PART-TIME OR FULL-TIME WIC BREASTFEEDING PEER COUNSELOR — Affinia Healthcare

Affinia Healthcare has an immediate opening for a part time (24 hours per week) Breastfeeding Peer Counselor position within the WIC Program. The selected candidate will give basic breastfeeding information, support and encouragement to new mothers and help mothers achieve their own breastfeeding goals. Candidate must be willing to accept after hour phone calls and make home and hospital visits. Personal breastfeeding experience is a must. Selected candidate must work a minimum of 24 hours per week but up to 40 hours per week. Resumes will be accepted by email only to: kgore@affiniahealthcare.org. This institution is an equal opportunity employer.

FULL-TIME WIC CLERK/CERTIFIER – North East Community Action Corporation (NECAC)

The North East Community Action Corporation (NECAC) has an opening for a full-time WIC Clerk/Certifier in the WIC program. Successful candidate should be well organized with great computer skills and attention to detail. Customer service skills are a huge benefit as well. WIC Clerks are responsible for scheduling appointments, explaining the program, obtaining and entering patient data, and ensuring overall efficiency and clinic flow. Employee benefit package including health insurance plan with dental & vision, exceptional Agency contributed 401(k) retirement plan, up to 13 paid holidays and accumulative vacation and sick days. Please mail cover letter and resume to NECAC-Personnel Officer, P.O. Box 470, Bowling Green, MO 63334 or fax the above information to 573-324-3960 or email to: ccox@necac.org. Additional questions, please call 573-213-4811 extension 10117. EOE/MFDV.

FULL-TIME NUTRITIONIST/DIETITIAN — People's Health Centers

The People's Health Centers WIC Program has an immediate opening for a full time Nutritionist/Dietitian in the WIC program. The candidate must have graduated from an accredited four-year college or university with a Bachelor's degree in Public Health Nutrition, Dietetics, Home Economics, or closely related field; including or supplemented by at least fifteen semester hours in food and nutrition including diet therapy and community nutrition. The selected candidate will provide nutrition education to WIC eligible participants and assess their nutritional needs for certification eligibility. Resumes will be accepted by online application at: <https://peoplesfamilystl.org/careers/>.

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