

Friday Facts

Center for Local Public Health Services
Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services
573-751-6170 FAX 573-751-5350

Tiffany Bayer, Local Public Health Liaison
Tiffany.Bayer@health.mo.gov

Article Submission: FridayFacts@health.mo.gov



Public Health
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

March 8, 2024



Highlights

- [National Poison Prevention Week](#)
- [Attention Mandated Reporters](#)
- [PHAB Readiness Assessment](#)
- [WIC Updates](#)

DHSS Corner

- DHSS Job Opportunities/News

Meetings, Conferences, and Trainings

- [State Emergency Management Agency \(SEMA\) Upcoming Courses](#)
- [Award Nominations for the Missouri Environmental Health Association](#)
- [Gap Analysis Project Trainings](#)
- [MEHA Annual Education Conference](#)
- [Missouri COVID-19 Lessons Learned & Public Health Strategies Conference](#)
- [Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program Lead Case Management Training](#)
- [Save The Date for the 2024 New Administrator Orientation \(NAO\)](#)
- [Show Me Summit On Aging Call for Presentations and Sponsorship/Exhibit Opportunities](#)

HIGHLIGHTS

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.

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.

COMPLETE THE PHAB READINESS ASSESSMENT BY MAY 1 FOR ADDITIONAL, FLEXIBLE FUNDING!

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services is providing additional, flexible incentive funds to complete the PHAB Readiness Assessment by May 1. The Readiness Assessment is being offered at no cost to all Missouri local public health agencies (LPHAs) and is an opportunity to strengthen agency infrastructure. The assessment enables LPHAs to evaluate their capabilities in key areas of public health practice like quality improvement, partnerships, and the Foundational Capabilities. The Readiness Assessment is an important step toward transformation and is the first step in the PHAB Pathways Recognition and accreditation process.

Contact: educationservices@phaboard.org to get started and elevate your local public health agency's performance.

WIC UPDATES

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

- FFY 24 WIC federal funding update
- HemoCue Hb 301 training
- Damaged and dented cans of formula
- Nutrition Monitoring Summary with Explanation form
- Teletask training in March—registration now open

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](#)
- [Missouri Public Health Association](#)
- [CDC's Weekly Scientific Digest](#)
- [CDC Environmental Health Training Resources](#)
- [FDA Environmental Health Training](#)
- [Missouri Health Information Technology \(MO HIT\) Assistance Center](#)
- [Ozarks Public Health Institute](#)
- [Heartland Centers](#)
- [Midwest Public Health Training Center](#)

MEETINGS, CONFERENCES, AND TRAININGS

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.

Foundational Public Health Services Gap Analysis Project Trainings Update

The Foundational Public Health Services (FPHS) Gap Analysis project at the University of Missouri continues to host workbook trainings for Module 1: Current Financials. Eighty-three LPHAs attended these training sessions where they received detailed instructions for completing the Current Financials tabs (Tabs 4-7). As a reminder, results from the gap analysis will help determine the amount of additional state funding required to bring Missouri's local public health services into alignment with the FPHS model. Now is the time to register to ensure your agency has the information necessary to complete the gap analysis tool. **Trainings conclude the week of March 18. Agency points of contact:** Watch your email inbox for guidance on participating in the FPHS Gap Analysis project! Questions? Contact the FPHS Project Team, FPHSgap@missouri.edu.

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 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 e-mail Eric Hueste at: Eric.Hueste@Health.mo.gov.

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 10 — July 11. More information to follow. If you have any questions please contact Chelsea Robbins at: jennifer.harrison@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.

WIC CERTIFIER — Clay County Public Health Center

The Clay County Public Health Center, nationally accredited by the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) has an opening for a full-time WIC Certifier. WIC Certifiers are paraprofessionals who work in the Women, Infants & Children food and nutrition program and assist in collecting and entering data needed for the certification process in the Missouri WIC Information Network System (MOWINS). The Nutrition Coordinator shall oversee the WIC Certifier's work in nutrition education, issuing food prescriptions, and risk factors assignment. The Nutrition Coordinator may delegate supervision of the WIC Certifier to the Competent Professional Authority (CPA) regarding program standard eligibility duties and activities, visit: clayhealth.com.

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.

SPANISH-ENGLISH BILINGUAL HEALTH EDUCATOR — Taney County Health Department

The Taney County Health Department (THCD) will be accepting resumes for a full time, 40 hours a week, non-exempt Spanish-English Bilingual Health Educator. Duties include the ability to speak and write fluently in both English and in a Latin American dialect of Spanish without hesitation, translation and interpreter services for our Clinical and WIC programs, car safety seat installer, create and conduct health and safety education and trainings, and attend health fairs and community events. The Taney County Health Department is a thriving Local Public Health Department located in Branson and Forsyth Missouri. TCHD is committed to the community and to its employees. The TCHD leadership team is committed to provide a work environment that provides staff with communication, transparency, collaboration, forward thinking, staff development, trust, and fun. Deadline — Open until Filled. For more information and how to apply visit: <https://www.taneycohealth.org/>.

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 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/>.

Paula Nickelson, DHSS Director, DHSS Staff
County Presiding Commissioners, Board Chairs

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services enhances quality of life for all Missourians by protecting and promoting the community's health and the well-being of citizens of all ages.

AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION EMPLOYER

Services provided on a nondiscriminatory basis

Healthy Missourians for Life

