

# Friday Facts

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## HIGHLIGHTS

### WIC UPDATES

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

- LA HemoCue order update
- Save the Date—2024 Missouri WIC Conference
- Unused LA computer equipment
- News release templates available
- Participant Incentive Survey beginning April 9
- April 2024 social media

### DHSS CORNER

#### DHSS JOB OPPORTUNITIES/NEWS:

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

## 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.

### Missouri Coalition for Oral Health Webinar: The Role of Local Public Health in Community Water Fluoridation – May 3, 12-1:30 pm

The Missouri Coalition for Oral Health, in collaboration with the Office of Dental Health, presents The Role of Local Public Health in Community Water Fluoridation. This webinar will provide local public health agencies with an overview of community water, its prevalence in Missouri, and tips and tricks for supporting water fluoridation efforts. Please click [here](#) for registration and more information.

Learning Objectives:

1. Upon completion of the webinar, participants will have an increased knowledge of community water fluoridation practices in Missouri.
2. Upon completion of the webinar, participants will increase awareness of fluoridation activities across Missouri.
3. Upon completion of the webinar, participants will be equipped with tools and tactics for discussing community water fluoridation with community members.

## [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](#)
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- [FDA Environmental Health Training](#)
- [Missouri Health Information Technology \(MO HIT\) Assistance Center](#)
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- [Heartland Centers](#)
- [Midwest Public Health Training Center](#)

### **A Beginner's Guide to CHA/CHIP/Strategic Planning: May 13 | 10:00 - 11:30 AM CT | Virtual**

Perfect for newcomers or those seeking a refresher, you'll learn the essentials of these interconnected plans through interactive discussions and practical exercises. This session is your guide to crafting a sustainable community health improvement strategy and kickstarting your accreditation journey. Email: [accreditation@mocphe.org](mailto:accreditation@mocphe.org) with questions. [\[Register Here\]](#).

### **Tobacco Treatment Specialist Training — June 2-5 – In Person – Columbia, MO**

The application deadline is April 15. People from many disciplines can benefit from this training, including nurses, doctors, respiratory therapists, and other clinical professionals; pharmacists; dental professionals; community health workers; staff from community-based organizations; substance use disorder and behavioral health counselors; and others. The training is fully accredited by The Council for Tobacco Treatment Training Programs (CTTTP). It provides a comprehensive approach for individuals to learn the core competencies necessary to apply for the National Certificate in Tobacco Treatment Practice (NCTTP). Each training is limited to 20 attendees. Visit: <https://tobaccofree.missouri.edu/tts-training/> to complete an application and find additional information. Please email: [quinow@health.missouri.edu](mailto:quinow@health.missouri.edu) with any questions.

### **Show Me Summit On Aging & Health -- Call For Presentations and Sponsorship/Exhibit Opportunities 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 please click: [here](#).

### **Readiness Assessment Training for Missouri Local Public Health Agencies**

Join PHAB to learn more about the PHAB Readiness Assessment process, including an overview of the assessment, approaches to completing the assessment, and its benefits. To register go to: <https://phaboard.org/accreditation-recognition/getting-started/>.

Current dates available include:

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

Please contact: [educationservices@phaboard.org](mailto:educationservices@phaboard.org) with any questions. MO LPHAs can receive incentive credit by attending PHAB Readiness Assessment training. To receive credit please forward the PHAB Training Follow-up email received after the training to: [incentivefundingsubmissions@health.mo.gov](mailto:incentivefundingsubmissions@health.mo.gov).

### **Becoming Trauma-Responsive: Regional Round Table Institute**

We would like to extend an invitation to a forthcoming training which Christin Simpson, FNP-C, our Director of Training and Technical Assistance, is leading in collaboration with the Missouri Hospital Association see [flyer](#). The training is tailored to provide a comprehensive half-day workshop on trauma-informed approaches, with a specific focus on maternal child health. The workshop is designed to equip attendees with the knowledge and skills required to address the diverse needs of maternal child health populations, particularly those affected by trauma. The workshop will begin at 9 am and end at 3 pm. I kindly encourage you to share this invitation with other interested individuals or organizations. Registration is required. Please [click here](#) to register in a region near you.

### **In-Person Regional 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](mailto:maggie.burns@health.mo.gov) for more information.

## **MOCPHE Accreditation Cohorts | Beginning May & June | Virtual**

We're excited to announce three new accreditation cohorts starting in May and June this year. Whether you're new to accreditation or seeking reaccreditation, there's a cohort for you. The CHA/CHIP Cohort will focus on developing or updating CHA/CHIP documents. The Strategic Planning Cohort will help LPHAs craft effective strategic plans. For those seeking PHAB Reaccreditation, this cohort will dive into the specifics. View the [flyer](#) to sign up by April 12 to help shape the meeting times. Don't miss the chance to elevate your organization's accreditation journey! For more information, email: [accreditation@mocphe.org](mailto:accreditation@mocphe.org).

## **LPHA JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

### **DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY HEALTH -- Adair County Health Department**

The Adair County Health Department is seeking a highly qualified and dynamic individual for the position of Director of Community Health. This pivotal role involves spearheading the development and establishment of a new department focused on community health initiatives. The Director will be responsible for creating and implementing programs, overseeing services, and evaluating the impact of these initiatives to ensure the well-being of the community. Interested candidates should email their personal information on a "contact" form found at: [HTTP://adair.lphamo.org](http://adair.lphamo.org) on our website homepage or submit their information to the Adair County Health Department, 1001 S. Jamison, Kirksville, Mo. 63501 or call: 660-665-8491.

### **PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE — Christian County Health Department**

The Christian County Health Department is hiring a full-time registered nurse. The candidate must have a current license to practice as a registered nurse in the state of Missouri. Starting salary is \$24.76/hr. This position is responsible for a variety of duties of Public Health Nursing. Job duties may include: assisting with disease investigation, case management, assisting with maternal/child health activities, providing community education, administering Immunizations, assisting with emergency response activities, assisting with community presentations and health fairs, assisting in clinics and other public health duties as assigned. Resumes may be emailed to Dr. Karen Peak at: [karen.peak@lpha.mo.gov](mailto:karen.peak@lpha.mo.gov) or faxed to 417-581-6130 Attn: Dr. Karen Peak.

### **CONTRACTED ACCOUNTS SPECIALIST -- Christian County Health Department (Full-time)**

A High school diploma or equivalent is required with a degree in accounting or similar area preferred. Two years medical billing and accounting experience required; five years preferred. A working knowledge of medical billing coding and contract reimbursement practices needed. Must have a proven ability to work successfully with billing programs, general ledger applications and reimbursement applications. The ideal candidate will have a comprehensive knowledge of medical billing methods with a meticulous level of accuracy in all billing and accounting functions. Knowledge and use of generally acceptable contract billing accounting principles with proficient computer skills including Microsoft Office, specifically Excel, and QuickBooks software. Responsible for the overall maintenance of contracted accounts; maintenance includes duties such as billing Medicaid, Medicare, and other contracted accounts; ensures reimbursement documentation for contracted accounts is available and accurate per contract specifications; performs accounts payable functions; and computing, classifying, and recording financial transactions to ensure the financial records of the Department's contracted accounts are accurate per contract specifications; engages with external financial consultants on billing or financial matters and accurately maintains and updates general ledger and backup documentation; works with auditor preparing needed documentation ensuring contract financial deliverables are met and ready for audit; may reconcile or assist with reconciliation of all health department bank accounts timely; develops and maintains a system to timely pay all routine bills; May prepare or assist with preparing monthly financial statements, annual audits, and any ad hoc reports; Complies with federal, state, and company policies, procedures and regulations; serves as a back-up to front desk staff, including fingerprinting identification service; performs other duties and responsibilities as assigned. Salary range is \$39,000-\$47,940.00, depending on experience. Resumes should be emailed to Dr. Karen Peak at: [karen.peak@lpha.mo.gov](mailto:karen.peak@lpha.mo.gov) or faxed to 417-581-6130 Attn: Dr. Karen Peak.

### **Full-Time 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. For more information, visit: [clayhealth.com](http://clayhealth.com).

### **Full-Time Nursing Program Assistant/WIC Certifier—St Charles County Department of Public Health**

The St. Charles County Department of Public Health has an opening for a full-time Nursing Program Assistant/WIC Certifier. WIC Certifiers are paraprofessionals who work in the Women, Infants & Children Food and Nutrition Program (WIC) 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. More information can be found [here](#).

### **REGISTERED NURSE -- Columbia/Boone County Public Health and Human Services**

The Columbia/Boone County Department of Public Health and Human Services is accepting applications for a Public Health Nurse to join the department's Community Health Nursing Unit. The full-time position reports to the Nursing Supervisor and includes the following: general public health nursing services, health education activities, communicable disease surveillance and investigation, TB testing and treatment, immunizations, and lab specimen collection. Applicants should have at least one year of relevant nursing experience and a Bachelor's degree in Nursing. An Associate degree in Nursing plus additional experience will also be considered. Applicants must be licensed to practice as a Registered Nurse by the Missouri State Board of Nursing. A complete job description, salary information and an online application are available at: <https://www.gocomojobs.com/postings/31041>

### **WIC NUTRITIONIST -- City of Joplin Health Department**

The WIC Nutritionist conducts nutrition assessments, assigns risk factors, and provides appropriate nutrition and breastfeeding education to all participants according to the State of Missouri Women, Infant and Children (WIC) program policies and procedures. For qualifications, benefits, and salary, please visit: [Jobs • Nutritionist I \(joplinmo.org\)](https://www.joplinmo.org/jobs/nutritionist-1).

### **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 NURSING PROGRAM ASSISTANT/WIC CERTIFIER—St Charles County Department of Public Health**

The St. Charles County Department of Public Health has an opening for a full-time Nursing Program Assistant/WIC Certifier. WIC Certifiers are paraprofessionals who work in the Women, Infants & Children Food and Nutrition Program (WIC) 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. More information can be found [here](#).

### **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.

### **PART-TIME WIC BREASTFEEDING PEER COUNSELOR – Stone County Health Department**

16 hours a week, Breastfeeding Peer Counselor position within the WIC Program. The selected candidate will provide basic breastfeeding information and give support and encouragement to pregnant and breastfeeding mothers. In addition, other responsibilities are to help a mother achieve their breastfeeding goals and serve as a role model for breastfeeding women. Applicants must have a high school diploma or equivalent and must have personal breastfeeding experience. The ideal applicant would need to be a team player and have excellent communication skills. Clinics will mostly be in the Branson West location, but travel to Galena will be required a few days per month. Resumes can be submitted electronically to: [Maria.Wells@lpha.mo.gov](mailto:Maria.Wells@lpha.mo.gov). Stone County Health Department is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:kgore@affiniahealthcare.org). This institution is an equal opportunity employer.

Paula Nickelson, DHSS Director, DHSS Staff  
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