

# DIVISION OF COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH

## DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

### MISSOURI HEMP EXTRACT REGISTRATION PROGRAM

The Missouri Hemp Extract Registration Program issues Missouri Hemp Extract Registration cards that allow Missourians with intractable epilepsy to lawfully possess and use hemp extract for treatment of the epilepsy. Applicants must submit appropriate application forms and identification, along with a form completed by a neurologist licensed in the state of Missouri certifying the medical condition of intractable epilepsy and use of the hemp extract. Registration cards are valid for one year and allow the individual to obtain hemp extract through an entity licensed by the Missouri Department of Agriculture. There is no fee for the registration card.

Telephone: (573) 522-8329

### PUBLIC HEALTH INFORMATION NETWORK

The Public Health Information Network (PHIN) is a national initiative, developed by the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (CDC), for advancing fully capable and interoperable information systems in public health organizations. It involves establishing and implementing a framework for public health information systems. PHIN directs the development and implementation of program initiatives to support the new or expanded processes, guidelines, requirements and regulations related to information exchange. The initiative also facilitates the cross-functional efforts to identify, document and implement process and technology improvements related to the jurisdiction's information exchange health care provider; state and local public health agencies and state and local authorities in cooperation with Federal Agencies.

Eligible Providers and Eligible Hospitals report public health data as part of multiple Medicare and Medicaid Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Programs. By meeting a set number of measures related to their EHR, providers and hospitals are able to attest for incentive payments from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Office of the National Coordinator (ONC). The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) is the state Public Health Authority (PHA) and is capable of accepting HL7 messages for immunizations, syndromic surveillance, electronic laboratory reporting and cancer registry reporting.

Telephone: (573) 526-4276

### GRANTS COORDINATION UNIT

This office:

- Provides direction, coordination and oversight of Missouri's portion of the Preventive Health and Health Services Block (PHHS), Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) and Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) grants. Provides fiscal support for the Title V Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant (MCH).
- Acts as liaison between programs and other state agencies that serve the state MCH, PHHS, HPP and PHEP populations and the federal granting agencies.

- Assures programs are meeting the grant's deliverables.
- Provides direction and technical assistance to all HPP partners including Health Care Coalition, HPP Contractors, hospitals, community health centers, trauma centers, etc., regarding preparedness, budgeting, planning and developing their scope of work.
- Provides direction and technical assistance to the Local Public Health Agencies in developing their scope of work, budget and any other help they may need in meeting their deliverables.

Telephone: (573) 526-0219

## **OFFICE OF EMERGENCY COORDINATION**

This office:

- Coordinates and provides direction for statewide public health emergency response activities throughout the department and coordinates with other local/state/federal agencies on emergency response activities.
- Assures consistency and coordination of state and local public health plan development for bioterrorism, pandemic and other public health emergencies and assures consistency and coordination among local, state and federal partners.
- Provides direction, coordination and oversight of Missouri's portion of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's public health preparedness funding.
- Provides direction, coordination and oversight of Missouri's portion of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' hospital preparedness funding.
- Provides direction and technical assistance to health care providers, including hospitals, community health centers, trauma centers, etc., regarding preparedness for pandemic influenza, bioterrorism, surge capacity and mass fatalities.
- Provides medical consultation to the department on bioterrorism and other public health emergencies.
- Assists department programs in developing and disseminating information and guidance to medical providers, health care facilities and federal, state and local partners through the Missouri Health Notification System (MO-HNS).
- Maintains the public health Emergency Response Center (ERC), which can be quickly activated and fully staffed to function as a public health emergency operations center in a disaster. During non-threatening times, ERC staff maintains situational awareness on a national, state and local level by monitoring Web-based systems and media and through communications with emergency response partner agencies. The Public Health Emergency Hotline's toll-free number, (800) 392-0272, is answered 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- Provides command, control and direction for the state's Emergency Support Function 8 (ESF-8) Health and Medical response in public health emergencies. Working in conjunction with the State Emergency Operations Center, the office provides situational assessments, coordinates resource requests and activates response staff and operations.

Telephone: (573) 751-5152 or (800) 392-0272 (24/7)

## **OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AND BUDGET SERVICES**

The Office of Financial and Budget Services (OFABS) provides leadership and oversight of fiscal management systems for the division. It serves as the primary contact for the division's programs and

operations on fiscal issues. The office provides leadership in the development of the division's budget and assures that fiscal resources contribute positively to the achievement of the division's strategic goals. In addition, the office provides training to programs in all aspects of fiscal management, including budget, grant preparation and management, expenditure tracking, contracts, contract monitoring and purchasing and procurement.

Telephone: (573) 751-9071

## **CENTER FOR LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES**

The Center for Local Public Health Services (CLPHS) works to strengthen Missouri's public health system of 114 local public health agencies (LPHAS) and emergency preparedness and response. It is responsible for 135 contracts and participation agreements with LPHAs, including state investment in local public health services, and Opioid Crisis Response.

Center staff provides leadership, training and technical assistance to local public health agencies, communities, not-for-profit organizations and other health-related key stakeholders regarding the development of processes that improve community-based public health systems.

This office:

- Manages regularly scheduled meetings to facilitate dialogue with the Department of Health and Senior Services' Statewide Public Health Meeting.
- Provides orientation and training on leadership and to local public health agencies and governing boards.
- Identifies and coordinates professional development opportunities for current and future public health workforce.
- Collaborates with the Missouri Institute for Community Health and the Office of Performance Management to implement and maintain the voluntary accreditation program for local public health agencies.
- Facilitates initiatives to strengthen the public health system.
- Coordinates the State Mutual Aid Agreement for local public health agencies.

Telephone: (573) 751-6170

## **PRIMARY CARE OFFICE**

Through public/private partnerships, the Primary Care Office (PCO) works to ensure access to and availability of primary health care services for all of Missouri's populations.

This office:

- Manages Missouri's Health Provider Shortage Area (HPSA) designations. This includes working to increase access to care by evaluating the availability and accessibility of medical, behavioral and oral health professionals and developing resources to enhance and expand community-based health care delivery systems.
- Provides financial incentives for licensed primary care physicians and general practice dentists who are employed in Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs) through the Health Professional State Loan Repayment Program.

- Promotes the development and implementation of early recruitment programs for health professional students, especially for students from rural, inner city and underserved communities in Missouri through the Primary Care Resource Initiative for Missouri (PRIMO) Student Loan Program. Educational loans are provided to health professional students in exchange for an obligation to provide primary health care services in underserved areas upon completion of training.
- Provides financial support for nursing students and nursing professionals in exchange for service in Missouri's underserved communities through the Professional and Practical Nursing Student Loan (NSL) and Loan Repayment Programs (NLRP).
- Coordination of the site application process for the National Health Service Corps (NHSP).
- Conducting a Statewide Primary Care Needs Assessment.
- Administration of the Conrad State 30/J-1 Visa Waiver Program and National Interest Waiver Program.
- Administers state funding for the Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) program.
- The provision of technical assistance to entities interested in expanding access to primary care services.

Telephone: (573) 751-6441

## **OFFICE OF RURAL HEALTH**

The Office of Rural Health and Primary Care facilitates access to quality primary health services for all Missourians. To achieve this, the two partner offices collaborate on a multitude of projects and administer programs that serve and support communities, health care providers, critical access hospitals, federally qualified health centers, rural health clinics, and small rural hospitals.

### **STATE OFFICE OF RURAL HEALTH**

The State Office of Rural Health (SORH) serves rural communities by collecting and disseminating information, providing technical assistance to stakeholders and coordinating rural health interests and activities statewide.

This office:

- Provides support to Critical Access Hospitals to implement or expand quality improvement programs and develop rural health networks with the hospitals' community/health system partners through the Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility Program (FLEX).
- Provides funds to small rural hospitals in support of their efforts to achieve improvements in financial and quality outcomes through the Small Rural Hospital Improvement Program (SHIP).
- Assumes a leadership role in working and contracting with state and federal agencies, universities, private interest groups, communities, foundations, and local health centers to develop rural health initiatives and maximize the use of existing resources.
- Maintains a web based directory of health care resources available in Missouri.
- Publishes a biennial report of activities and recommendations regarding rural health in Missouri.

Telephone: (573) 751-6441

## **SECTION FOR WOMEN'S HEALTH**

The Section for Women's Health (SWH) directs programs focused on improving health outcomes for women. The section provides leadership for the assessment and development of plans and policies and the implementation of evidence-based approaches to assist with decreasing maternal mortality. In addition, the section administers statewide programs that provide early screening and detection of breast and cervical cancer and health promotion interventions to reduce risk factors for chronic diseases (e.g., tobacco use, physical inactivity and poor diets).

**Title V Maternal Child Health Services Block Grant** Missouri receives Title V Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Block Grant funding from the MCH Bureau of the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration for improving the health of women of childbearing age, infants, and children one to nineteen years of age. The Title V Program encompasses DHSS programs and staff, local public health agencies, and numerous private and community partners, and Title V resources are allocated through partnerships and collaboration across a number of programs and initiatives at the local, regional and state levels to address the identified priority MCH challenges/needs and preventive and primary health services needs of women of childbearing age, infants, children, and adolescents, including children and youth with special health care needs, and their families. The most recent five-year statewide needs assessment led to the identification of the following eight national and five state priority areas to be targeted through 2020:

- National Priority Areas:
  1. Ensure adequate health insurance coverage and improve health care access for the MCH population.
  2. Improve pre-conception, prenatal and postpartum health care services for women of child bearing age.
  3. Prevent and reduce smoking among women of childbearing age and pregnant women and reduce childhood exposure to secondhand smoke.
  4. Ensure coordinated, comprehensive and ongoing health care services for children with and without special health care needs.
  5. Ensure risk appropriate care for high-risk infants to reduce infant deaths.
  6. Reduce intentional and unintentional injuries among children and adolescents.
  7. Support adequate early childhood development and education
  8. Improve maternal/newborn health by reducing cesarean deliveries among low-risk first births.
- State Priority Areas:
  1. Enhance breastfeeding initiation and duration rates among Missouri mothers.
  2. Promote safe sleep practices among newborns to reduce sleep-related infant deaths.
  3. Enhance access to oral health care services for MCH populations.
  4. Reduce obesity among women of childbearing age, children and adolescents.
  5. Improve access to mental health care services for MCH populations.

## **OFFICE ON WOMEN'S HEALTH**

The Office on Women's Health is committed to promoting the physical and mental health and well-being of Missouri's women, thus lessening their burden of preventable disease and injury. The office provides consultation, education, and resources for women, communities, health professionals, local health departments, state agencies, and others to improve the health of women. The Missouri Women's Health Council informs and advises the department regarding women's health risks, needs, and concerns and

recommends potential strategies, programs, and legislative changes to improve the health and well-being of all women in Missouri.

Website: <https://health.mo.gov/womenshealth>

Telephone: (573) 526-0445

### **Extended Women's Health Services Program**

The Extended Women's Health Services Program covers family planning-related services, pregnancy testing, sexually transmitted disease testing and treatment (including pap tests and pelvic exams), and follow-up services covered by MO HealthNet for uninsured women who are 18-55 years of age with a Modified Adjusted Gross Income for the household size that does not exceed 201% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).

Website: <https://health.mo.gov/atoz/extended-womens-health-services.php>

Telephone: (573) 526-0445

### **Sexual Violence Prevention Program**

The Sexual Violence Prevention Program focuses on preventing sexual violence perpetration and victimization by using a public health approach to decrease sexual violence risk factors and increase sexual violence protective factors. Contractors implement and evaluate evidence-based sexual violence prevention strategies such as *Green Dot Violence Prevention Strategy* (colleges and middle schools) and *Shifting Boundaries* (middle schools). Additionally, work is focused on strengthening economic supports for women and families and establishing and revising sexual harassment and violence prevention policies and procedures in the workplace.

Telephone: (573) 526-0445

### **SHOW ME HEALTHY WOMEN**

The Show Me Health Women (SMHW) Program provides free breast and cervical cancer screening and diagnostic services to eligible women age 35 and older. The program's goal is to reduce the mortality rate of breast and cervical cancer for Missouri women. The program, funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, is for direct health services for low-income Missouri women who are uninsured or underinsured. SMHW also receives general revenue funding and donations to provide services to eligible clients. Most women who are diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer through the program are eligible for free treatment under the Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment Act.

Telephone: (573) 522-2845

### **WISEWOMAN PROGRAM**

The WISEWOMAN Program goal is to reduce risk factors for heart disease in women in the Show Me Healthy Women Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program. Only Show Me Healthy Women clients who are low-income, under-insured and age 40 to 64 years old are eligible for WISEWOMAN services. Services include health screenings for heart disease risk factors, such as high cholesterol, high blood pressure, obesity and diabetes. In addition, WISEWOMAN risk counseling and lifestyle education helps women learn to eat healthier, be more physically active and quit smoking in order to reduce their risk for heart disease.

Telephone: (866) 726-9926

## **PREGNANCY ASSOCIATED MORTALITY REVIEW COMMITTEE**

The Pregnancy Associated Mortality Review (PAMR) Program abstracts data on all women who die during pregnancy and up to one year following the end of the pregnancy. The purpose of the PAMR is to examine the medical and non-medical circumstances for these deaths and to identify gaps in services and systems that should be improved to prevent future deaths. The PAMR can also identify strengths in the system of care that should be supported or expanded to improve maternal outcomes.

Website: <https://health.mo.gov/data/pamr/index.php>

Telephone: 573-522-4107

## **PERINATAL HEPATITIS B PROGRAM**

Administration of the statewide Perinatal Hepatitis B case management program in collaboration with local public health agencies to reduce the risk of transmission from pregnant mothers to their infant(s). Services include the identification and monitoring of HBV positive pregnant women to ensure appropriate follow-up, vaccination, and immunity testing.

Telephone:

## **SECTION FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES AND INITIATIVES**

The Section for Community Health Services and Initiatives (CHSI) directs statewide programs designed to prevent and control chronic diseases for all Missourians and supports the nutritional health of high-risk populations. The section provides leadership for the assessment and development of plans and policies and the implementation of evidence-based approaches to prevent and control cancer and chronic diseases, the leading causes of death in Missouri. In addition, the section administers statewide programs that provide early screening and detection of breast and cervical cancer and health promotion interventions to reduce risk factors for chronic diseases (e.g., tobacco use, physical inactivity and poor diets).

These programs are managed through the bureaus of Cancer and Chronic Disease Control and Community Health and Wellness (CHW). In addition, CHSI includes the Bureau of Special Health Care Needs (BSHCN). BSHCN provides statewide health care support services, including service coordination for children and adults with disabilities, chronic illness and birth defects. CHSI also includes the Adult Brain Injury Unit, which serves individuals who have suffered a traumatic brain injury and meet similar eligibility requirements as in the BSHCN. Programs and initiatives are implemented through the Brain Injury Unit and the Bureau of Special Health Care Needs.

Telephone: (573) 522-2806

## **BUREAU OF CANCER AND CHRONIC DISEASE CONTROL**

The Bureau of Cancer and Chronic Disease Control coordinates programs focused on the prevention and control of chronic diseases, such as cancer, arthritis, asthma, heart disease, diabetes, stroke and osteoporosis. In addition, the bureau supports efforts for improving or saving lives through organ and tissue donation. Bureau efforts include public and professional education, coalition development and technical assistance, early detection and diagnostic services, chronic disease management, policy

development and maintenance of the organ and tissue donor registry. The bureau employs multiple strategies to improve the health of local communities by enhancing health care access in order to control cancer and chronic diseases.

Telephone: (573) 522-2806

### **COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CONTROL PROGRAM**

The Comprehensive Cancer Control Program partners with many dedicated individuals, professionals and cancer survivors who share expertise, resources and ideas to develop a statewide cancer plan and tackle cancer priorities that are too broad to confront alone. The program and its partners support healthy lifestyles, recommend cancer screenings, educate people about cancer symptoms, increase access to quality cancer care and enhance cancer survivors' quality of life.

Telephone: (573) 522-2896

### **ARTHRITIS AND OSTEOPOROSIS CONTROL PROGRAM**

The Missouri Arthritis and Osteoporosis Control Program (MAOP) promotes optimal health and quality of life for all Missourians affected by arthritis, osteoporosis, lupus, rheumatic diseases and related musculoskeletal conditions. MAOP works with a network of regional arthritis centers throughout the state to deliver evidence-based exercise and self-management programs and education.

Telephone: (573) 884-1220

### **ASTHMA PREVENTION AND CONTROL PROGRAM**

The goal of the Asthma Prevention and Control Program is to improve the capacity of Missouri's public health system to define and reduce the burden of asthma for people with the disease. Program services include linking existing resources and partners, maintaining comprehensive surveillance and evaluation and providing technical assistance for local control efforts.

Telephone: (573) 522-2896

### **MISSOURI ACTIONS TO PREVENT CHRONIC DISEASE AND CONTROL RISK FACTORS**

The Missouri Actions to Prevent (MAP) Program addresses various chronic disease issues related to health-systems interventions and community clinical linkages. Inclusive in the MAP Program are heart disease, and diabetes prevention strategies addressed through evidence-based intervention implementation, population-based education and policy-system change strategies.

Telephone: (573) 522-2861

### **ORGAN AND TISSUE DONOR PROGRAM**

The Missouri Organ and Tissue Donor Program has two primary purposes. The first is to educate the public and bring awareness to the importance of giving life through organ, eye and tissue donation. The second is



to promote and maintain a statewide registry (Donor Registry System or DRS). The Missouri Organ and Tissue Donor Program is committed to saving lives. It provides individuals a means to record their decision to be donors and organ and tissue procurement organizations can access those records as required by law. Statewide and interstate partnerships are essential to Missouri's success.

DRS is a statewide, confidential registry of more than 3.2 million potential organ and tissue donors, available to procurement agencies and the public 24/7 year-round. Registrants have the ability to record or modify their life-saving, life-enhancing decisions or may remove their names from the DRS at any time by downloading and submitting a form.

The program, DRS and outreach activities are funded by voluntary contributions received by driver's license offices in Missouri when an individual applies for a driver's license or an identification card, renews a motor vehicle license, or purchases an organ donor specialty license plate. Other voluntary contribution avenues include the Missouri State Income Tax Return, the Missouri State Charitable Campaign, or a direct donation to the department.

Organ and tissue donation information, registry enrollment and modification and removal information are available at [www.missouriorgandonor.com](http://www.missouriorgandonor.com).

Telephone: (573) 522-2847 or toll-free (888) 497-4564

### **BUREAU OF COMMUNITY HEALTH AND WELLNESS**

The Bureau of Community Health and Wellness oversees programs and initiatives to reduce tobacco use and exposure to secondhand smoke and create communities that support healthy eating and active living. Tobacco use, physical inactivity and unhealthy eating are the primary risk factors for preventable chronic diseases, including obesity and premature death. The bureau supports local programs through contracts, training and technical assistance in implementing evidence-based strategies to reduce the risk factors. Additionally, the bureau provides programming and support in the area of adolescent health, injury and violence prevention, school health, worksite wellness, abstinence and faith-based interventions.

Telephone: (573) 522-2820 or toll-free (866) 726-9926

### **BUILDING COMMUNITIES FOR BETTER HEALTH (BCBH)**

The goal of the Building Communities for Better Health is to empower communities to reduce the primary risk factors for chronic diseases: tobacco use, exposure to secondhand smoke, physical inactivity and unhealthy eating. The DHSS partners with local public health agencies to achieve environmental, policy and system changes to support healthy behaviors for schools, worksites and communities. BCBH communities are developing data-driven chronic disease prevention plans, implementing evidence-based interventions, and sustaining their efforts through the expansion of existing partnerships.

Telephone: (573) 522-2820 or toll-free (866) 726-9926

### **TOBACCO PREVENTION AND CONTROL PROGRAM**

The goals of the Missouri Tobacco Prevention and Control Program are to prevent youth initiation of tobacco use, promote quitting among youth and adults, eliminate exposure to secondhand smoke and reduce the impact on populations disproportionately affected by tobacco. Program staff works with youth advocacy groups, community-based coalitions, voluntary organizations and partners to educate the public about the health effects of tobacco use and exposure to secondhand smoke, advocate for policies to prohibit tobacco use on school property and educate the public on policies to eliminate exposure to secondhand smoke in public places and work places. Employers are encouraged to implement smoke-free workplace policies and to include effective tobacco-cessation assistance in employee health insurance coverage. Staff provides data and technical assistance to increase the effectiveness of local efforts. To increase quitting among tobacco users, the Missouri Tobacco Quitline (1-800-QUIT-NOW or [www.quitnow.net/missouri](http://www.quitnow.net/missouri)) provides free cessation counseling services and referrals to local assistance (when available). Health care professionals are encouraged to assess tobacco use status, counsel those who use to quit and make referrals to the Quitline for additional counseling.

Telephone: (573) 522-2820 or toll-free (866) 726-9926

### **TEAM NUTRITION PROGRAM**

The USDA Team Nutrition Training grant is used to help schools and child care providers promote healthy eating and physical activity habits among children. Funds are aimed at activities designed to reduce rates of childhood obesity and create healthier school and child care nutrition and physical activity environments.

Website: <http://health.mo.gov/living/wellness/nutrition/teamnutrition/index.php>

Telephone: (573) 522-2820

### **NUTRITION, PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND OBESITY PREVENTION PROGRAM**

This program works to reduce statewide obesity rates through increasing access to healthy foods and safe places to be physically active. Efforts include coordination of internal and external partners in order to identify opportunities to leverage resources. Additional efforts include work in these four areas: 1) building partnerships and opportunities for collaboration; 2) providing training and outreach to disparate populations and those who serve them; 3) promoting policy and environmental changes that will create communities that allow residents to engage in healthy eating and active living; and 4) surveillance and evaluation to monitor progress and effectiveness.

Telephone: (573) 522-2820

### **SEXUAL RISK AVOIDANCE PROGRAM**

The Abstinence Education Grant Program is funded by the Administration for Children and Families in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Funding is provided for communities to deliver sexual risk avoidance education to high-risk youth, ages 10 to 17, based on criteria identified by the funding source. Curriculum is targeted to high risk populations including African-American youth in Jackson County, selected zip codes in St. Louis and selected counties in the Bootheel, as well as teenaged students and community Hispanic groups. The main goals of the program are to reduce teen pregnancy, decrease the rate of sexually transmitted disease, foster parent/youth communication and increase the percentage of

high school graduation.

Telephone: (573) 751-5490

### **INJURY AND VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAMS (IVPP)**

The IVPP mission is to improve the health of Missourians by preventing and reducing intentional and unintentional injuries. This is done by creating and maintaining an infrastructure that will develop public policy, coordinate injury and violence prevention interventions within DHSS, collaborate and coordinate interventions with other agencies addressing injuries, support the collection and analysis of injury data and conduct ongoing quality improvement and program evaluation activities. Programs implemented by the IVPP include: Safe Kids and the Missouri Injury and Violence Prevention Advisory Committee (MIVPAC).

Website: <http://health.mo.gov/living/families/injuries/index.php>

Telephone: (573) 751-6340

### **SAFE KIDS MISSOURI**

The Injury and Violence Prevention Program provides targeted prevention interventions to children ages 0 to 19 through contracts with nine local Safe Kids Coalitions. These coalitions provide services in 49 counties and the cities of St. Louis and Kansas City. Services include outreach, education and advocacy around child passenger safety, bicycle safety, fire safety, crib safety, water safety, poisoning and other prevention activities based on community needs. Safe Kids Coalitions conduct Child Passenger Safety training, distribute car seats and booster seats, and assist caregivers in proper installation. They also distribute bike helmets, smoke alarms, carbon monoxide detectors, gunlocks and personal floatation devices at health and safety events, back-to-school fairs and to communities.

Website: <http://health.mo.gov/living/families/injuries/safekids.php>

Telephone: (573) 522-2820 or toll-free (866) 726-9926

### **ADOLESCENT HEALTH PROGRAM**

The Adolescent Health Program addresses various issues of 10- to 24-year-olds. The program provides consultation, education, training and resources for health professionals, school personnel, parents, adolescent and state and community organizations, to improve the health of adolescents. Program staff consults across department programs to strengthen capacity and expertise in addressing the health of adolescents and their families. The Council for Adolescent and School Health assists the department in identifying adolescent priorities and promoting strategies to reduce health risks to adolescents and promotes healthy adolescent development.

Website: <http://health.mo.gov/living/families/adolescenthealth/index.php>

Telephone: (573) 522-2820 or toll-free (866) 726-9926

### **SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES PROGRAM**

The School Health Services Program provides overall guidance to school nurses, school administrator and the public regarding school nursing and school health issues. The School Health Services staff provide consultation and technical assistance regarding the role of nurses serving in school settings. The program collaborates with internal and external agencies to assure a public health approach to school health.

Website: <http://health.mo.gov/living/families/schoolhealth/index.php>

Telephone: (573) 522-2820 or toll-free (866) 726-9926

### **MOVE SMART**

The Missouri MOve Smart Child Care Program provides a set of physical activity standards for child care facilities to follow that will help children reach their full potential in physical growth and health. The program provides training for Missouri child care facilities to become MOve Smart Child Care Centers, provides a structured program to evaluate the center's physical activity environment and equips centers with tools to address the physical activity side of healthful habits for its children.

Telephone: (573) 522-2820

### **BUREAU OF SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS**

The Bureau of Special Health Care Needs (SHCN) coordinates programs and initiatives focused on developing, promoting and supporting community-based systems that enable the best possible health and greatest degree of independence for Missourians with special health care needs. SHCN accomplishes its mission in collaboration with families, health care providers and other community, state and national partners. Bureau programs and initiatives include the Adult Brain Injury Program, the Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Program, the Family Partnership Initiative, the Healthy Children and Youth Program and the Medically Fragile Adult Waiver Program. In addition to these programs and initiatives, SHCN provides funding to Missouri Assistive Technology for the Kids Assistive Technology project, which improves access and reduces barriers for children and youth with special health care needs. SHCN facilitates the Missouri Brain Injury Advisory Council and administers the Federal Traumatic Brain Injury State Partnership Grant. SHCN maintains contracts with multiple local public health agencies to provide service coordination for the Adult Brain Injury Program and the Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Program.

SHCN administers the Healthy Children and Youth Program and the Medically Fragile Adult Waiver Program through cooperative agreements with MO HealthNet.

Website: <http://health.mo.gov/living/families/shcn>

Telephone: (573) 751-6246 or toll-free (800) 451-0669

### **ADULT BRAIN INJURY (ABI) PROGRAM**

The Adult Brain Injury (ABI) Program assists Missouri residents age 21 to 65 who are living with a traumatic brain injury (TBI). Through service coordination, the program links individuals to resources that enable each person to obtain goals of independent living, community participation and employment. Individuals who meet financial eligibility requirements may also receive community-based rehabilitation services to help achieve identified goals. Rehabilitation services include counseling, vocational training, employment

supports and home- and community-based support training.

Website: <http://health.mo.gov/living/families/shcn/ahi.php>

Telephone: (573) 751-6246 or toll-free (800) 451-0669

### **CHILDREN AND YOUTH WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS PROGRAM**

The Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN) Program provides assistance statewide for individuals from birth to age 21 who have or are at increased risk for a medical condition that may hinder their normal physical growth and development and who require more medical services than children and youth generally. The program focuses on early identification and service coordination for individuals who meet medical eligibility guidelines. As payer of last resort, the CYSHCN Program provides limited funding for medically necessary diagnostic and treatment services for individuals whose families also meet financial eligibility guidelines.

Website: <http://health.mo.gov/living/families/shcn/cyshcn.php>

Telephone: (573) 751-6246 or toll-free (800) 451-0669

### **FAMILY PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE**

The Family Partnership strives to enhance the lives of individuals and families impacted by special health care needs, providing resources and information to empower families to live a good life. The Family Partnership hosts events to benefit families through development of leadership skills, networking among peers, and staying current with trends and issues. Special Health Care Needs employs Family Partners, who are parents of individuals with special health care needs and are well equipped to assist in exploring options and solutions for the unique needs of individuals with complex medical conditions.

Website: <http://health.mo.gov/familypartnership>

Telephone: (573) 751-6246 or toll-free (800) 451-0669

### **HEALTHY CHILDREN AND YOUTH PROGRAM**

The Healthy Children and Youth (HCY) Program provides service coordination and authorization for medically necessary in-home services for MO HealthNet recipients with special health care needs from birth to age 21. Service coordination includes assessment through home visits and links to services and resources that enable individuals to remain safely in their homes with their families. Authorized services may include personal care, nursing care, and skilled nursing visits.

Website: <http://health.mo.gov/living/families/shcn/hcy.php>

Telephone: (573) 751-6246 or toll-free (800) 451-0669

### **MEDICALLY FRAGILE ADULT WAIVER PROGRAM**

The Medically Fragile Adult Waiver (MFAW) Program provides service coordination and authorization for medically necessary services to MO HealthNet recipients with serious and complex medical needs who

have reached the age of 21 and are no longer eligible to receive services through the Healthy Children and Youth (HCY) Program. Individuals must require medical care equivalent to the level of care received in an intermediate care facility, not be enrolled in another waiver and have been eligible for private duty nursing through the HCY Program. Authorized services may include personal care, nursing care, registered nurse visits, and specialized medical supplies.

Website: <http://health.mo.gov/living/families/shcn/pdw.php>

Telephone: (573) 751-6246 or toll-free (800) 451-0669

## **SECTION FOR HEALTHY FAMILIES AND YOUTH (HFY)**

The Section for Healthy Families and Youth (HFY) directs programs designed to improve maternal and child health for all Missourians and supports the needs of high-risk families. The section provides leadership for the assessment and development of plans and policies and the implementation of evidence-based approaches to improve maternal and child health. Programs and initiatives are implemented through the bureaus of Community Food and Nutrition Assistance (CFNA), WIC and Nutrition Services and Genetics and Healthy Childhood (GHC). Section administration maintains responsibility for the Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems (ECCS). The purpose of ECCS is to build and implement a statewide early childhood comprehensive system that supports families and communities in their development of children who are healthy and ready to learn upon entering school. ECCS activities include local infrastructure development, family leadership activities and a partnership with the Coordinating Board for Early Childhood to inform the board about policymaking activities. Family leadership activities include partnering with other agencies providing support to the statewide Parent Advisory Council (PAC). The PAC's primary purpose is to bring parent/family voice to services and policies impacting families with young children.

Telephone: (573) 751-6253

## **BUREAU OF COMMUNITY FOOD AND NUTRITION ASSISTANCE**

Community Food and Nutrition Assistance administers programs that provide supplemental nutrition assistance to vulnerable populations. These programs are intended to improve health status, contribute to optimum growth and development and decrease the risk of chronic diseases later in life. The assistance includes meal subsidies to eligible organizations that feed infants, children and youth and the distribution of food packages to low-income elderly persons.

Telephone: (573) 751-6269 or toll-free (800) 733-6251

## **CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM**

The Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) provides reimbursement for nutritious meals and snacks served to eligible participants in child care centers; family child care homes; homeless and emergency

shelters; before- and after-school programs; and adult day care centers. The program goal is to see that well-balanced meals are served and that good eating habits are taught in child and adult care settings. The CACFP also helps improve the quality of care provided in eligible facilities and helps keep the cost of care affordable for families. The program serves children younger than age 13; children of migrant workers age 15 and younger; children enrolled in at-risk after school programs age 18 and younger, physically or mentally handicapped persons receiving care in a center where most children are 18 years and younger; and adults who are functionally impaired or older than 60. Program staff provide training and technical assistance on nutrition, food-service operations, program management and record keeping.

Telephone: (573) 751-6269 or toll-free (800) 733-6251

### **SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM**

The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) exists to assure that vulnerable children continue to receive nutritious meals when school is not in session. Free meals that meet Federal nutrition guidelines are provided to all children at approved SFSP sites in areas with significant concentrations of vulnerable children. The nutritious meals help to reduce the risk for health problems and help enhance children's learning capabilities to help them succeed in school. It provides reimbursement to community agencies that offer meals which meet the program's nutritional requirements. Eligible participants include children 0 to 18 years old who live in areas where the majority of children qualify for free or reduced price school lunches during the school year. Eligible adults older than 18 who have been determined by a state educational agency to have a disability and who participate in a school-based program for the disabled during the school year, are also able to participate in the program. There are contracts with schools and other community-based organizations to sponsor the local programs and provide meals that must meet established guidelines. In this manner, the program increases the nutrient intake of program participants, thereby reducing participants' risk for health problems and enhancing their learning capacities. The program also improves the quality of the summer programs offered in low-income areas statewide and provides summer employment opportunities in local communities.

Telephone: (573) 751-6269 or toll-free (888) 435-1464

### **COMMODITY SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM**

The Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) works to improve the health of people 60 or older by supplementing their diets with nutritious U.S. Department of Agriculture commodity foods. Eligible persons must have income at or below 130 percent of the federal poverty guidelines and reside in Missouri. The program also provides health referral services and nutrition education to eligible individuals.

Telephone: (573) 751-6269

### **EAT SMART**

The *Eat Smart Guidelines* challenge child care facilities to improve their meal service by following recommended standards that are above the minimum requirements required of all licensed child care facilities. The *Guidelines* recommend menu improvements, including more whole grains, more fruits and vegetables, less processed foods, fat free milk and fewer sweets. The *Guidelines* also include

environmental factors that relate to nutrition habits and meal service.

Telephone: (573) 751-6269 or toll-free (800)733-6251

## **BUREAU OF WIC AND NUTRITION SERVICES**

The Bureau of WIC and Nutrition Services focuses on educating participants and the public about the health benefits of breastfeeding and providing nutrition education to WIC participants that result in positive health outcomes. Bureau programs focus on ensuring that income-eligible Missourians found to be "nutritionally at-risk" receive a nutritious food prescription that meets federal guidelines and is available through authorized WIC retailer.

Telephone: (573) 751-6204 or WIC toll-free (800) 392-8209

## **SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION PROGRAM FOR WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN (WIC)**

The WIC Program prescribes and pays for nutritious foods to supplement the diets of pregnant women, breastfeeding and non-breastfeeding postpartum women, infants and children up to their fifth birthday who are found to be at nutritional risk and who meet state income guidelines (185 percent of federal poverty guidelines or eligible for MO Health Net [Medicaid], TANF or the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program [SNAP-Food Stamps] and are Missouri residents). Program participants are reassessed periodically to determine eligibility status. These services are provided at the local level through contracts with county and city health departments, federally qualified health centers, community action agencies, hospitals and faith-based facilities. WIC has agreements with retail grocers and pharmacies, where participants purchase the prescribed supplemental foods. The WIC Program provides nutrition education to participants that will make a positive change in their eating patterns and improve their health status. It also provides breastfeeding counseling and support to pregnant women and new mothers. In addition, local WIC staff conducts immunization screenings and referrals to assure children are immunized appropriately according to their age and provides appropriate referrals to address a WIC participant's need. The WIC Program Nutrition Training Institute provides relevant nutrition- related training through seminars and workshops, via satellite, audio and videoconferences. The WIC Program also includes the Breastfeeding Peer Counseling Program.

Telephone: (573) 751- 6204 or WIC toll-free (800) 392-8209

## **BREASTFEEDING PEER COUNSELING PROGRAM**

The Breastfeeding Peer Counseling Program enables local WIC providers to build upon and expand breastfeeding promotion and support activities in their communities by providing support, encouragement and technical assistance to pregnant and breastfeeding women. Trained paraprofessional-breastfeeding-peer counselors work with WIC mothers who are breastfeeding to successfully address



barriers to breastfeeding.

Telephone: (573) 751- 6204 or WIC toll-free (800) 392-8209

### **BREASTFEEDING PROGRAM**

The purpose of the Breastfeeding Program is to improve the health of infants and their mothers by promoting exclusive breastfeeding for the first six months of a baby’s life. The program also promotes continuing breastfeeding after solid food is introduced to a baby and until the child is a year or older. In addition, this program provides technical assistance, training and educational materials to health care providers, employers, child care providers and the public regarding breastfeeding through several initiatives including the Missouri “Show-Me 5” Hospital Initiative and the Breastfeeding Friendly Worksite and Child Care Programs. The Missouri “Show-Me 5” Hospital Initiative encourages hospitals to implement evidence-based maternity care practices that are shown to increase breastfeeding initiation and duration. The Breastfeeding Friendly Worksite Program not only educates employers on the value of providing lactation support, but recognizes businesses that support their breastfeeding employees. The Breastfeeding Friendly Child Care Program is another effort to assist breastfeeding women in the workforce by assisting child care facilities to support breastfeeding families.

Website: <http://health.mo.gov/living/families/babies/breastfeeding/index.php>

Telephone: (573) 751-6204 or WIC toll free (800) 392-8209

### **BUREAU OF GENETICS AND HEALTHY CHILDHOOD (GHC)**

The Bureau of Genetics and Healthy Childhood promotes and protects the health and safety of individuals and families based on their unique conditions, needs and situations, utilizing multiple programs within the bureau. The bureau achieves this by implementing prevention and intervention strategies to optimize health and environment from pre-pregnancy through adulthood. Related activities of the bureau encompass public and professional education; screening and follow-up services; surveillance; needs assessment; and, resource identification and/or development. The bureau accomplishes its mission in collaboration with families, health care providers and other community, state and national partners.

Telephone: (573) 751-6266 or toll-free (800) 877-6246

### **ADULT CYSTIC FIBROSIS TREATMENT PROGRAM**

The Adult Cystic Fibrosis Treatment Program provides assistance to individuals age 21 or older who have been diagnosed with cystic fibrosis. Applicants must meet the financial eligibility guidelines that are at or below 185% of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ Poverty Income Guidelines.

The program provides financial assistance for the following services: outpatient and inpatient services, prescription medications, home medical equipment, and emergency care. Service coordination is available for those who are not financially eligible for the program.

Website: <http://health.mo.gov/living/families/genetics/cysticfibrosis/index.php>

Telephone: (573) 751-6266 or toll-free (800) 877-6246

### **ADULT HEMOPHILIA TREATMENT PROGRAM**

The Adult Hemophilia Treatment Program provides assistance to individuals age 21 or older who have been diagnosed with Hemophilia or Von Willebrand disease. Applicants must meet the financial eligibility guidelines that are at or below 185% of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Poverty Income Guidelines.

The program provides financial assistance for the following services: outpatient and inpatient services, prescription medications, blood factor products, emergency care, and home medical equipment. Service coordination is available to those who are not financially eligible for the program.

Website: <http://health.mo.gov/living/families/genetics/hemophilia/index.php>

Telephone: (573) 751-6266 or toll-free (800) 877-6246

### **ADULT SICKLE CELL DISEASE TREATMENT PROGRAM**

The Adult Sickle Cell Disease Treatment Program provides assistance to individuals age 21 or older who have been diagnosed with sickle cell disease. Applicants must meet the financial eligibility guidelines that are at or below 185% of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Poverty Income Guideline.

The program provides financial assistance for the following services: inpatient and outpatient services, emergency care, home medical equipment, and prescription medications. Service coordination is available to those who are not financially eligible for the program.

Website: <http://health.mo.gov/living/families/genetics/sicklecell/pdf/SickleCellFacts.pdf>

Telephone: (573) 751-6266 or toll-free (800) 877-6246

### **GENETIC SERVICES PROGRAM**

The Genetic Services Program, through contracts with Genetic Tertiary Centers, provides support services to reduce the morbidity and mortality associated with genetic disorders. Information is provided to the public and medical professionals regarding genetic disorders and the availability of genetic services in Missouri. A referral network is maintained for individuals in need of diagnostic services, treatment, counseling and other genetic-related services.

Website: <http://health.mo.gov/living/families/genetics/index.php>

Telephone: (573) 751-6266 or toll-free (800) 877-6246

### **MATERNAL, INFANT AND EARLY CHILDHOOD HOME VISITING PROGRAM**

The Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Program was established to deliver expanded high quality, evidenced-based, voluntary early childhood home visitation services for pregnant women and children up to kindergarten entry, to ensure that more children have the opportunity to grow up healthy, safe, ready to learn, and able to become productive members of society. The goals of the MIECHV program are to collect, report and evaluate (through continuous quality improvement activities)

data which will reveal quantifiable, measureable improvement in legislatively mandated benchmark areas described as: improvements in maternal and newborn health; reduction of child injuries, child abuse, neglect or maltreatment and reduction of emergency department visits; improvements in school readiness and achievement; reduction of domestic violence; improvements in family economic self-sufficiency; and improvements in coordination and referrals for other community resources and supports for families. The governor appointed the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services as the lead agency to implement the MIECHV program in 2010.

Three evidence-based home visiting programs are utilized and provide services to eligible families based on requirements defined in the federal legislation authorizing the MIECHV program (Social Security Act, Title V, § 511 (42 U.S.C. § 711, as funded and extended by the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, P.L. 115-123):

- Nurse-Family Partnership® (NFP) home visiting model services are voluntary, begin prenatally for first-time mothers prior to the 28th week of pregnancy and continue through the first two years of the child's life.
- Parents as Teachers® (PAT) home visiting model services are voluntary, begin prenatally or anytime before kindergarten entry of the child.
- Early Head Start Home Based Option (EHS-HBO) home visiting model services are voluntary, begin prenatally or anytime before age three of the child.

The program is currently offered in five counties: NFP in Butler, Dunklin, and Pemiscot, PAT in Dunklin and St. Louis City; EHS in Butler, Dunklin, Pemiscot, and Ripley.

Website: <http://health.mo.gov/living/families/homevisiting/index.php>

Telephone: (573) 751-6266 or toll-free (800) 877-6246

### **BUILDING BLOCKS OF MISSOURI PROGRAM**

The Building Blocks Program utilizes the evidence-based Nurse-Family Partnership® home visiting model. Building Blocks services are voluntary, begin prenatally for first-time mothers prior to the 28<sup>th</sup> week of pregnancy and continue through the first two years of the child's life. Building Blocks applicants must meet financial eligibility guidelines that are at or below 185% of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Poverty Income Guidelines.

The program is currently offered in the following counties: Bollinger, Cass, Clay, Cape Girardeau, Jackson, Johnson, Lafayette, Mississippi, New Madrid, Perry, Platte, Ray, Scatt, Stoddard, St. Louis, St. Louis City, and Ste. Genevieve.

Website: <http://health.mo.gov/living/families/homevisiting/index.php>

Telephone: (573) 751-6266 or toll-free (800) 877-6246

### **HEALTHY FAMILIES MISSOURI HOME VISITING**

The Healthy Families Missouri Home Visiting (HFMoHV) Program utilizes the Healthy Families America® (HFA) evidence-based home visiting model. HFMoHV services are voluntary, begin prenatally or within 60 days of the birth of a baby, and continue for 3 to 5 years after the birth of the baby. HFMoHV applicants

must meet financial eligibility guidelines that are at or below 185% of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Poverty Income Guidelines.

The program is currently offered in the following counties: Boone , Greene , Maries , Phelps, and Randolph .

Website: <http://health.mo.gov/living/families/homevisiting/index.php>

Telephone: (573) 751-6266 or toll-free (800) 877-6246

### **METABOLIC FORMULA PROGRAM**

The Metabolic Formula Program provides assistance to individuals who have one of the diseases listed below. If individuals are not financially eligible for the program, service coordination is available. Program services include assistance for the purchase of metabolic formula from DHSS-contracted providers and an annual examination at one of the metabolic treatment centers. Medical eligibility for the Metabolic Formula Program is documented with a written medical diagnosis of one of the following conditions: phenylketonuria (PKU), maple syrup urine disease (MSUD), glutaric acidemia, homocystinuria; methylmalonic acidemia, citrullinemia, argininosuccinic acidemia, isovaleric acidemia, 3-hydroxy-3-methylglutaryl CoA-lyase deficiency (HMG), 3-methylcrotonyl CoA carboxylase deficiency (3MCC), propionic acidemia, long-chain hydroxyacyl-CoA dehydrogenase deficiency (LCHAD), very long-chain acyl-CoA dehydrogenase deficiency (VLCAD), ornithine transcarbamylase deficiency (OTC) and tyrosinemia (type I, II and III).

Website: <http://health.mo.gov/living/families/genetics/metabolicformula/index.php>

Telephone: (573) 751-6266 or toll-free (800) 877-6246

### **NEWBORN HEALTH PROGRAM**

The Newborn Health Program promotes healthy birth outcomes and healthy infants by increasing awareness of recommended "best" practices through educational activities and materials. Messages and activities promote the importance of preconception and interconception care; early entry into prenatal care; use of folic acid to prevent birth defects; avoidance of smoking, alcohol and other drugs; breastfeeding; placing babies on their backs to sleep; and other healthy behaviors. The program targets all women of childbearing age, infants and children.

Website: <http://health.mo.gov/living/families/genetics/newbornhealth/index.php>

Telephone: (573) 751-6266 or toll-free (800) 877-6246

### **NEWBORN BLOOD SPOT SCREENING PROGRAM**

The Newborn Blood Spot Program provides early identification and follow-up of biotinidase deficiency, galactosemia, congenital hypothyroidism, congenital adrenal hyperplasia, cystic fibrosis, hemoglobinopathies, organic acid disorders, fatty acid oxidation disorders, amino acid disorders, severe combined immunodeficiency, and six lysosomal storage disorders, including Krabbe disease, Pompe disease, Fabry disease, Hurler Syndrome, Hunter Syndrome, and Gaucher disease. Newborn screening can suggest the presence of disease in affected but asymptomatic infants. Program staff ensures that either a

repeat newborn screen or a confirmatory test has been done. In addition, infants found to be positive are referred into a multidisciplinary system of health care.

Website: <http://health.mo.gov/newbornscreening>

Telephone: (573) 751-6266 or toll-free (800) 877-6246

### **NEWBORN HEARING SCREENING PROGRAM**

The Newborn Hearing Screening Program seeks to ensure all babies born in Missouri receive timely and appropriate hearing screening, diagnosis and intervention for hearing loss. The Newborn Hearing Screening Program works to:

- Maintain a tracking and surveillance system that involves the collection and analysis of data gathered from Missouri hospitals, audiologists and the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.
- Ensure all families of Missouri newborns receive notification of screening results that require further follow-up.
- Refer families of Missouri newborns diagnosed with a permanent hearing loss to Missouri's early intervention program under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), First Steps.
- Provide technical assistance to birthing facilities.
- Provide education about newborn hearing screening, diagnosis and intervention to families and health care providers.
- Provide parent-to-parent support to families with infants who fail to pass the newborn hearing screening and/or are diagnosed with permanent hearing loss.

Website: <http://health.mo.gov/newbornhearingscreening>

Telephone: (573) 751-6266 or toll-free (800) 877-6246

### **SAFE-CARE (SEXUAL ASSAULT FORENSIC EXAMINATION-CHILD ABUSE RESOURCE AND EDUCATION) NETWORK**

The SAFE-CARE Network provides training to physicians, nurse practitioners and physician assistants in the medical evaluation of alleged victims of child sexual abuse, physical abuse and neglect. Child abuse medical resource centers collaborate with SAFE-CARE Network providers to improve the medical response to child maltreatment in a multidisciplinary context.

Website: <http://health.mo.gov/living/families/injuries/safecare/index.php>

Telephone: (573) 751-6266 or toll-free (800) 877-6246

### **SAFE CRIBS FOR MISSOURI PROGRAM**

The Safe Cribs for Missouri program provides portable cribs and safe sleep education to low-income families who have no other resources for obtaining a safe crib. The program is implemented through participating Local Public Health Agencies.

Website: <https://health.mo.gov/living/families/babies/safecribs/index.ph>

Telephone: (573) 751-6266 or toll-free (800) 877-6246

### **SICKLE CELL ANEMIA PROGRAM**

The Sickle Cell Anemia Program, through contracts with hemoglobinopathy centers, promotes and provides screening, testing, referral, education, counseling and follow-up services for Missouri citizens at risk for sickle cell conditions. Information about sickle cell disease and sickle cell trait is directed at the general public, health professionals and targeted populations.

Website: <http://health.mo.gov/living/families/genetics/sicklecell/index.php>

Telephone: (573) 751-6266 or toll-free (800) 877-6246

### **TEL-LINK PROGRAM**

TEL-LINK is the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services' confidential, toll-free telephone line (800-835-5465) for maternal and child health care. The purpose of TEL-LINK is to provide confidential information and referrals to Missouri residents concerning a wide range of health services. Callers are given referrals and then are transferred immediately to the appropriate community service.

Website: <http://health.mo.gov/living/families/tellink/index.php>

Telephone: (800) 835-5465

### **ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, AND OTHER DRUG PREVENTION AND AWARENESS PROGRAM**

The Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug Prevention and Awareness Program promotes healthy pregnancies and birth outcomes by increasing awareness on the effects of substance use during pregnancy. Community Placement Sites, located statewide, demonstrate the effects of substance use in pregnancy with exposed manikin babies. The program also provides technical assistance for physicians on screening tools and educational materials for patients.

Website: <https://health.mo.gov/living/wellness/tobacco/atod/index.php>

Telephone: (573) 751-6266 or toll-free (800) 877-6246

### **SECTION FOR DISEASE PREVENTION**

The Section for Disease Prevention is the principal section involved in the investigation of the cause, origin and method of transmission of communicable (or infectious) diseases. The section has specific responsibilities related to tuberculosis, sexually transmitted diseases, HIV/AIDS, other reportable communicable diseases, food and water-borne illnesses, zoonoses (diseases that humans contract from animals), emerging infections, such as multi-drug resistant tuberculosis, cryptosporidiosis and all types of influenza. The section also operates and maintains early disease outbreak and surveillance systems, data gathering and analysis systems and other emergency response functions. Robust, comprehensive awareness, education and prevention programs help to reduce the impact of infection and the spread of disease. The primary units are the bureaus of Communicable Disease Control and Prevention; HIV, STD and Hepatitis; Immunizations; Reportable Disease Informatics; and the Office of Veterinary Public Health.

The section also maintains primary responsibility for the Department's opioid crisis response and prevention activities and works closely with other units to ensure that activities are well-coordinated and based on available surveillance data.

The section is integral to the Department of Health and Senior Services' emergency responses to public health emergencies and natural disasters. The section assures rapid detection through a comprehensive surveillance system operated by public health staff prepared through expertise and training to detect diseases or conditions that may indicate an emergency or a bioterrorism event.

Telephone: (573) 526-4780; toll-free (866) 628-9891

Disease reporting toll-free number: (800) 392-0272

## **BUREAU OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION**

The Bureau of Communicable Disease Control and Prevention provides comprehensive prevention, intervention and surveillance programs related to over 90 reportable communicable (or infectious) diseases and conditions of public health significance in Missouri. Many of these diseases are emerging infections, such as multi-drug resistant tuberculosis, Measles, Hepatitis A, and novel influenza.

This bureau:

- Conducts epidemiological studies to investigate the cause, origin and method of transmission of communicable diseases in order to identify and implement appropriate disease control and preventive measures, such as contact identification, testing, treatment and source identification.
- Consults with local public health agencies, government at all levels, community organizations, hospitals, health care providers, private businesses, the media and others regarding diagnosis and control measures for reportable communicable diseases and providing public health education as requested.
- Provides training and technical assistance/consultation to local health officials on disease investigations, control activities and analysis/interpretation of data to prevent communicable diseases in their communities and rapidly responding to outbreaks.
- Provides community planning and rapid epidemiologic response for emergencies, such as bioterrorism and pandemic influenza and natural disasters, such as flooding, tornados and earthquakes.
- Acts as a liaison with other agencies, such as the Missouri Department of Agriculture, to maintain current knowledge of diseases occurring in animal populations that may affect humans.
- Provides the treatment and case management of tuberculosis (TB) disease or infection, as well as tuberculin skin testing materials for use in extended contact investigations and assisting local public health agencies with TB case-management efforts.
- Collaborates with other programs within the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, other state and federal agencies and community-based organizations in emergency event planning and response.

Telephone: (573) 751-6113

## **BUREAU OF HIV, STD AND HEPATITIS**

The Bureau of HIV, STD and Hepatitis (BHSH) is focused on the prevention, education and treatment of HIV, sexually transmitted infections (STI) and hepatitis B and C. Reportable conditions (Chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis, HIV, hepatitis B and C) are the primary focus of BHSH's comprehensive efforts to increase knowledge, testing and treatment access in order to reduce transmission. Case management services, focused on engaging those infected with HIV and in appropriate medical care, are also available.

Bureau services include:

- Technical assistance for local health agencies, physicians, other clinicians and stakeholders regarding the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of HIV, certain STIs and hepatitis B and C.
- Direct HIV and STI intervention services through disease investigation and education of those infected or at risk for infection.
- HIV prevention counseling, testing and referral to health care services.
- Facilitation of community-focused prevention and intervention efforts through the Missouri Comprehensive Prevention Planning Group.
- Administration of the statewide HIV Medical Case Management and HIV Care Programs in coordination with local, state and federal partners to ensure access to comprehensive health care and supportive services for individuals living with HIV.
- Administration of the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP), Ryan White Part B, Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA) and MO HealthNet AIDS Waiver programs for eligible low-income Missourians living with HIV, who have insufficient access to health care and supportive services.
- Outreach planning, targeting and facilitation of HIV, STI and hepatitis screening and awareness campaigns and events.

Telephone: (573) 751-6439

## **BUREAU OF IMMUNIZATIONS**

The Immunization Program focuses on reducing vaccine-preventable diseases by providing the Vaccines for Children Program to children and adolescents who cannot pay for immunizations; educating health care professionals, medical providers and the public on the importance of vaccinations; and ensuring that children who are in child care and schools are adequately immunized against diseases that are harmful and sometimes deadly. The bureau operates through federal grant funding received by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The Immunization Program also provides education and immunization-record assessments for health care providers to increase coverage rates; maintains a central immunization registry called ShowMeVax; forecasts need; and gives technical assistance to providers and the general public regarding recommendations, vaccine safety, schedules and other general immunization information.

The Bureau of Immunizations focuses on preventing and controlling vaccine-preventable disease outbreaks through the Vaccines for Children Program and the Section for 317-Funded Vaccines. The program is an integral participant in pandemic influenza planning, vaccine distribution, provider education, communication, data management and reporting.

Telephone: (573) 751-6124



Vaccines for Children Program: (800) 219-3224

## **BUREAU OF REPORTABLE DISEASE INFORMATICS**

The Bureau of Reportable Disease Informatics (BRDI) focuses on data collection, management, reporting and analysis related to more than 90 reportable communicable (or infectious) diseases, sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and zoonotic diseases. BRDI maintains a statewide surveillance system (WebSurv), manages the enhanced HIV/AIDS Reporting System (eHARS) for HIV incidence and prevalence, and performs analysis of morbidity to identify geographic and demographic trends and risk factors. In addition to WebSurv and eHARS, BRDI manages the Missouri Electronic Surveillance System for Early Notification of Community-Based Epidemics (ESSENCE), which is a statewide syndromic surveillance system that looks at chief complaints from hospital emergency department visits. BRDI also provides some support to ShowMeVax, the statewide immunization registry, for data quality, analysis and data requests and collaborates with other Department units as necessary on projects related to priorities such as addressing the opioid overdose epidemic.

This bureau:

- Identifies communicable disease surveillance data needs, designs data collection processes/systems, develops and maintains data systems and datasets, analyzes and interprets data at regular intervals to track trends and provides regular reports on these analyses to support targeted interventions.
- Identifies opportunities for data quality improvement and areas to coordinate and integrate informatics-related services to provide more reliable, effective and efficient services.
- Supports program performance, operations, grants management and policy and procedure development by providing data-driven health information to department leadership.
- Monitors ESSENCE to detect diseases/conditions that may indicate an emergency/ bioterrorism event during the early stages of an event, which may be critical to the coordination of an appropriate response or intervention, thereby minimizing the impact to public health.
- Provides data and statistics as requested by researchers, public health professionals, legislators, media, educators and the public in accordance with statutes, regulations and policies regarding data confidentiality and use.

Telephone: (573) 526-5271

## **OFFICE OF VETERINARY PUBLIC HEALTH**

The Office of Veterinary Public Health (OVPH) conducts activities related to the prevention and control of zoonotic diseases that may be transmitted from animals native to Missouri, from animals introduced into the state through normal trade and commerce, or by an act of bioterrorism.

This office:

- Acts as a liaison with other agencies, such as the Missouri departments of Agriculture and Conservation, to maintain current knowledge of diseases occurring in animal populations that may affect humans.
- Conducts specific disease prevention programs, including the Rabies Program, that focus on consultations with medical providers to assess patient-risk factors, education of the public, vaccination of animals and other preventive measures.

- Coordinates with the private veterinary community, professional/educational institutions and various local, state and federal agencies to plan for and mitigate the results of natural and man-made contingencies that could result in transmission of animal-related diseases to people.
- Coordinates seasonal surveys conducted by local public health agencies and other organizations to determine the geographic distribution of mosquito populations and prevalence of mosquito-borne pathogens to help protect Missourians against mosquito-borne agents such as Zika virus and West Nile virus.
- Monitors the world-wide occurrence of vector-borne disease agents that could be used in a bioterrorism attack and or introduced accidentally into North America and assisting the department in developing response plans to address these situations.
- Provides technical consultation to district staff and local public health agencies regarding the epidemiologic investigation of zoonotic, tick- and mosquito-borne diseases in Missouri and monitoring the incidence and trends of these diseases.
- Facilitates local public health agencies' capacity to conduct tick- and mosquito-borne disease prevention activities by providing educational materials and developing locally based outreach strategies.
- Promotes evidence-based guidelines to health care providers on the diagnosis and management of tick- and mosquito-borne diseases.

Telephone: (573) 526-4780

## **SECTION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH**

The Section for Environmental Public Health is an integral part of public health safety for Missouri citizens. It provides emergency response to public health emergencies and natural disasters, including biological, chemical and radiological terrorism. The section assures rapid detection through a comprehensive surveillance system operated by public health staff that is prepared, through expertise and training, to detect conditions that may indicate an emergency/ bioterrorism event. Rapid response is assured through emergency response planning by public health staff members, who are deployed strategically to respond to a possible emergency/ bioterrorism event. The section is also responsible for oversight in food safety, regulating residential onsite wastewater systems and registering their professionals and licensing commercial lodging establishments, among other things. The section monitors, provides education and responds to environmentally related health hazards, such as elevated blood-lead levels, hazardous substance exposure, food recalls, foodborne outbreaks, as related to FDA recalls and other emergencies.

Telephone: (573) 751-6111

## **BUREAU OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**

The mission of the Bureau of Environmental Health Services is to protect the health of all Missourians and visitors to the state by ensuring healthy environments. Five unique environmental sanitation programs contribute to this goal—the Food Safety Program; the Environmental Child Care Program; the Lodging Program; and the On-site Sewage Program.

This bureau:

- Provides technical assistance, training and support to local public health agencies on a variety of environmental public health issues.

- Assures that routine retail food establishments such as restaurants, school food services, temporary food events, grocery stores, convenience food stores, bakeries, etc. are thoroughly and accurately inspected.
- Inspects food manufacturing/processing plants.
- Develops a contract to assure that summer food service sites for children are thoroughly and accurately inspected.
- Provides public health response to any emergencies affecting food, including food recalls.
- Issues licenses for frozen dessert machines based on inspections conducted by local health agencies.
- Conducts initial licensing inspections of proposed child care providers.
- Reviews blue prints to determine compliance with child care sanitation guidelines.
- Provides training to licensed child care providers.
- Provides an environmental response to any emergencies that affect licensed child care facilities, food manufacturing, food establishments, private water supplies and lodging facilities.
- Provides Lead Risk Assessments for licensed and proposed child care facilities.
- Provides consultation on recreational water supplies, including swimming pools.
- Issues licenses to those commercial lodging establishments that comply with the lodging rule.
- Conducts initial licensing inspections for lodging establishments.
- Permits and inspects new construction and repairs of On-site Wastewater Treatment System (OWTS) facilities in compliance with state standards in 31 counties.
- Provides technical and financial assistance to county and municipal agencies that permit new construction and repairs of OWTS facilities under local on-site sewage ordinances.
- Provides training courses for OWTS installers, advanced installers, inspectors/evaluators and local regulatory agency staff.
- Administers examinations for the on-site soil evaluators.
- Provides lists of on-site wastewater registered and licensed individuals to the public.
- Reviews new/innovative OWTS technology for compliance with standards and for effectiveness in protecting health and environment.

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## **BUREAU OF ENVIRONMENTAL EPIDEMIOLOGY**

The Bureau of Environmental Epidemiology is involved in the investigation and prevention of illnesses and medical conditions related to the environment. The bureau's efforts focus on illnesses and medical conditions associated with exposure to chemical, bacteriological and physical agents in our environment and in water we consume.

This office:

- Conducts epidemiological studies, identifies environmental health surveillance data needs, designs data collection processes/systems, develops and maintains data systems and datasets, analyzes and interprets environmental health data at regular intervals to track trends and provides regular reports on these analyses.
- Prepares and disseminates seasonal heat and cold advisories.
- Prepares an annual fish-consumption advisory and other specific advisories, in conjunction with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and the Missouri Department of Conservation, as well as preparing appropriate health education and outreach materials.

- Performs and evaluates health and quantitative risk assessments of hazardous waste sites, Brownfields sites and various work environments.
- Provides private drinking water well sampling for environmental contaminants with analysis by the State Public Health Laboratory or another laboratory, interprets the results, makes health-protective recommendations to private well owners and recommends and facilitates this service at the county level when possible.
- Coordinates public health responses to Missouri's numerous mining, milling and smelting sites contaminated with lead and other heavy metals.
- Provides citizens and professionals with technical assistance/education on a variety of indoor environmental issues, such as indoor lead exposure, air quality, radon and contaminant exposures and how to make indoor environments safer and healthier.
- Provides radon testing for Missouri's public schools and child care facilities.
- Provides indoor environmental quality assessments for state-owned and leased facilities, state parks and public schools.
- Provides free radon test kits for Missouri residents, communicating information and providing mitigation referrals as needed.
- Maintains the Adult Blood Lead Epidemiology and Surveillance (ABLES) state-based surveillance program of laboratory-reported adult blood lead levels.
- Maintains the state Childhood and Adult Lead Poisoning Prevention Programs that provide testing, surveillance, risk assessment, case management and health education for families of children with elevated blood lead levels.
- Reviews applications and qualifications to determine compliance with lead licensing rules and issuing licenses in six categories, including lead abatement workers, lead abatement supervisors, lead inspectors, risk assessors, project designers and lead abatement contractors (firms). Administers exams for Lead abatement supervisors, lead inspectors and risk assessors.
- Conducts inspections of lead abatement worksites to determine compliance with licensure regulations and work practice standards/regulations. Investigating complaints concerning lead-bearing substance activities.
- Provides accrediting and auditing lead training providers for Missouri lead professionals and firms.
- Coordinates and performs radiological safety inspections of radioactive material shipments traversing the state.
- Coordinates and provides radiological emergency response training to the state's first responders.
- Coordinates and provides radiological emergency response services for radiological incidents statewide.
- Works in partnership with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, other states' health and natural resource agencies and federal agencies and organizations on the continued development and maintenance of a national Environmental Public Health Tracking Network.
- Identifies chemical hazards and provides data to local public health agencies, including identifying certain sensitive sites that may be at risk from a release of a hazardous chemical from a fixed facility. Maps are provided that show where these hazards and the at-risk sites are located.

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## **SECTION OF EPIDEMIOLOGY FOR PUBLIC HEALTH PRACTICE**

The Section of Epidemiology for Public Health Practice serves as the highest scientific authority on issues related to the control and prevention of diseases and health risk behaviors in the state of Missouri. It houses the resources necessary to operate and maintain major public health information systems, state vital records and statistics, community health information and medical and public health epidemiology resources necessary to prevent, intervene and control diseases and conditions impacting the health of Missourians.

The section is involved in health data collection, from the enumeration of the population at risk (e.g., birth and death records) to health-care related experiences of Missourians (e.g., health data abstracting, health-care infections reporting); the collection, analysis and interpretation of data (e.g., Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS); the Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS); the Missouri Cancer Registry (MCR); the dissemination of health statistics (e.g., Missouri Information for Community Assessment (MICA)); and the distribution of downloadable public service announcements, brochures and other information.

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### **OFFICE OF EPIDEMIOLOGY**

The Office of Epidemiology uses science to guide and develop public health practices; monitors health status and health risk behaviors through effective use of public health surveillance systems; promotes evidence-based public health interventions; provides epidemiologic consultation for maternal and child health, communicable disease/environmental health and chronic disease and nutritional health initiatives; and prevents and controls disease outbreaks.

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Sub-units within the Office of Epidemiology include the following:

### **MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (MCH) TEAM:**

This office:

- Manages the Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS), which collects state-specific, population-based data on maternal attitudes and experiences before, during and shortly after pregnancy.
- Manages the Missouri Child Health Assessment and Program Survey (MoCHAPS)—a survey aimed at gathering information on various indicators pertaining to the health and well-being of very young children in Missouri.
- Analyzes maternal, fetal, infant and child vital statistics to develop recommendations for program development, evaluation and community change.
- Monitors MCH state and national performance measures, health system capacity indicators and health outcome measures.
- Provides data/epidemiological support in the design and planning of statistical analysis, program evaluation, technical expertise and training for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC). Provides support in identifying and then advising on epidemiological priorities, in collaboration with program staff conducting such activities and fosters active collaboration with other maternal child health programs and data units collecting data on WIC populations.

- Prepares/analyzes/presents/enters data for the annual Title V Block Grant Application, which includes national and state performance measures, national outcome measures, health status and health systems capacity indicators.
- Provides data and analytical and program evaluation support to maternal and child health programs.
- Disseminates Missouri-specific MCH data through website displays, reports, presentations and publications.

### **CHRONIC DISEASE AND NUTRITIONAL EPIDEMIOLOGY TEAM**

- Provides epidemiological leadership, expertise and consultation to chronic disease and nutrition programs and other customers to enhance the health and quality of life of Missourians.
- Monitors health status and behaviors through effective use of public health surveillance, which includes managing the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), Youth Tobacco Survey (YTS), Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), County-level Study (CLS and Missouri Cancer Registry (MCR).
- Prepares and disseminates data through website displays, reports, fact sheets, strategic plans and journal articles.
- Assists chronic disease and nutrition programs in conducting needs assessments and in planning and evaluating programs and policies that promote healthy lifestyles and prevention of diseases and complications.
- Identifies and compiles evidence-based interventions for preventing and controlling chronic diseases and conditions.
- Monitors progress toward national health objectives related to chronic diseases, conditions and health behaviors.
- Translates scientific findings into public health practice.
- Conducts applied public health research.

### **BUREAU OF HEALTH CARE ANALYSIS AND DATA DISSEMINATION**

The Bureau of Health Care Analysis and Data Dissemination collects, produces, analyzes and disseminates data-driven health information to promote better understanding of health problems and needs in Missouri and spotlights improvements and progress in the general health status of Missourians. Data products generated by the bureau aid and guide the planning, development and evaluation of programs and services of the department, as well as the health-related activities of other agencies, institutions and organizations.

This bureau:

- Coordinates the preparation and publication of health data and statistics on the department's website.
- Develops and disseminates population estimates for different geographies in the state.
- Updates and maintains the Web-based data and statistical resources found under the Missouri Public Health Information Management System (MOPHIMS) including the Community Data Profiles and the Missouri Information for Community Assessment (MICA) data query application tools.
- Promotes MOPHIMS through exhibits at conferences, hands-on training classes, newsletters and webinars.

- Collects and analyzes Patient Abstract System (PAS) data from hospitals, emergency rooms and ambulatory surgical centers.
- Collects, analyzes and reports data related to health care-associated infections.
- Supports the Injury Prevention Initiatives Program by studying the incidence of deaths, hospitalizations and emergency room visits due to injury and analyzes data to determine groups at high risk for injuries.
- Prepares various categories of PAS data (hospitalizations, emergency room visits, inpatient/outpatient procedures, charges and length of stay), injury data and for display in MOPHIMS.
- Publishes statistics on data reported for managed-care plans regarding access to care, quality of care and member satisfaction.
- Provides data for reports, grants and other publications across the department.
- Provides presentations related to data and statistics to various internal and external groups.

Provides data and statistics as requested by researchers, public health professionals, legislators, media, educators and the public in accordance with statutes, regulations and policies regarding data confidentiality and use.

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## **BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS**

The Department of Health and Senior Services administers and maintains the only vital statistics system in the state. The Bureau of Vital Statistics works in cooperation with the Bureau of Vital Records to fulfill this statutory function.

This bureau:

- Maintains vital statistics – birth, death, fetal death, abortion, marriage and divorce- and related health data systems as part of the data infrastructure for monitoring and evaluating the health status of Missourians.
- Provides vital statistics data analysis and statistical support to health programs, local public health agencies and other public health partners.
- Publishes statistical reports on the health status of Missourians on a routine and an ad hoc basis.
- Disseminates vital statistics and related health information via the Web and other media.
- Provides data and statistics as requested by researchers, public health professionals, legislators, media, educators and the public, in accordance with statutes, regulations and policies regarding data confidentiality and use.

The bureau also collects and maintains Missouri birth defect data

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## **BUREAU OF VITAL RECORDS**

The Department of Health and Senior Services serves as the state repository for vital records, a statutory responsibility fulfilled by the Bureau of Vital Records.

This bureau:

- Maintains the central registry of births, deaths and reports of fetal deaths for the state of Missouri.
- Maintains reports of marriages and divorces for the state of Missouri.
- Maintains a Putative Father Registry.
- Prepares new certificates as instructed by court order or as a result of adoption or legitimation.
- Issues certified copies of births, deaths, reports of fetal deaths and statements relating to marriages and divorces.
- Corrects or amends vital records as authorized by state law.
- Conducts workshops and trainings for hospital personnel and local public health agencies to ensure the complete, accurate and timely registration of vital records.
- Conducts workshops and provides technical assistance to funeral directors, medical examiners/coroners and physicians to ensure that death records are properly completed, legible and promptly registered.
- Cooperates with the Bureau of Vital Statistics in providing vital statistics data to the public, researchers and national, state and local public health agencies, in accordance with state statutes and regulations.

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