

# Friday Facts

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## HIGHLIGHTS

### WIC UPDATES

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

- Upcoming state holiday
- FFY 2025 budget planning survey
- Vote on eWIC card design
- WIC Retailer Training for LAs

### HEAD START LEAD TESTING EVENT SIGN-UPS!!!

The DHSS Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP) wants to partner with you to offer testing events at your local Head Start. What does this look like? DHSS will provide test kits and the point-of-care testing device along with staff to run the machine, local Health Departments will provide lancets, band aids, stickers (optional) and nurses to collect the blood, and Head Start programs get consent for testing from the parents. We travel onsite to conduct the testing which helps families access lead testing opportunities. If you are interested in partnering with DHSS and your local Head Start, please complete the sign-up form. If you have questions, please contact Maggie Burns at: [Maggie.burns@health.mo.gov](mailto:Maggie.burns@health.mo.gov) or Teresa Wortmann at [Teresa.wortmann@health.mo.gov](mailto:Teresa.wortmann@health.mo.gov). You may call 573-751-6102 and ask for the CLPPP nurses. Click [here](#) for request form.

### ACCREDITATION RESOURCE LIBRARY

Are you going through the accreditation process and looking for checklists, specific examples, or additional resources to support your efforts? Well, if so, check out MOCPE's Accreditation Resource Library!

**Be sure to save this link as a bookmark on your browse to make it easier to visit**

**as needed:** [MOCPE Accreditation Resources](#).

### AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE – MISSOURI PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION

The Missouri Public Health Association (MPHA) will be presenting awards on September 18 at the Public Health Conference in Columbia at the Holiday Inn Expo Center. **Check out the many Awards and Scholarships available on the MPHA website!** Nominations for both are due by September 1, and can be found at: [Scholarships - MOPHA - Missouri Public Health Association](#). Call MPHA if you have any questions: 573.634.7977. We look forward to your participation.

## [LPHA Job Opportunities](#)

### Links to Valuable Resources

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

## DHSS CORNER

### DHSS JOB OPPORTUNITIES/NEWS:

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

## MEETINGS, CONFERENCES, AND TRAININGS

### State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) Upcoming Courses

Please view upcoming courses being offered by the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA). See [flyer](#) for registration status. This section contains courses that have a target audience that includes Public Health, Medical (Hospital) or Healthcare.

### FREE Show Me Education and Compliance Training for Tobacco and Nicotine Retailers

During the 2023 FDA compliance check inspections, tobacco retailers sold to underage persons 13% of the time - that's more than 1 in 10. Please share this new training developed to increase compliance with sales laws and decrease sales and youth access to tobacco and nicotine products. Owners, managers, and clerks of establishments that sell tobacco and nicotine products are highly encouraged to utilize this free resource. This training includes addressing youth access in the retail environment, and an overview of federal, state, and local laws. Those taking the training will also receive an overview of the various agencies responsible for regulating and enforcing the tobacco industry and tools to help detect false identification. **Access the resource:** <https://showmetobacco.education/>.

### MOCPE Accreditation Cohorts | Beginning May and June | Virtual

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

### Free Opioid Training Opportunity

The *Illicit Fentanyl Crisis & Drug Poisonings: Understanding, Awareness, Action* training will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm at the Branson Chamber of Commerce, 4100 Gretna Rd Branson, MO 65616. This training is presented by Brian Townsend, MOCIC Law Enforcement Training Coordinator. For questions and to register, please email: [training@mocic.riss.net](mailto:training@mocic.riss.net).

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

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

Current dates available include:

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

Please contact: [educationservices@phaboard.org](mailto:educationservices@phaboard.org) with any questions.

## **LPHA New Administrator Orientation — July 10-July 11**

We are gearing up for our New Administrator Orientation and we hope you can join us for the big event in Jefferson City at the Courtyard by Marriott on July 10 and July 11! As always you don't have to be new to join us! We love having our seasoned LPHA's join us as well! Seasoned LPHAs, your knowledge, stories, and expertise are vital to what makes this training successful. It is a great way to get to know and welcome your new colleagues!

**HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS:** Like our orientations in the past, we **WILL** pay for your hotel room cost on July 9 and 10.

**MEALS:** We will provide lunch on July 10 **AND** breakfast and lunch on July 11.

**PLEASE NOTE:** We do **NOT** provide dinner at the conclusion of day one, July 10, but we do like to get everyone together as a group to go out to dinner and visit. This is our networking time and other staff from DHSS join us for dinner. It is always a great time with lots of laughs and we encourage you to come!

**DAY 1** – Wednesday, July 10 - This day starts early with an **OPTIONAL** tour of the Missouri State Public Health Lab at 10:00 am, but please arrive no later than 9:45 am for check-in as there is a special security procedure you will need to go through. If you have never been on a tour of the lab, I highly recommend it as our SPHL is truly something special! If you opt out of the SPHL tour, the day will start at the hotel at 12:30 pm. Reminder...you don't have to worry about lunch, we promise we will feed you when you arrive at the hotel!

**DAY 2** – Thursday, July 11- On this day, breakfast will be served starting at 7:30 am and the first session will start at 8:00 am and ending time is tentatively set for 2:30 pm.

Please register using the following link: [https://missouriwic.iad1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_4Nq7RRiKLQURQDI](https://missouriwic.iad1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_4Nq7RRiKLQURQDI).

**Registration will close on May 31.** As soon as registration closes, we will send out a confirmation email on June 3 and you will have 3 days to respond to confirm your attendance. The agenda and additional information will be sent out soon! If you have any questions or concerns, please email Jennifer Harrison at: [jennifer.harrison@health.mo.gov](mailto:jennifer.harrison@health.mo.gov).

## **LPHA JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

### **FULL-TIME NUTRITIONIST/DIETITIAN -- Camden County Health Department.**

The Camden County Health Department has an immediate opening for a full time (35 hours/week) Nutritionist/Dietitian in the WIC program. The candidate must have graduated from an accredited four-year college or university with a Bachelor's degree in Public Health Nutrition, Dietetics, Home Economics, or closely related field; including or supplemented by at least fifteen (15) semester hours in food and nutrition including diet therapy and community nutrition. The selected candidate will provide nutrition education to WIC eligible participants and assess their nutritional needs for certification eligibility. Resumes will be accepted by email, at: [jennifer.finley@lpha.mo.gov](mailto:jennifer.finley@lpha.mo.gov) or mail, PO Box 816 Camdenton, MO 65020. This institution is an equal opportunity employer.

### **FULL-TIME WIC CERTIFIER—Clay County Public Health Center**

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

### **HR SPECIALIST VOLUNTEER & INTERN – Clay County Public Health Center**

The Clay County Public Health Center, nationally accredited by the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) has an opening for a full-time HR Specialist Volunteer and Intern. The Human Resources Specialist is responsible for performing administrative duties within the Operations Team, including but not limited to assisting with human resources processes and general agency-related activities as assigned. This position oversees the volunteer and intern program. Visit: [clayhealth.com](http://clayhealth.com).

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

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

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

The Columbia/Boone County Department of Public Health and Human Services is accepting applications for a Public Health Nurse to join the department's Community Health Nursing Unit. The full-time position reports to the Nursing Supervisor and includes the following: general public health nursing services, health education activities, communicable disease surveillance and investigation, TB testing and treatment, immunizations, and lab specimen collection. Applicants should have at least one year of relevant nursing experience and a Bachelor's degree in Nursing. An Associate degree in Nursing plus additional experience will also be considered. Applicants must be licensed to practice as a Registered Nurse by the Missouri State Board of Nursing. A complete job description, salary information and an online application are available at: <https://www.gocomojobs.com/postings/31296>.

### **ADMINISTRATOR – Macon County Health Department**

Macon County Health Department is in the process of accepting applications for an Administrator. The Administrator is responsible for all aspects and functions of managing the health department, to include managing staff, public health programs, and community relations; all aspects of business control including strategic planning, human resources, fiscal management, emergency planning, and policy management. Duties include department Security Officer, Custodian of Records, County Health Officer, and Local Registrar. Position is accountable to an elected Board of Trustees. Administrator is a salaried position working a minimum of 40 hours each week, requiring a Bachelor's Degree and three years minimum supervision/management experience. Essential skills include ethical conduct; exceptional written and verbal communication skills; financial, business and leadership acumen; with a good head for strategic thinking. Salary is commensurate with experience. Benefits include health and life insurance, optional supplemental insurances for vision and dental, Lager's retirement, accrued vacation and sick time, and several paid holidays. Submit completed application (Quick Links/Forms tab at [www.maconmohealth.org](http://www.maconmohealth.org)) and resume' by 5:00 p.m. June 15 to: Macon County Health Department, 503 N. Missouri Street, Macon, MO 63552. Or email: [mchambers@maconmohealth.org](mailto:mchambers@maconmohealth.org).

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

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

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

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

### **FULL-TIME NUTRITIONIST/DIETITIAN — Affinia Healthcare**

Affinia Healthcare has an immediate opening for a full time Nutritionist/Dietitian in the WIC program. The candidate must have graduated from an accredited four-year college or university with a Bachelor's Degree in Public Health Nutrition, Dietetics, Home Economic, or closely related field; including or supplemented by at least fifteen (15) semester hours in food and nutrition including diet therapy and community nutrition. The selected candidate will provide nutrition education to WIC eligible participants and assess their nutritional needs for certification eligibility. Resumes will be accepted **by email only** to: [kgore@affiniahealthcare.org](mailto:kgore@affiniahealthcare.org). This institution is an equal opportunity employer.

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

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

### **PART-TIME BREASTFEEDING PEER COUNSELOR — Family Care Health Centers**

Family Care Health Centers is accepting applications for a part-time (24 hours/week) Breastfeeding Peer Counselor. Responsibilities include providing breastfeeding information and support to new mothers and helping them achieve their breastfeeding goals. Personal breastfeeding experience required. Apply online at: <https://familycarehealthcenters.org/employment-application/>.

### **FULL-TIME COMMUNITY DIETITIAN — Family Care Health Centers**

Family Care Health Centers is accepting applications for a full-time Community Dietitian. Responsibilities include providing nutrition education and counseling to eligible WIC families, outpatient medical nutrition therapy, and community outreach. Qualifications: BS in Nutrition, RD or RD eligible; Licensed in Missouri. Apply online at: <https://familycarehealthcenters.org/employment-application/>.

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

The People's Health Centers WIC Program has an immediate opening for a full time Nutritionist/Dietitian in the WIC program. The candidate must have graduated from an accredited four-year college or university with a Bachelor's degree in Public Health Nutrition, Dietetics, Home Economics, or closely related field; including or supplemented by at least fifteen (15) semester hours in food and nutrition including diet therapy and community nutrition. The selected candidate will provide nutrition education to WIC eligible participants and assess their nutritional needs for certification eligibility. Resumes will be accepted by online application at: <https://peoplesfamilystl.org/careers/>.

Paula Nickelson, DHSS Director, DHSS Staff  
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