

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/>

- Administrative technical assistance (TA) staff phone coverage.
- FFY 2025 local agency WIC contracts.
- WIC retailer monitoring invitation for local agency (LA) staff.
- WebGrants nutrition education status report.
- Online WIC card project update.
- Request for WIC images.

CELEBRATING NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH

This September kicks off 35 years of recognizing and celebrating National Recovery Month. Health, home, purpose and community help people recover from mental health conditions and substance use addictions. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) provides a toolkit is a one-stop shop for social media content, resources and promotional materials that are all downloadable and shareable. To access the toolkit, go to: [National Recovery Month | SAMHSA](#). DMH's Division of Behavioral Health offers peer support to those experiencing mental health and/or substance use disorders. Support is essential to recovery. Peer support services are delivered by certified individuals who have been successful in recovery and help others experiencing similar situations. For more information, go here: <https://dmh.mo.gov/behavioral-health/treatment-services/specialized-programs/peer-support-services>.

**FOUNDATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES GAP ANALYSIS

The deadline for submitting Modules 1 & 2 of the Foundational Public Health Services (FPHS) Gap Analysis project is quickly approaching on Wednesday, September 17. **Note:** If your health department completes the Gap Analysis by September 17, 2024, it will be eligible to receive 25% of the incentive dollars allocated to the department through the FY25 LPHA Incentive Program. If you have questions or need any assistance, don't hesitate to contact the Gap Analysis Team: FPHSgap@missouri.edu.

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.

Suicide Awareness-September 13

Did you know September is Suicide Prevention month? The Suicide & Crisis Lifeline provides free 24/7 confidential support for people in distress. If you or someone you care about needs help, contact:

[988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline - Call. Text. Chat. \(988lifeline.org\)](tel:988).

Suicide is the 11 leading cause of death in the United States. More than 48,100 people die by suicide each year. Suicide is often preventable. For more information, including free downloadable brochures and posters, go to: <https://www.nimh.nih.gov/get-involved/digital-shareables/shareable-resources-on-suicide-prevention>.

If you are interested in participating in a local "Out of the Darkness Walk," please visit:

[https://supporting.afsp.org/index.cfm?](https://supporting.afsp.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.eventList&eventGroupID=9AA117B3-F522-BB6D-359D1AA2D75A7958&state=MO)

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**Joint Public Health Conference - Wellness Room

Join us in Columbia on September 18-19 for a hands-on wellness experience that will engage all of your senses! See the flyer for more details.

[Joint Public Health Conference - Wellness Room Flyer | dmh.mo.gov](#).

**A Mental Health Symposium -- Columbia/Boone County Public Health and Human Services

Columbia/Boone County Public Health and Human Services would like to invite you to A Day of Learning: A Mental Health Symposium Thursday, September 26. The Symposium includes various topics that touch on mental health and suicide prevention. You may register for part of the day or the whole day. The breakdown of the day is below:

- 9:00 am Talk Saves Lives
- 10:15 am Missouri student survey results in Boone County and practical strategies for discussing substance use prevention with youth
- 12:30 pm - VA Services and Resources
- 1:45 pm Conversations for Suicide Safer Homes

Register by scanning the qr code on the [flyer](#), or for registration questions please contact Monica Stokes at: monica.stokes@como.gov or call: (573) 874-7285.

****Mental Health First Aid (MHFA for Adults)**

The following Mental Health First Aid (MHFA for Adults) courses are available for registration:

Oct 10 – 9 am - 4 pm Location: Kirksville - DMH Satellite Office, 1702 E. LaHarpe, Kirksville, MO 63501
<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/hnj2efn/lp/afbd5559-9c4a-4afd-ab8f-b7fa3d3c675b>

Nov 4 – 9 am - 4 pm Location: St. Charles - St. Charles County Government – Public Health, 1650 Boone's Lick Road, St. Charles, MO 63301
<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/yrmcr2/lp/9eb34449-17b7-4d88-801d-e539a6f2fa71>

Nov 12 – 9 am – 4 pm Location: Springfield - Burrell Behavioral Health Center, 2885 West Battlefield Road, Springfield, MO 65807
<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/ppy9fz3/lp/d93e6d83-bd1b-4009-b217-847cb49c0bdb>

****2024 National Amish Health Conference -- Best Practices in Communication, Access, Delivery and Design Salt Fork State Park Lodge and Conference Center -- November 12-15, 2024**

The National Amish Health Conference is the premier continuing education event for evidence-based, community led initiatives that have improved the health of the Amish and Plain communities. Attendees will explore the past, present, and future of community health within the Amish and Plain communities. Speakers represent the Amish, Plain, rural, and healthcare communities and will address a variety of disciplines that impact the health of the community in culturally sensitive manner. Anyone interested in Amish and Rural Health should attend! Please visit: www.appalcare.org for more conference details or call: 1-877-463-3686 x710. See [registration information](#) or [flyer](#) for details.

Save the Date!

****Public Health Nursing Community of Practice Regional Public Health Nurse Meetings—**

There will be four meetings with the same agenda. Select the date/location that works best for you.

9:30 am-12:30 pm

Wednesday, November 13, 2024: Sedalia

Tuesday, December 3, 2024: Springfield

Wednesday, December 4, 2024: Cape Girardeau

Thursday, December 5, 2024: Marceline

Topics: Communicable Diseases, Immunizations, Networking & Sharing

More information and registration link coming soon!

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 or mail, PO Box 816 Camdenton, MO 65020. This institution is an equal opportunity employer.

****PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (PHHS) DIRECTOR – City of Columbia**

The City of Columbia is recruiting for a Public Health and Human Services (PHHS) Director to lead Columbia/Boone County Public Health and Human Services, a Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) accredited department. The Director provides leadership to a department of 104 full-time equivalent employees within six divisions: Administration, Planning and Promotion, Human Services, Prevention and Investigation, Community Health, and Environmental Health and Safety (including Animal Control). The Director reports to the Columbia City Manager, maintains a close working relationship with the Boone County Commission, and serves a population of nearly 188,000 people. To view the full job description and apply for this position, please visit: <https://www.gocomojobs.com/postings/31895>.

****NUTRITIONIST– 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 Nutritionist. The Nutritionist performs activities within the Community Health Promotion Team, including nutrition assessments, assigning risk factors, and providing appropriate nutrition and breastfeeding education according to the state Women, Infants & Children (WIC) program policies and procedures. This position is eligible for a hybrid remote work program following a six-month training period (one day per week). The Health Center offers a competitive compensation & benefit package and is located in the Greater Kansas City area. For more details on qualifications and position requirements, visit: clayhealth.com.

****COMMUNITY HEALTH EDUCATOR – Clay County Public Health Center**

The Community Health Educator (CHE) collaborates with community members to determine health needs, deliver health education, and implement evidence-based health interventions. CHE's are responsible for community outreach, establishing new partnerships, and bolstering existing community relationships. This position is eligible for a hybrid remote work program following a six-month training period (two days per week). The Health Center offers a competitive compensation & benefit package and is located in the Greater Kansas City area. For more details on qualifications and position requirements, visit: clayhealth.com.

****ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST – 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 Environmental Health Specialist. The Environmental Specialist enforces public health sanitation laws and regulations and investigates public health issues. Visit: clayhealth.com.

****ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH SPECIALIST -- Miller County Health Center**

The Miller County Health Center is seeking candidates for a full-time EPHS to earn some amazing benefits, including a 37 ½ hour work week, 100% health, dental, vision, life, and retirement, 37 days of paid time off per year (vacation, sick, & holiday), tuition reimbursement, and a very robust wellness program. Annual salary range \$45,000 to \$57,000, dependent on education and experience. A Bachelor of Science is preferred, but not required with adequate experience in food sanitation (kitchen management, food production, etc.) and most public health backgrounds will be considered. Resume and inquiries to: mchc@millercountyhealth.com will be accepted until the position is filled.

****ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH SPECIALIST – Platte County Health Department**

Platte County Health Department is seeking a full-time Environmental Public Health Specialist. Primary responsibilities include inspection of food establishments, lodging establishments, and childcare facilities, as well as onsite wastewater treatment systems. Platte County is a fast-growing county in the Kansas City area and offers a high quality of life. Excellent salary and employee benefits package. Bachelor's degree from an accredited four-year college or university with 30 semester hours of course work in physical, biological, or soil science or closely related field is required. Applications will be accepted until position is filled. To apply or for more information, please email Cindy Gallagher, HR & Finance Manager at cindy.gallagher@plattehealth.com.

****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. This institution is an equal opportunity employer.

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

The People's Health Centers WIC Program has an immediate opening for a full time Nutritionist/Dietitian in the WIC program. The candidate must have graduated from an accredited four-year college or university with a Bachelor's degree in Public Health Nutrition, Dietetics, Home Economics, or closely related field; including or supplemented by at least fifteen (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/>.

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