

# 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 agency closures
- Subrecipient annual financial report
- New WebGrants claim enhancements
- December 2024 social media
- Changes to district technical assistance (TA) staff

### UPCOMING TRAINING FOUNDATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES GAP ANALYSIS PROJECT

The FPHS Gap Analysis team is launching trainings for Module 1: Current Financials in January 2025. These trainings will review updates made to the gap analysis tool and will prepare LPHAs to complete the gap analysis for their FY24 financial reporting. **Agency points of contact:** Watch your email inbox for guidance on registering for the FPHS Gap Analysis project! **Questions? Contact the FPHS Project Team:**

[FPHSgap@missouri.edu](mailto:FPHSgap@missouri.edu).

### MISSOURI ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION AWARDS -- CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The Missouri Environmental Health Association Awards nomination period for the 2025 Spring Annual Education Conference is open! This annual event celebrates outstanding achievements and excellence in the Environmental Public Health field. If you know someone deserving of recognition, don't hesitate to nominate them. Submit your nominations by December 31! For more details and to make your submission visit the official MEHA Awards page: [MEHA Awards](https://mehamo.org/awards). Do not miss this opportunity to honor excellence! Nomination Deadline December 31, 2024. Use our online nomination form <https://mehamo.org/awards>. Questions? Contact Mark Snyder: [msnyder@maconmohealth.org](mailto:msnyder@maconmohealth.org).

### FROSTBITE AND HYPOTHERMIA -- AVOID. SPOT. TREAT.

As cold weather approaches, social media messages can provide a good reminder to bundle up and watch for frostbite and hypothermia. Messages along with graphics are in the [LPHA Info Hub](#).

## [LPHA Job Opportunities](#)

### **Links to Valuable Resources**

- [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](#)
- [Midwest Public Health Training Center](#)

### **PIKE COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL – PIKE RECOVERY — OPIOID TREATMENT CLINIC**

Pike Recovery is an Opioid Treatment Clinic that holds immense importance in our community as a beacon of hope and healing for individuals struggling with opioid addiction. In the face of the opioid epidemic, recovery clinics provide a crucial lifeline by offering Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT), specifically utilizing Suboxone, to address both the physical and psychological aspects of addiction. By integrating medications with counseling and behavioral therapy, Pike recovery provides a comprehensive approach to healing, helping individuals manage withdrawal symptoms, curb cravings, and embark on a journey toward a substance-free life. Please see [flyer](#) for more information and Peer Recovery Groups.

### **WARMING CENTERS MAP**

Warming centers provide a heated place for people to go during extremely cold weather. The Department of Health & Senior Services maintains an interactive map of warming centers/shelters to be used by the public. This interactive map of [warming centers in Missouri](#) is accessible to the public on the department's website. If you are aware of additions or deletions to the list of warming centers in your county, please send those changes to Marcia Davis at: [marcia.davis@health.mo.gov](mailto:marcia.davis@health.mo.gov) as soon as possible. We want to include information on all sites designated as warming centers. Information needed is name of facility, street address, city, phone number, and hours of operation as well as whether the facility is ADA compliant.

### **SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (SAMHSA) – HOLIDAY TOOLKIT**

The National Alliance on Mental Health (NAMI) conducted a survey that found 64 percent of individuals living with a mental health illness experience worsened conditions around the holidays. Isolation, loneliness and stress can be difficult for anyone, especially those living with mental health and/or substance use disorders. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) provides a 24-hour-a-day, 365-days-per-year national hotline (1-800-662-HELP (4357) for individuals and families facing mental health and/or substance use disorders. This service provides referrals to local treatment facilities, support groups and community-based organizations. Be prepared for the hustle and bustle of the holiday season. Visit SAMHSA [here](#) to learn some strategies for supporting your mental health during the holiday season. Get SAMHSA's [holiday toolkit](#) for graphics, banners and tips.

## **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.

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

DMH is partnering with the Missouri Institute for Mental Health (MIMH) to provide several regional trainings and two virtual trainings on Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) for adults. MHFA teaches you how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges among adults.

To register for an upcoming virtual training:

**January 16, 2025** [Register here for virtual course](#)

**January 24, 2025** [Register here for virtual course](#)

Are you interested in becoming a certified trainer in MHFA? Starting in the fall of 2025, DMH will roll out a scholarship program for a 3-day virtual Train-the Trainer course – free for those accepted. Watch for details in 2025!

# 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.

## **UTILITY WORKER – City of St. Louis Department of Health**

Job duties include:

- Operates the Community Outreach Vehicles
- Ensures vehicles are fueled and maintained with adequate battery charge and understands the functionality of onboard equipment
- Maintains accurate mileage and maintenance forms
- Performs pre- and post-trip vehicle checks for proper operation and report malfunctions or needs
- Coordinates, plans deploys/drives the Department of Health community outreach vehicle using the safest routes based on traffic conditions and safely staging vehicles at City-sponsored events or where DOH participates in Community events

Please see job description for further details: [Job Description - Utility Worker \(Part-time\) \(Health\) \(2400012H\) \(stlouis-mo.gov\)](#).

## **CLIENT SERVICE COORDINATOR I -- CJC Health**

Job duties include:

- Oversight, assessment, and evaluation of the planning, organization, and coordination of re-entry services by the CJC healthcare re-entry staff, including, but not limited to, employment, housing, education, substance abuse
- Treatment, mental health services, and other relevant areas
- Track outcomes and evaluate the effectiveness of provider re-entry services and programs in promoting successful reintegration and reducing recidivism rates
- Compile data and prepare reports to document program activities, outcomes, and areas for improvement

Please see job description for further details: [Job Description - Client Service Coordinator I \(CJC Health\) \(2400012B\)](#).

## **ACCOUNTING SPECIALIST – Clay County Public Health Center**

Under the supervision of the Program Manager of Accounting, the Accounting Specialist is responsible for carrying out assigned accounting and administrative duties in a professional manner to meet program goals. Visit: [clayhealth.com](http://clayhealth.com).

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

The Health Center seeks candidates for the position of a Community Health Educator to perform activities within the Community Health Promotion Team. 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. Visit: [clayhealth.com](http://clayhealth.com).

## **DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES/SECTION CHIEF OF OPERATIONS – Clay County Public Health Center**

With guidance from the Deputy Director, the Section Chief of Operations/Director of Human Resources is responsible for carrying out section objectives- including managing all human resource functions- as well as evaluating program services and ensuring compliance with local, state and federal laws, contract requirements and Section policies and procedures. The Section Chief also supervises, and coordinates activities of personnel engaged in carrying out program goals. Visit: [clayhealth.com](http://clayhealth.com).

## **NUTRITIONIST – Clay County Public Health Center**

The WIC Nutritionist provides accurate nutrition assessments, assigns risk factors, and provides appropriate nutrition and breastfeeding education to all participants according to the state WIC Program policies and procedures. Visit: [clayhealth.com](http://clayhealth.com).

### **ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH SPECIALIST (EPHS) -- Pulaski County Health Center**

The Pulaski County Health Center seeks candidates for a full-time Environmental Public Health Specialist (EPHS). Graduation from an accredited four-year college or university with course work (30 semester hours minimum) in environmental health, biology, bacteriology, or sanitary science or in combination of these areas and one year of environmental health experience is preferred. The EPHS is responsible for inspections relating to environmental public health programs, including the following: food safety inspection; childcare facility sanitation and safety; commercial lodging sanitation and safety; environmental public health factors related to disaster response and/or food transportation accidents; response to food recalls and/or other duties as assigned. Work schedule is 36-40 hours per week. Benefit package includes medical insurance, LAGERS retirement, PTO, and paid holidays. Pay will be based on education and experience. Resumes can be submitted to Karen Wall at: [karen.wall@pha.mo.gov](mailto:karen.wall@pha.mo.gov) or dropped off at PCHC at 104 Ashley May Street, Waynesville, MO. Resumes should be submitted no later than 4:00pm, November 30, 2024.

### **VETERINARIAN – St. Louis County Department of Public Health**

The veterinarian position will oversee the health of all animals at St. Louis County's animal shelter. This position requires on-call and weekend hours as needed. These requirements can be negotiated with the candidate upon start date. Examples of duties include overseeing the health of all animals at St. Louis County's animal shelter, determining the nature of and treating health conditions in animals medically and/or surgically, and performing spay/neuter operations as required. Requires licensure as a Veterinarian with the Missouri Veterinary Medical Board or a Provisional Missouri License. New graduates are encouraged to apply. For more information, visit:

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/stlouis/jobs/4680365/veterinarian>.

### **VETERINARY TECHNICIAN – St. Louis County Department of Public Health**

The veterinary technician position will examine and oversee the general health of all animals at St. Louis County's animal shelter. Examples of duties include examining and evaluating the overall health of all animals in the shelter, administering medication, assisting the veterinarian during surgery, and monitoring animals during recovery period, conducting pre-adoption health examinations, as well as preparing animals for adoption. Minimum requirements: registered as a Veterinary Technician. New graduates are strongly encouraged to apply. For more information, visit:

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/stlouis/jobs/4680304/veterinary-technician>.

### **FULL-TIME WIC CLERK/HEALTH PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANT—Family Care Health Centers**

The Family Care Health Centers WIC clinic is accepting applications for a full-time WIC Clerk/Health Professional Assistant. Responsibilities include determining eligibility of WIC applicants, collecting and documenting height, weight, blood work data, and providing clerical support. Strong customer service skills required. Qualifications: High School Diploma/GED; 1+ years WIC experience preferred. Apply online at: <https://familycarehealthcenters.org/employment-application/>.

### **PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE/RN -- Warren County Health Department**

Warren County Health Department has an opening for a Public Health Nurse/RN. Warren County offers a competitive total compensation package. We are looking for a great RN who would love to work full-time with our community- usual schedule is Monday-Friday days (all State and Federal Holidays off)! New grads are welcome to apply. Click here: <https://warrencountyhealth.com/hiring-full-time-rn-position/> for the full job description and application or send you resume to: [swhite@warrencountymo.org](mailto:swhite@warrencountymo.org).

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