

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
- Missouri WIC Conference follow-up information
- Upcoming changes to the job openings page
- Open position for state agency WIC northwest administrative specialist

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.

NEW RESOURCE GUIDE FOR MISSOURI FAMILIES

Missouri families now have a new tool at their fingertips: a comprehensive resource guide designed to support parents and caregivers of children from birth to age 12. This guide, developed in partnership by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) and LifeCourse Nexus Training and Technical Assistance Center (UMKC Institute for Human Development), provides descriptions, links and phone numbers of various statewide resources and is organized by types of supports which are categorized as discovery and navigation, connecting and networking, and goods and services.

While the guide is useful for all families, it was targeted to assist Missouri families of children with special health care needs and disabilities, highlighting Missouri Family to Family and the Special Health Care Needs Family Partnership. Both programs provide free statewide services and are staffed by parents or family members of individuals with special health care needs or disabilities.

To access the guide online, visit: Health.Mo.Gov/SHCN. To request physical copies of the resource guide, please contact the DHSS Bureau of Special Health Care Needs by phone at (573) 751-6246 or email at info@health.mo.gov.

Meetings, Conferences, and Trainings

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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](#)

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](#). 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.

NACCHO -- 2025 RESILIENCE CATALYSTS IN PUBLIC HEALTH PILOT PROGRAM -- FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

NACCHO's Health Equity and Social Justice team is accepting applications for the **2025 Resilience Catalysts in Public Health Pilot Program**. This initiative, supported by funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), invites local health departments (LHDs) to participate in piloting tools designed to enhance community resilience and support health equity efforts.

NACCHO, in partnership with the [Center for Community Resilience](#), is offering funding to LHDs to pilot one of two tools:

- **Implementation Guide:** Supports LHDs in implementing the Resilience Catalysts framework, including conducting root cause analyses, developing focus areas, and creating communication plans
- **Evaluation Roadmap:** Helps LHDs build evaluation capacity through tailored e-learning modules and guidance

Funding Opportunity:

- Up to \$15,000 per LHD to support participation in this pilot
- Funding is available for four (4) LHDs

Eligibility:

- LHDs must commit 2–5 staff and up to 50 hours to pilot testing
- Applicants for the **Implementation Guide** must have a programmatic interest in ACEs, injury/violence prevention, or racial/economic equity
- Applicants for the **Evaluation Roadmap** must be prior Resilience Catalysts participants

Important Dates:

- **Informational Webinar:** Monday, December 16, 1:00–2:00 PM EST
- **Application Deadline:** Tuesday, December 31, 11:59 PM EST
- **Project Period:** February–May 2025

For more information, register for webinar, or download application go to:

[RFA: Resilience Catalysts in Public Health Pilot Program - NACCHO](#).

LOCAL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE -- GAP ANALYSIS SURVEY

The Missouri DHSS State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP) Priority Issue 4: Emerging Public Health Threat Preparedness has created a Local Emergency Preparedness and Response Gap Analysis Survey. The survey has sections on hazard and threat concerns for communities. It also includes questions on mitigation and response, emergency preparedness, communications and community organizations. We invite any local/city/county/community agency to provide feedback through this survey. The results will be used to inform design of future trainings/SHIP Activities and will also provide data for the 2025 Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) grant Risk Assessment. The survey will take approximately 30 minutes to complete. Once you start you cannot save your answers and go back at a later time. We appreciate your willingness to help us understand the threats, hazards and training needs for Missouri communities when it comes to emergency preparedness, response, and recovery. Survey Link: <https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/83cd1ddd92404bd99569c0559b027706>. Your assistance is greatly appreciated. If possible, please complete the survey before Thursday, January 9. If you have questions please email: dms@health.mo.gov.

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!

Save the Date -- Lactation Conference

The CoxHealth Education Center and Greater Ozarks Regional Breastfeeding Coalition would like to invite you to Save the Date for our next Lactation Conference on Friday September 12, 2025. It will be offered virtual or in-person at the Foster Auditorium, Cox Medical Center South in Springfield Missouri. Our keynote presenter will be Lisa Marasco, MA, IBCLC, FILCA with topics on Counseling the High Need Parent, Low Milk Production, and Boost Your Prolactin IQ. A breakout session on Metabolic Health or Breastfeeding and Baby-Led Weaning will also be offered. Lunch will be provided for those attending in person and education credits will be provided for all attendees. Registration will open on Eventbrite July 2025! For more information see [flyer](#).

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

DIRECTOR OF EPIDEMIOLOGY -- Dent County Health Center

The Dent County Health Center in Salem, Missouri is looking for a Director of Epidemiology. This position oversees the fetal and infant mortality review board for Southwest/South Central Missouri and supervises two case investigators. A Master of Public Health degree and management experience is preferred. Also available are two case investigators, one which focuses on fetal and infant mortality review and one that focuses on communicable diseases. A degree or experience in a health-related field is required. Please go to: <https://www.indeed.com/cmp/Dent-County-Health-Center> for the full job descriptions.

ADMINISTRATOR -- Howard County Public Health Department

The Howard County Commission is seeking applications for a full-time Administrator position in the Howard County Public Health Department, located 30 minutes northwest of Columbia in Fayette. This position answers directly to the Commission and oversees the daily operations of the health department. Qualifications for this position include leadership skills, budgeting and financial management, the ability to multitask, proficiency in Word and Excel software, and excellent verbal and written skills. A bachelor's degree in business administration/management or health administration, and/or administrative experience with public health experience is preferred. A Missouri State Registered Nurse license is preferred but not exclusionary dependent upon other skills and experience. Interested parties should email Michelle Reynolds and Marsha Broadus at: michelle.r.reynolds@lpha.mo.gov and marsha.broadus@lpha.mo.gov. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. For questions, call the Public Health Department at 660-248-3100. The County of Howard is an equal opportunity employer.

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 or dropped off at PCHC at 104 Ashley May Street, Waynesville, MO. Resumes should be submitted no later than 4:00pm, November 30, 2024.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE II -- St. Charles County Department of Public Health

The St. Charles County Department of Public Health is hiring a full-time Public Health Nurse II. The purpose of this position is to perform communicable disease nursing including food borne illness, infection control with hospitals, tuberculosis case management, and clinic staff nursing. The work is performed under the direction of the Epidemiologist. Requirements include a minimum associate degree, current Missouri Registered Nurse License with three to five years Registered Nursing experience, and valid motor vehicle operator's license required. Employment is contingent on successfully passing a full criminal background check. This 40 hour per week position includes a full range of benefits including Paid Time Off, Extended Medical Leave, Holidays, Employee Health, Dental, Life, Disability, Retirement, and Tuition Assistance programs. For more information and to apply visit: <http://hr.sccmo.org/hr>.

NURSING PROGRAM ASSISTANT -- St. Charles County Department of Public Health

The St. Charles County Department of Public Health is hiring a full-time Nursing Program Assistant (Passport Program). Duties include assisting public with processing passport applications, answering incoming phone calls, and utilizing QLess for appointment management. Must complete online training and receive certification to execute passports within first 30 days of employment. Requires successful completion of computerized clerical skills testing. May be assigned according to department needs to support other programs such as Immunizations, Health Services, or WIC. This 40 hour per week position includes a full range of benefits including Paid Time Off, Extended Medical Leave, Holidays, Employee Health, Dental, Life, Disability, Retirement, and Tuition Assistance programs. For more information and to apply visit: <http://hr.sccmo.org/hr>.

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.

Paula Nickelson, DHSS Director, DHSS Staff

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