

Friday Facts

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HIGHLIGHTS

MODEL FOR ADAPTIVE RESPONSE TO COMPLEX CYCLIC DISASTERS (MARCCD) RELEASE

DMH's Office of Disaster Services just released The Model for Adaptive Response to Complex Cyclic Disasters, or MARCCD.

The MARCCD views disasters as having 4 phases: Anticipation, Impact, Adaptation and Growth & Recovery. Like water, shifting phase from solid to liquid to gas, disaster phases can also shift back and forth.

The MARCCD identifies three "faces" – Survivors, Community Leaders, and Responders. They may overlap - responders are often survivors, for example. Each group has different needs and roles.

Depending on the phase of disaster, the MARCCD offers guidance on what types of responses may be most effective. For example, early in the adaptation phase, Community Leaders help assess, and restore basic function, working with other key stakeholders like first responders, government, and others.

Check out part 1 of this 3-video series: [Understanding the Cycle of Disasters \(Part I\)](#)

HEART DISEASE AND PREGNANCY

The [Healthy Moms Healthy Babies](#) website offers information for moms and providers. A new addition to the site is the American Heart Association (AHA) information for moms to review [during](#) their pregnancy.

The AHA reports that heart disease is the No. 1 killer of new moms. It is important that women understand how to care for themselves and their baby. Visit: [AHA Go Red for Women](#) for important information on risk factors, heart conditions, and getting and staying healthy during pregnancy. The site offers firsthand stories from survivors to share with patients to stress the importance of heart health during pregnancy.

Visit: [Healthy Moms Healthy Babies](#) for additional resources for healthcare providers and patients. Don't forget to add your maternal and infant health events to our [Events Calendar](#).

CELEBRATE NATIONAL POISON PREVENTION WEEK IN MARCH!

In celebration of National Poison Prevention Week (NPPW) March 16-22, individuals and organizations around the country come together to raise poison prevention awareness. Please use our [Partner Toolkit](#) if you would like to use any premade graphics, social media messages, and other resources that week on your social media pages. Please remember to use the hashtag #NPPW25. If you need free magnets, brochures or other resources for your public health clients, please contact Amanda Ruback, Community Outreach Coordinator by email at: amanda.ruback@ssmhealth.com or by phone at: 314-612-5719.

- [2025 Optimizing Benefits for Maternal and Infant Health Meetings](#)
- [MO 0164 Strategic National Stockpile: Point of Dispensing Training – Train the Trainer](#)

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](#)

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.

Missouri Environmental Health Association (MEHA) Annual Education Conference

The Annual MEHA Education Conference will be held April 8-11 at the Oasis Hotel in Springfield Mo. Please see the MEHA [Winter Newsletter](#) for more details. Registration is open, Go to the [MEHA Website](#), find the [Training & Conference](#) tab to register.

Evidence Based Creativity in Utilization of Opioid Settlement Dollars

The Heartland Center at Saint Louis University is proud to present Evidence Based Creativity in Utilization of Opioid Settlement Dollars. Dr. Julie Gary of the City of St. Louis Department of Health leads this webinar.

As a result of attending, participants will:

- To understand the guidelines for Opioid Settlement spending provided in Exhibit E of the final Opioid Settlement Agreement.
- To learn utilization practices and examples from other government agencies.
- To learn utilization practices and examples from grassroots community organizations.

Up to 1 CPH Recertification Credit may be earned by attending this event.

Date: March 20

Time: 12:00 – 1:00pm CT

Zoom Registration: https://slu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_B8ltSehvRIKkRkoyQRic0Q.

Foundational Public Health Services (FPHS) Gap Analysis - Upcoming Trainings

The FPHS Gap Analysis team will begin its next round of trainings for *Module 1: Current Financials* (Tabs 4-7) in April. These trainings will prepare LPHAs to complete the updated FY24 gap analysis tool. *Module 1: Current Financials (Tabs 4-7)* is due Thursday, May 1, 2025.

Use the links below for trainings:

Tuesday, April 1 - [Tab 04. DH-37 Tab Instructions](#)

Tuesday, April 8 - [Tabs 05. & 06. Current Labor and Background Tab Instructions](#)

Tuesday, April 15 - [Tab 07. Current Spending Tab Instructions](#)

Questions? Contact the FPHS Project Team: FPHSgap@missouri.edu.

Foster Care ECHO

Are you looking on expanding your knowledge on serving children with Foster Care? The Foster Care ECHO program is a chance to share real-world cases, gain expert insights, and collaborate with peers to improve care for vulnerable children. Held virtually every 2nd and 4th Thursday from 12-1 PM CT, these free sessions help you stay informed on the latest research and best practices. No case is too simple or complex to submit. Submit a case and be part of a supportive learning community dedicated to providing exceptional support for patient in foster care. Register at: <https://showmeecho.org/>. Please see [flyer](#) for details.

FREE Trainings on Cannabis Best Practices and Delta-8 THC -- Registration Open!

We are excited to announce two upcoming free trainings hosted by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) in partnership with the Rescue Agency. These sessions are designed to improve understanding of cannabis-related topics and best prevention practices, especially concerning youth. Please see the details in the flyers attached and make sure to register for both sessions through the designated links or QR codes.

Training #2: Delta-8 Deep Dive

Date: March 20

Time: 1:00 to 1:45 PM CST

Join us for an exploration of Delta-8 properties, legal status, current sales regulations, and effective messaging strategies for engaging youth and parents.

Register here: <https://info.rescueagency.com/missouri-training-2-delta8>

Please feel free to share these trainings with other partners and organizations. Don't miss the chance to engage in informed discussions about cannabis use and prevention—secure your spot today!

Questions regarding the trainings may be addressed to: anna.meyer@health.mo.gov.

2025 Optimizing Benefits for Maternal and Infant Health Meetings

All MO HealthNet providers and professional community partners are invited to join the MO HealthNet Division, our Managed Care health plans, Show-Me ECHO, and the Office of Oral Health for a unique in-person networking opportunity in cities across Missouri.

Attendees will learn about valuable benefits, incentives, and resources available to pregnant women and their families, including individualized case management, Doula coverage, Non-Emergency Medical Transportation, and more.

April 29 – Springfield

May 29 – St. Louis

June 10 – Kansas City

July 17 – Jefferson City

September 16 – Cape Girardeau

October 22 – Joplin

Visit: [Optimizing Benefits for Maternal and Infant Health](#) for specific locations and to register. Seats are limited. For questions, contact MHD.Education@dss.mo.gov.

MO 0164 Strategic National Stockpile: Point of Dispensing Training – Train the Trainer

The course MO 0164 Strategic National Stockpile: Point of Dispensing Training, Train the Trainer has been scheduled for October 22 from 8:00 am to 12:30 pm in Jefferson City. This course is intended to train individuals that will be training other volunteers for a PODs that would open during an activation of the Strategic National Stockpile for a pandemic, bioterrorist attack, natural disaster or other incident. This course is primarily intended for a public health, medical and first responder audience whose responsibilities include POD Planning. Local Public Health Agencies: If you have agency volunteers/COAD/CERT members that you would like to take this course in addition to health department staff please reach out to me prior to having them register.

Emily Carpenter: Emily.Carpenter@sema.dps.mo.gov. You can find the course listing to register here: <https://sematraining.com/courses/2088/offerings/11605>.

LPHA JOB OPPORTUNITIES

ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH SPECIALIST -- Barry County Health Department

JOB OPPORTUNITY: Barry County Health Department is accepting resumes for a full time EPHS/40 hours a week. Hours will be Monday through Thursday 7:30am – 6:00pm. Must have a Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with a minimum of 30 credit hours in one or a combination of Biology, Chemistry, Bacteriology, Food Science, Soil Science, Sanitary Science, Environmental Health, or in closely related physical or natural sciences. Employee will perform routine inspections on food establishments, daycares and lodging facilities, evaluate private well water tests and regulate onsite wastewater treatment systems. Generous benefit package. For more information call: 417-847-2114. Resumes may be hand delivered to Barry County Health Department at 90 Barry County Drive Cassville, MO 65625, faxed to 417-847-0924, or mailed to PO Box 207 Cassville, MO 65625. Application deadline is March 31. Barry County Health Department is an equal opportunity employer.

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.

CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT COORDINATOR – Clay County Public Health Center

The Continuous Improvement (CI) Coordinator coordinates and integrates performance management (PM), quality improvement (QI), strategic planning, workforce development and evidence-based decision making into organizational practice while considering health equity. The Coordinator assures that health center QI initiatives are focused and aligned to improve operational and program efficiencies and effectiveness, provides direction for QI policy development, and researches and develops QI training programs that focus on enabling the workforce to achieve improvements with priority health concerns. The Coordinator also coordinates CCPHC national accreditation activities and manages documentation requirements to ensure continued compliance with all current Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) measure and serves as CCPHC's designated contact with PHAB. Visit: clayhealth.com

LICENSED PRACTICAL 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 Licensed Practical Nurse to join the department's Community Health Unit. The full-time position reports to the Community Health Manager and includes the following: perform intake and screening and provide test results, collect and package specimens for testing, provide nurse visits for medication dispensing and education, monitor and maintain stock of medical supplies and medication inventory, assist with outreach and educational programming.

Applicants should have at least one year of relevant nursing experience and must be licensed to practice as a Licensed Practical 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/32717>

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.

REGISTERED DIETITIAN OR NUTRITIONIST -- McDonald County Health Department

The McDonald County WIC program is seeking applicants for a Registered Dietitian or Nutritionist. Submit Resumes to: mike.hall@mcdonaldcountymo.gov.

View full job description and benefits at: <https://www.indeed.com/job/nutritionist-7e36e5d880aeaf53>.

REGISTERED DIETITIAN/NUTRITIONIST – Morgan County Health Center

The Morgan County Health Center is hiring a full-time Registered Dietitian or Nutritionist.

The person in this position will be responsible for planning and implementing the nutritional components of 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 a 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 educate WIC-eligible participants and assess their nutritional needs for certification eligibility. WIC experience is desired. If interested, please get in touch with Shawn Brantley, Administrator at: 573/378-5438 ext.1001 or e-mail at: Shawn.Brantley@lpha.mo.gov.

NUTRITIONIST, CPA, RN, OR LPN -- Pettis County Health Center

Pettis County Health Center is looking for a bilingual (Spanish/English) nutritionist, CPA, RN, or LPN to join their team for the WIC program. This position will involve assisting with the administration of the WIC program, providing nutritional counseling and education, and coordinating breastfeeding services for participants. If you're interested in this opportunity, you can apply by submitting your resume to: robin.bartlett@lpha.mo.gov or by visiting the Pettis County Health Center at 911 E 16th Street, Sedalia, MO 65301.

ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH SPECIALIST -- Taney County Health Department

The Taney County Health Department will be accepting resumes for a full time, 40 hours a week, non-exempt Environmental Public Health Specialist. Duties include administering and enforcement of Federal, State and local statutes, ordinances and regulations related to public health and sanitation; to encourage sound sanitary and environmental health practices; and to protect the environment and the public. The Taney County Health Department is a thriving Local Public Health Department located in Branson and Forsyth Missouri. TCHD is committed to the community and to its employees. The TCHD leadership team is committed to provide a work environment that provides staff with communication, transparency, collaboration, forward thinking, staff development, trust, and fun. Deadline- Open until Filled. For more information, qualifications, benefit details and how to apply visit:

<https://www.taneycohealth.org/>.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE -- Taney County Health Department

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) will be accepting resumes for a full-time, non-exempt, 40 hours a week Public Health Nurse. Responsibilities include specializing in our family planning clinic along with general community health nursing, vaccinations, family planning, pregnancy testing, lead testing, and response, and other public health program responsibilities as assigned. TCHD is a thriving state and nationally accredited Local Public Health Department located in Branson and Forsyth Missouri and is dedicated to the community and to its employees. The TCHD leadership team is committed to provide a work environment that provides staff with communication, transparency, collaboration, forward thinking, staff development, trust, and fun. Deadline-Open until Filled. For more information, qualifications, benefit details and how to apply visit: <https://www.taneycohealth.org/>.

Sarah Willson, DHSS Director
DHSS Staff, County Presiding Commissioners, Board Chairs

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