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HIGHLIGHTS

CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS – JOINT PUBLIC HEALTH CONFERENCE

The Missouri Public Health Association, Section for Public Health Nursing, Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, Missouri Center for Public Health Excellence and Missouri Institute for Community Health invite you to submit a proposal to present at the Joint Public Health Conference. The conference will have approximately 300 in attendance with exhibitors and sponsors and will be held September 23-25, 2025, at the Holiday Inn Executive Center in Columbia, Missouri. Please see [flyer](#) for details and Presentation Application.

SHARE WITH YOUR SCHOOLS! THE TOBACCO-FREE SCHOOL POLICY SURVEY IS STILL OPEN!

More youth are vaping than ever before! Schools have the opportunity to speak up about their needs and challenges with student vaping and tobacco use by completing the Tobacco-Free School Policy Survey! The results will inform the creation of resources to support schools better statewide. The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) Tobacco Prevention and Control Program (TCP) and Missouri State University (MSU) Ozarks Public Health Institute (OPHI) created the voluntary survey to identify the needs of schools in implementing tobacco-free policies and addressing student tobacco use. Superintendents should have received the confidential survey via email. It can also be completed by clicking [this survey link](#). **The survey closes on May 31.** If you have any questions, contact: motobaccoprogram@health.mo.gov or 573-522-2820. Thank you for taking the time to share this survey for the health of Missouri's students and schools!

OLDER AMERICANS' MONTH (OAM)

Each May, the Administration for Community Living leads the celebration of Older Americans' Month (OAM). The theme for OAM 2025 is **Flip the Script on Aging**, which focuses on transforming how society perceives, talks about, and approaches aging. This May, the Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) invites everyone to explore the benefits of growing older. No matter the age, it is always possible to honor older adults' contributions, explore the many opportunities to stay active and engaged as we age, and highlight opportunities for purpose, exploration, and connection that come with aging. Likewise, DHSS encourages each of you to also take time to celebrate OAM this month. As you make plans to host an event in your local community or become aware of other community events, please share the event information with us at: Kathy.craig@health.mo.gov so we may add and promote it on our DHSS website: Health.Mo.Gov/oam.

The 2025 OAM Governor's Proclamation will be available soon. We will a link to the Governor's Proclamation page when available. Attached you will find a sample article template, social media messages and a 2025 OAM logo. Here is a social media message that you can use specific to our celebration in MO:

May is #OlderAmericansMonth and the 2025 theme is #FliptheScriptonAging. Join us this month in embracing the opportunity to finding ways to Flip the Script on Aging, Health.Mo.Gov/oam.

- [Upcoming Narrative Writing Workshop with The Missouri Public Health Institute](#)
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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](#)

CHRONIC TRAUMA

Many people experience trauma throughout their lifetimes. Some individuals exposed to trauma may not demonstrate symptoms, however those who have experienced chronic, repeated traumas are likely to display pronounced symptoms such as substance abuse, mental illness, and health problems.

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the National Library of Medicine have made [Trauma-Informed Care in Behavioral Health Services](#) available for download. This document provides best practices and evidence-based information for behavioral health providers and administrators who are interested in working more effectively with those who have been exposed to chronic and acute traumas.

NEW MISSOURI COMMUNITY OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING PRACTICE WEBSITE GOES LIVE

In partnership with the Missouri Public Health Association's (MPHA) Section for Public Health Nursing (SPHN) and the Ozarks Public Health Institute (OPHI), a new Missouri Community of Public Health Nursing Practice (MCPHNP) website is now available! The website can be found here: <https://www.missouristate.edu/OPHI/SPHN/default.htm>.

Public health nurses can find the following on the new website:

- Information about the MCPHNP
- Information about the SPHN
- Sign up for the MCPHNP mailing list
- Resources (including the Public Health Nursing Manual, the Preceptor Orientation Manual, and much more!)

NEW! MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES (DHSS) SOCIAL DRIVERS OF HEALTH DASHBOARD

The [DHSS Social Drivers of Health Dashboard](#) is designed to leverage data to address health disparities in Missouri. This dashboard can be a resource for local public health agencies, community organizations, policymakers, and Missouri citizens. The dashboard intends to make data easily accessible to stakeholders and citizens so that all Missourians can achieve optimal health and safety in their communities for life.

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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.

Medical Forensic ECHO

Join the Medical Forensic ECHO! This free virtual program connects healthcare professionals, forensic experts, and multidisciplinary teams to improve care for sexual assault survivors. Through interactive, case-based learning, participants gain the tools and knowledge needed to enhance forensic documentation, evidence collection, and trauma-informed care. Join a statewide network committed to advancing best practices. Due to the sensitive nature of this ECHO registration can be done by emailing: safevt@health.mo.gov. All ECHOs offer free continuing education credits for qualifying professionals. Learn more at: showmeecho.org.

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.

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.

Upcoming Narrative Writing Workshop with The Missouri Public Health Institute

Strong narrative writing can be the key to successfully conveying your department's achievements during the accreditation process. This hands-on workshop will guide you through the essentials of crafting compelling narratives, focusing on clarity, coherence, and alignment with accreditation standards. This training will provide input from a PHAB and MICH perspective.

The workshop will be held on **Wednesday, June 25, 11:00am-1:00pm**. [Register here](#). Questions? Email Erika Holliday at: eholliday@mophi.org.

Certified Peer Specialist Echo

Are you a Certified Peer Specialist, on the road to becoming one or want to learn more about peer support? Join the Certified Peer Specialist ECHO held every first and third Wednesday of the month from 11am-12pm CT. All sessions are held virtually, provide free continuing education credits, have a didactic topic and a real-life study. Participants are encouraged to submit a case. No case is too simple or complex. Learn more and register at: showmeecho.org.

Accreditation Coordinator Retreats with the Missouri Public Health Institute

The Missouri Public Health Institute will be hosting a series of Accreditation Coordinator Retreats across the state. The retreats will be an opportunity for regional Accreditation Coordinators (or staff who wear that hat) to gather and share resources, discuss challenges, and approach burnout and wellness as a group. The four regions that were selected were based off the greatest amount of interest from counties who filled out a previously sent out survey. The retreats are a pilot, and in the remainder of the regions will have retreats occurring in the coming seasons.

The selected regions, and the links to register are below:

- **Region A:** Tuesday, July 8, 2025 at the Jackson County Health Department, 9am-5pm

Register: <https://forms.office.com/r/JKkeiFjAYb>

- **Region D:** Friday, August 8, 2025 at Springfield-Greene County Health, 9am-5pm

Register: <https://forms.office.com/r/1X1wuuGn51>

- **Region E:** Friday, August 22, 2025 at the Bollinger County Health Department, 9am-5pm

Register: <https://forms.office.com/r/DXfyHzzr6K>

- **Region F:** Friday, August 1, 2025 at Columbia/Boone County Public Health and Human Services, 9am-5pm

Register: <https://forms.office.com/r/XEcrxh24Dv>

Anyone can register for any of the retreats, but we are prioritizing people who live in the region and will add people outside the region closer to time depending on the total number of registrants. Hope to see you there! Please email: accreditation@mophi.org with any questions.

LPHA JOB OPPORTUNITIES

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.

PROGRAM MANAGER OF ACCOUNTING – 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 Program Manager of Accounting. With guidance from the Section Chief of Operations, the Program Manager of Accounting establishes and maintains effective programs through hands-on, collaborative, and strategic program management. The manager also supervises, and coordinates activities of personnel engaged in carrying out program goals. Visit: clayhealth.com.

CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT COORDINATOR – 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 Continuous Improvement Coordinator. With guidance from the Section Chief of Health Planning & Policy, the 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. This position does not have direct reports, and the program manager/Section Chief will have overall accountability for staff.

Visit: clayhealth.com.

ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH SPECIALIST -- Howell County Health Department

Howell County Health Department is accepting resumes for a full time EPHS/40 hours a week. 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 and/or environmental experience within the public health setting. Employee will perform routine inspections on food establishments, daycares and lodging facilities, evaluate private well water tests and regulate onsite wastewater treatment systems. For more information call: 417-256-7078. Deadline-Open until Filled. For more information, qualifications, benefit details and how to apply visit: <https://howellcountyhealth.com/>. Howell County Health Department 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>.

CERTIFIED MEDICAL ASSISTANT -- Perry County Health Department

Perry County Health Department is currently accepting applications for a Certified Medical Assistant. The full-time position reports to the Director with clinic duties under the supervision of a Registered Nurse. Qualifications required are a valid driver's license, completion of Medical Assistant training and successful completion of CMA certification exam, minimum one year of experience and certified in first aid and CPR. Please visit: www.perrycountyhealth.com for a full job description. Send cover letter, resume and references to: Trent.Mullis@lpha.mo.gov or call 573-547-6564 for more information.

HEALTH EDUCATOR / WIC-- Perry County Health Department

Perry County Health Department is currently accepting applications for a Health Educator / WIC position. The full-time position reports to the Director. Qualifications required are a valid driver's license, Bachelor's degree from an accredited College or University in Nutrition and/or Dietetics. Previous public health experience as a health educator or WIC is preferred. Please visit: www.perrycountyhealth.com for a full job description. Send cover letter, resume and references to: Trent.Mullis@lpha.mo.gov or call 573-547-6564 for more information.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH COORDINATOR — Saint Louis County Dept. of Public Health

This position will educate the public on program goals and collaborate with external agencies to deliver services. This position will work specifically within the Public Health Department's Emergency Preparedness Program. The Outreach Coordinator will have responsibilities related to public health emergency preparedness and response activities including work with the Access and Functional Needs registry, community resilience efforts, Medical Reserve Corps (MRC), and outreach related to medical countermeasure Points of Dispensing (PODs). Minimum qualifications: Equivalent to a Bachelor's Degree and three years of related experience. For more information, visit our website [here](#).

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/>.

WIC BREASTFEEDING PEER COUNSELOR -- Taney County Health Department (TCHD)

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) will be accepting resumes for a part time, 24 hours a week WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counselor. TCHD is a thriving Local Public Health Department located in Branson & Forsyth Missouri. The TCHD leadership team is committed to our core values of Caring, Serving and Protecting in our community as well with our staff. TCHD does this by providing a work environment that provides staff with communication, transparency, collaboration, staff development, trust, and fun! Responsibilities include providing basic breastfeeding information, support and encouragement to new mothers and help mothers achieve their own breastfeeding goal. Applicants must have a high school diploma or equivalent and must have personal breastfeeding experience. The ideal applicant would need to be a team player, make our values a top priority, and have excellent communication skills. For more information, including essential functions and how to apply, visit: <https://www.taneycohealth.org/>.

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

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