

Friday Facts

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HIGHLIGHTS

HEAD START LEAD TESTING EVENT SIGN-UPS!!!

The DHSS Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP) wants to partner with you to offer testing events at your local Head Start. What does this look like? DHSS will provide test kits and the point-of-care testing device along with staff to run the machine, local Health Departments will provide lancets, band aids, stickers (optional) and nurses to collect the blood, and Head Start programs will get consent for testing from the parents. We travel onsite to conduct the event, which helps families access lead testing opportunities. If you are interested in partnering with DHSS and your local Head Start, please complete the [sign-up form](#). If you have questions, please contact Maggie Burns at: Maggie.burns@health.mo.gov or Teresa Wortmann at: Teresa.wortmann@health.mo.gov or call 573-751-6102 and ask for the CLPPP nurses.

CHRONIC TRAUMA

The connection between trauma exposure and long-term health problems is becoming clearer – and the health care sector is now focusing on how to care for patients with a history of trauma. Serious health issues can be the result of trauma, leading to poor health outcomes and higher social services and medical costs. Clinical practice and organizational culture can be changed to reflect trauma-informed principles. This has the potential to improve health outcomes, improve patient engagement and improve providers and staff wellness. [Key Ingredients for Successful Trauma-Informed Care Implementation](#) is a brief that was produced by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and led by the Center for Health Care Strategies. The aim is to implement trauma-informed principles and approaches into health care delivery. Access this printable [infographic](#) on the ten (10) key ingredients for trauma-informed care, made available by the Trauma-Informed Care Implementation Resource Center.

JUNE IS POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER (PTSD) AWARENESS MONTH

The month of June is dedicated to Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) awareness. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs describes PTSD as a mental health disorder that develops after going through or seeing a life-threatening event. It's normal to have stress reactions to these types of events and most people will start feeling better after a few weeks. For some people, symptoms last longer and cause problems in their lives. If so, it could be PTSD. Anyone can develop PTSD at any age. Check out this [June calendar](#) that provides fun and interesting activities for each day in June. For more information or to connect with someone for help, visit the [National Center for PTSD](#). Visit: VA.gov to access social media materials, wallet cards, digital signs, flyers, banners, and more

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](#)

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!)

MEN'S MENTAL HEALTH

Men's mental health is highlighted every June. There's still a stigma around men's mental health, making it more difficult for men and boys to reach out for help. Some men might still feel as if people expect them to hide their emotions or be strong for others. Having a mental health condition is still seen as a sign of weakness or lack of masculinity among some men.

The [National Institute of Mental Health](#) says mental health conditions are more common among women than men, but this may be because men aren't opening up and reaching out. In 2021, 51.7% of women with a mental health condition received support from mental health services, while only 40% of men with a mental health condition received support. The [CDC](#) says the suicide rate among men in 2022 was around four times higher than the suicide rate among women.

WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY

June 15 is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, an event that seeks to unite communities around the world to raise awareness about elder abuse. In Missouri, the Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) receives and investigates reports of abuse, neglect, bullying and exploitation of some of the state's most vulnerable individuals - the elderly and disabled. Last year, DHSS received and investigated 41,929 reports, an average of about 115 each day. That number is on the rise, though the crimes are vastly underreported. Anyone who suspects a senior or disabled Missourian is being abused, neglected, bullied or exploited, should report to the Missouri Adult Abuse and Neglect Hotline at: 1-800-392-0210, which is operational from 7am through 8pm, 365 days a year. Online reporting is also available 24/7 at: Health.Mo.Gov/abuse. See [attached](#) for more information.

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.

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.

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.

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.

New Echo Coming This Fall! -- Child Trafficking Awareness

Missouri Telehealth Network is excited to offer another NEW ECHO which will be launching in a few months called Child Trafficking Awareness. Expand your knowledge to help protect Missouri's children. This ECHO will be held quarterly, offers free continuing education and is held virtually. Registration is now open at: showmeecho.org.

LPHA JOB OPPORTUNITIES

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.

AGENCY ADMINISTRATOR – Pike County Health Department

The administrator is responsible for all aspects and functions of managing the health department, to include managing staff, public health programs, home health & hospice programs, and community relations, all aspects of business control including strategic planning, human resources, fiscal management, emergency planning, and policy management. Duties include serving as Custodian of Records, County Health Officer, and Local Registrar. Position is accountable to an elected Board of Trustees. Administrator is a salaried position working a minimum of 40 hours each week, requiring a bachelor's degree and three years minimum supervision/management experience in the field of health, business, or health administration. Essential skills include ethical conduct; exceptional written and verbal communication skills; financial, business and leadership acumen; with a good head for strategic thinking. Salary is commensurate with experience. Submit completed application and resume by 5:00pm June 23. Interviews will be at the discretion of the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all applications. Deadline for applications is June 23. Applicants can apply online on our website: <https://pikecountyhealth.org/about-us/career-opportunities/>.

BREASTFEEDING PEER COUNSELOR -- Pike County Health Department

This position is a full-time (32 hours/week) benefit eligible position. Applicants must have breastfed an infant within the past two years. Must be available for phone calls after regular business hours and on weekends. Must have good communication skills, computer skills and organizational skills.

Applicants can apply online on our website: <https://pikecountyhealth.org/about-us/career-opportunities/>.

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

JOB OVERVIEW: The purpose of this position is to perform a variety of clerical support within the WIC Program. The work is performed under the supervision of the WIC/Nutrition Manager.

JOB DESCRIPTION:

- Greets clients, determines nature of visit within a clinic setting, and answers general questions regarding immunization or W.I.C. clinic services.
- Participates with outreach clinics to provide W.I.C. or immunization services. Collects and transports materials and/or equipment to outreach clinics. Prepares for outreach clinics by calling clients or sending mail reminders.
- Provides program information and eligibility to WIC clients. Schedules appointments and interviews. Interviews potential clients for WIC program eligibility and explains program services. Assists new participants with program services.
- Assigned to clinic Spends time working at the Satellite Site location as coordinated with supervisor. Enters client information including name, address, date of birth, gender, race, immunizations administered, etc., into computer records. Tracks, verifies and updates client files.
- Accurately gathers and records required certification information such as height, weight, hgb obtaining bloodwork via fingerstick on adults and children.

Visit website to apply: <https://www.sccmo.org/Jobs>.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE – St. Clair County Health Center

St. Clair County Health Center is accepting applications for a full time RN/LPN public health nurse. Apply in person at: 530 Arduser Dr., Osceola, MO 64776 or send a resume to: melissa.cone@lpha.mo.gov.

BOOKKEEPER/CLERK – St. Clair County Health Center

St. Clair County Health Center is accepting applications for a bookkeeper/clerk position. Applicants should have a business-related degree and/or three years + bookkeeping experience. Apply in person at: 530 Arduser Dr., Osceola, MO 64776 or send your resume to: melissa.cone@lpha.mo.gov.

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/>.

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

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