

# 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](mailto:Maggie.burns@health.mo.gov) or Teresa Wortmann at: [Teresa.wortmann@health.mo.gov](mailto: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](http://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!)

## **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.

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](mailto: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](mailto:eholliday@mophi.org).

### **Caring for Individuals with Autism**

Are you a healthcare professional looking to expand your knowledge on caring for individuals with Autism? [Show-Me ECHO](#) connects healthcare professionals with expert teams to share knowledge, build skills, and enhance care. There is no cost or travel required. Be a part of the solution. Obtain the link to join by registering at: [showmeecho.org](http://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>

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

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

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

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

- o **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](mailto:accreditation@mophi.org) with any questions.

### **Free Virtual Training for Large Animal Veterinarians**

Join the *Veterinary Education & Training ECHO* on the 2nd Tuesday of every month from 12–1pm CT. This free virtual learning opportunity covers real cases, the latest research, and critical topics such as biosecurity, dairy production, and more. Continuing education credits are available at no cost.

**Learn more or register at:** <https://showmeecho.org/clinics/veterinary-education-training/>.

### **VFC411 training – DHSS Bureau of Immunization**

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services Bureau of Immunizations is pleased to announce the return of the VFC411 training throughout the state. VFC411 is designed to update providers on vaccine storage and handling, Vaccines for Children (VFC) visits, vaccine ordering, immunization schedules, best practices, and many other helpful topics. This training is a great way for providers to fulfill their yearly educational requirement while meeting other providers from around their area. Please see the [attached flyer](#) for dates and locations. To register, please visit: <https://health.mo.gov/living/wellness/immunizations/vfc411form.php>.

## **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](http://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](http://clayhealth.com).

**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](http://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.

**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<sup>rd</sup>.**

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/>.

**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

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