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HIGHLIGHTS

RETIREMENT PARTY – CHARLA BAKER LACLEDE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Join the celebration! Laclede County Administrator Charla Baker is retiring! Help celebrate 32 years of service to Laclede County, from 1993 – 2025. Please join us Monday, July 28 from 1 – 4pm at the Wallace Building, 325 Harwood Avenue Lebanon, MO.

GUIDE TO TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE

DMH developed [A Guide to Trauma-Informed Care, A Companion Guide for Helping Professionals](#). This short guide describes what trauma-informed care is along with helpful ways to recognize trauma. It also describes compassion satisfaction and compassion fatigue, the phases of compassion fatigue, and the 12 core concepts for understanding traumatic stress responses. Last, the guide provides ways to build protective factors. Access the full course, Trauma-Informed Care for Helping Professionals, by visiting: [DMHmoLearning](#).

SEEKING NOMINATIONS – MISSOURI PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION (MOPHA)

The Mo Public Health Association is seeking nominations for the next administration. Open positions due to term limits include President-elect, Treasurer, and two (2) Board Members at Large. Position descriptions can be found at the Association's website: www.mopha.org. For more information, please contact Bert Malone at: 816.809.9994 or Bert.malone923@gmail.com. This represents a unique opportunity for you to serve the public health system in our state. Please give this careful consideration. You can make a difference!

TITLE V MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH SERVICES (MCH) BLOCK GRANT FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR (FFY) 2026 PROPOSED USE OF FUNDS

The Title V MCH Block Grant [FFY 2026 Proposed Use of Funds](#) is available for review and comment. Please submit all comments on the Proposed Use of Funds to MCH@health.mo.gov no later than July 21.

SENIOR DAY AT THE MISSOURI STATE FAIR IS AUGUST 13TH!

Join the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) and the Missouri Area Agencies on Aging (ma4) on Wednesday, August 13 from 9am to 2:30pm, in the Mathewson Building on the Missouri State Fairgrounds. Senior Day festivities include FREE BINGO, line dance lessons, a dance contest and much more! The dance contest, open to those aged 55+, has cash prizes for the top three places in each of the categories of Missouri Waltz, Cha Cha, East Coast Swing, Two-Step, and Line Dancing. For more information, please visit our website at: health.mo.gov/seniorday.

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.

Keeping the Flow Lactation Conference

Registration is now open!

The CoxHealth Education Center and Greater Ozarks Regional Breastfeeding Coalition would like to invite you to our Lactation Conference on Friday September 12. Attend either virtually or in-person at the Foster Auditorium, Cox Medical Center South in Springfield Missouri. Our keynote presenter is Lisa Marasco, MA, IBCLC, FILCA with topics on Counseling the High Need Parent, Low Milk Production, and Boost Your Prolactin IQ. Attendees can also choose a breakout session on Metabolic Health by Marasco or Breastfeeding and Baby-Led Weaning presented by Ellen Gipson, MA, RDN, LD (ideal for WIC nutritionists and Peer Counselors). Lunch will be provided for those attending in person and education credits will be provided for all attendees (5.75 L-Cerps or 6.58 Nursing Contact hours). Registration cost is \$60 (plus registration fee) and is available on Eventbrite at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/keeping-the-flow-tickets-1301426003209?aff=oddtcreator>.

Pediatric Weight Management Echo

Missouri Telehealth Network is excited to announce the fall kickoff of the Pediatric Weight Management ECHO series. Join us as we return to the virtual collaboration to tackle childhood obesity with renewed energy. Starting August 27, sessions will be held every second and fourth Wednesday from 12–1pm CT via Zoom. This is your chance to connect with peers, share real-world challenges, and gain expert insights, all at no cost and earn free CEUs. With over 30 ECHO topics available, there's never been a better time to get involved. Register today or learn more at: showmeecho.org.

July is National Minority Mental Health Month! -- Minority Mental Health Webinar Series

OMHHE is partnering with the University of Missouri's Department of Psychiatry to offer a free webinar series in July and August. Here is the information to share with partners: [flyer attached](#).

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, Office of Minority Health and Health Equity, is partnering with the University of Missouri's Department of Psychiatry to offer free webinars on July 24 and August 28 from: 12:00 to 1:00pm. You are invited to join us to learn how to dispel myths and provide tips to address mental health disparities.

Registration is open and can be accessed [HERE](#) or by this link: <https://stateofmo.webex.com/webappng/sites/stateofmo/webinar/webinarSeries/register/f6ac96b7b6924f41953404762d4c25ef>.

Public Health Nursing Workforce Learning Lab

ASTHO is launching the Public Health Nursing Learning Lab Series, a virtual space for anyone working in a governmental public health agency, focused on exploring solutions to today's public health nursing workforce challenges. This interactive series will focus on leadership development, systems thinking, and strategies to strengthen and support the public health nursing workforce. Participants will learn from one another and share resources and strategies on how to address staffing shortages, burnout, and changing role expectations for public health nurses in governmental public health agencies.

Meet the Facilitator

Shirley Orr is a trusted national leader in public health nursing and workforce development. She is a founding member and past president of the Association of Public Health Nurses. Orr has worked with local, state, and national partners to develop nursing leadership and improve workforce infrastructure.

Participants will:

- Identify strategies to address workforce challenges like recruitment, retention, and burnout
- Strengthen their leadership and systems thinking skills
- Understand how to support and sustain the public health nursing workforce
- Build connections and share ideas with peers from across the country
- This series is designed for public health professionals working in governmental agencies, such as workforce directors, HR personnel, public health nurses, and managers, who are committed to innovative strategies for strengthening the public health nursing workforce. Whether you're new to the field or an experienced leader, you'll gain valuable insights and practical tools to drive change and support your team.

Session Dates: Sessions are virtual. You must be logged in to register. Login or create an account, if you do not have one, use the Login at the top right corner of this page: [Meeting Home Page](#).

- Session 1 (July 23, 3-4pm ET) – Understanding the Landscape: The Role and Impact of Public Health Nurses Today
- Session 2 (August 27, 3-4pm ET) – Evidence-Based Recruitment and Retention Strategies in Public Health Nursing
- Session 3 (September 24, 3-4pm ET) – Public Health Nursing Residency Programs and Leadership Pathways
- Session 4 (October 22, 3-4pm ET) – Leveraging Partnerships to Strengthen the PHN Workforce
- Session 5 (November 19, 3-4pm ET) – Public Health Nursing Workforce Culture

LPHA JOB OPPORTUNITIES

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE – 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 RN/LPN Public Health nurse. The Public Health Nurse adheres to professional community health nursing practices and performs nursing services in community health programs for the public to meet set program goals. Visit: clayhealth.com or Applicants can apply online: [Job Details | Recruitment](#)

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.

ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSE (PART-TIME)-- Columbia/Boone County Public Health and Human Services

The Columbia/Boone County Department of Public Health and Human Services is accepting applications for an Advanced Practice Nurse to join the department's Community Health Nursing Unit. The part-time (8-16 hours weekly) position reports to the Community Health Manager and will provide direct care to clients in a clinical setting including: STI screening, education, and treatment, family planning services, cancer screening, and other clinical duties as needed. Applicants must possess a Master's degree in Nursing and hold current National certification. A complete job description, salary information and an online application are available at: <https://www.gocomojobs.com/postings/33286>.

****WIC NUTRITIONIST -- Howard County Public Health Department**

The Howard County Public Health Department is seeking a dedicated WIC Nutritionist to coordinate nutrition and breastfeeding services for our Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program. This position can be Full-Time or Part-Time. Qualifications are a Bachelor's or Master's degree in nutrition, dietetics, or a related field OR Registered Dietitian (RD/LD) are eligible. Strong knowledge of public health nutrition and counseling.

TEMPORARY NEED: Currently, we have an **IMMEDIATE** temporary need for a WIC Nutritionist on Thursday's every week to support ongoing program needs to support our team until full-time or part-time position is filled. This can be done virtually.

To apply or Inquire email: rajitha.voleti@lpha.mo.gov or michelle.r.reynolds@lpha.mo.gov.

ADMINISTRATOR – Lincoln County Health Department

The Administrator is responsible for the planning, development, and direction of the Agency, in coordination with the Director of Clinical Services and Director of Operational Services and the elected Board of Trustees. The Administrator provides general oversight to all activities of the local health department to ensure conformance with the state-wide public health program of the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, as well as the guidelines and recommendations of national public health organizations. Full benefits and competitive pay. Apply by sending resume and cover letter to: careers@lchdmo.org.

DIRECTOR OF CLINICAL SERVICES – Lincoln County Health Department

The Director of Clinical Services works with the other Administrative Staff and respective Program Managers to develop and implement guidelines and policies to ensure compliance with applicable regulations while maintaining alignment with the agency's mission. Directors oversee the work of other agency staff. This is a supervisory position with a high degree of accountability. Must possess Bachelor's degree in related field and have management experience. Full benefits and competitive pay. Apply by sending resume and cover letter to: careers@lchdmo.org.

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WIC BREASTFEEDING PEER COUNSELOR – Osage County Health Department

The Osage County Health Department (OCHD) seeks candidates for a part-time, 12 hours weekly, WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counselor. OCHD is a thriving Local Public Health Department located in Linn Missouri. Position responsibilities include providing basic breastfeeding information, support and encouragement to help mothers achieve their personal breastfeeding goal. Applicants must have a high school diploma or equivalent and must have personal breastfeeding experience. For more information, including essential functions and how to apply, please visit: osagecountyhd.org.

WIC DIETITIAN/NUTRITIONIST – Osage County Health Department

The Osage County Health Department (OCHD) seeks candidates for a part-time, 4 hours weekly, WIC Dietitian/Nutritionist within the WIC Clinic Team. This professional position includes conducting nutrition assessments, assigning nutrition/health risk factors, providing nutrition and breastfeeding counseling, setting nutrition/health goals, and prescribing food packages to WIC participants based on medical/nutritional needs. Applicants must meet one of the following:

- Graduation from an accredited college or university with a bachelor's or master's degree in the field of nutrition. The degree must include or be supplemented by at least 15 semester hours in food and nutrition with at least one course in nutrition counseling, nutrition education (theories and practice), nutrition in the life cycle and food science; or
- Completion of an undergraduate curriculum accredited or approved by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics-Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) resulting in a verification statement from a didactic program in nutrition and dietetics; or
- Completion of a dietetic internship program accredited or approved by ACEND resulting in a verification statement; or
- Registered dietitian (RD), licensed dietitian (LD) in the state of Missouri (registration or current eligibility for registration by the Commission on Dietetic Registration [CDR]).

For more information, including essential functions and how to apply, please visit: osagecountyhd.org.

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.

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>.

ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH SPECIALIST – Stone County Health Department

Join our team as an Environmental Public Health Specialist! This full-time (40 hrs/week), entry-level position offers the opportunity to work in an active and robust local environmental public health program. The position involves inspecting and investigating environmental health concerns such as wastewater, septic systems, and other potential public health risks. The specialist helps ensure compliance with environmental health standards to protect the well-being of our community.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in environmental health, public health, or related field (experience substitutions may be considered)
- Strong communication, organization, and problem-solving skills
- Willingness to learn regulatory processes and apply public health guidance

If you're passionate about protecting community health and the environment, we want to hear from you! Email us with your resume or application to: maria.wells@lpha.mo.gov or mail or submit to: 701 Old Wilderness Rd, Reeds Spring, MO 65737. You can find our application on: www.stonecountyhealthdepartment.com.

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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