

# Friday Facts

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## HIGHLIGHTS

### **MISSOURI PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION (MPHA) — SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR NEW ADMINISTRATION**

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](http://www.mopha.org). For more information, please contact Bert Malone at: 816.809.9994 or [Bert.malone923@gmail.com](mailto: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!

### **MISSOURI PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION (MPHA) -- SEEKING AWARD NOMINATIONS**

MPHA is seeking nominations for a number of awards to be made at our annual meeting in September. Each year, MPHA honors those individuals and groups that have gone above and beyond in achieving public health impacts. These awards are recognition of the excellence that exists in Missouri and we celebrate these impacts. Please consider making a nomination for these prestigious awards. They can be found at the following website address: [www.mopha.org/awards](http://www.mopha.org/awards). For additional information please contact Burt Malone at: 816.809.9994 or by email at: [Bert.Malone923@gmail.com](mailto:Bert.Malone923@gmail.com). Deadline for submission of nominations is **22 August 2025**. Thank you for considering this recognition.

### **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](http://health.mo.gov/seniorday).

### **ADMINISTRATOR CHANGE – SHANNON COUNTY**

Kandra Counts has stepped down to the Administrative Assistant position at the Shannon County Health Center. Jessie Plunk, RN, BSN, has been appointed as the new Administrator effective July 1, 2025. Jessie's email address is: [jessie.plunk@lpha.mo.gov](mailto:jessie.plunk@lpha.mo.gov).

## 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](#)

## **HURRY-DEADLINE APPROACHING! MISSOURI PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING AWARDS**

We need your help to honor and recognize a Missouri public health nurse who exemplifies excellence in public health nursing practice. The Missouri Public Health Association (MPHA) Section for Public Health Nursing (SPHN) is accepting applications to nominate a public health nurse and public health nurse leader for the 2025 Public Health Nursing Awards. The awards will be presented at the 2025 Joint Annual Public Health Conference in September. To nominate a public health nurse, please complete the nomination form at this link: [https://mopha.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/publichealthnursingawardapplication-2024\\_651.pdf](https://mopha.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/publichealthnursingawardapplication-2024_651.pdf) and email the form to: Trina Teacutter, Secretary, MPHA Section for Public Health Nursing, [trina.teacutter@como.gov](mailto:trina.teacutter@como.gov). The deadline for nominations has been extended to August 11.

## **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>.

### **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

## Medical Countermeasures: Point Of Dispensing (Pod), Planning and Response MGT-319

This training course is to enhance jurisdiction preparedness and emergency response efforts by providing knowledge of how to exercise and revise a plan that utilizes an all-hazards, whole community approach toward a medical countermeasures event. Assists with coordination of planning, training and responding to a Medical Countermeasure (MCM) response for a public health incident. This course responds directly to the National Preparedness Goal as it applies to delivery of medical countermeasures to exposed populations. This course is offered through TEEEX and is funded by DHS/FEMA.

**Location:** Greene County Public Safety Center 330 W. Scott Street Springfield, MO 65802

**Date:** October 29-30, 2025

**Time:** 8am – 5pm

**LOCAL POC:** Scott Allen      **Email:** [sallen@webstercountymohealth.gov](mailto:sallen@webstercountymohealth.gov)

## EMS ECHO

Do you know someone in the EMS field? Share this *FREE* and valuable resource with them!

The EMS ECHO is an incredible opportunity for emergency medical professionals to stay connected, informed, and supported in the work they do every day. By participating, they can build a strong network of peers across Missouri, learn from real-life patient cases, and gain practical knowledge they can apply in the field.

The next EMS ECHO session is on **August 13 from 11am to 12am CT**. It's held virtually.

Plus, qualifying participants can earn *FREE* continuing education credits (CEUs).

Encourage someone you know to take advantage of this unique learning experience.

To receive the meeting link participants must **register at:** [showmeecho.org/clinics/emergency-medical-services](https://showmeecho.org/clinics/emergency-medical-services).

## Lead Case Management Training Opportunity

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services' Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program is hosting an in-person training for lead case management. The training will be held on Thursday, August 28 from 9:00 to 4:00 in Moberly, Missouri. The training will cover the basics of lead poisoning, testing requirements, recommended actions for providers and case managers, environmental management and more. We will also provide an overview of ShowMe WorldCare for lead case managers, so attendees should bring a laptop and a charger. There are limited seats available. If you'd like to sign up for this training, please go to this [LINK](#) or contact Maggie Burns: [Maggie.Burns@health.mo.gov](mailto:Maggie.Burns@health.mo.gov) for more information.

# LPHA JOB OPPORTUNITIES

## **Public Health Nurse/TB Case Management – Full Time – 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 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](http://clayhealth.com).

## **Public Health Nurse/STI Clinic – Part Time – 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 part-time Public Health nurse. The Public Health Nurse adheres to professional public health nursing practices and performs nursing services for the public to meet set program goals. This position works in the STI/ TB program. Visit: [clayhealth.com](http://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](http://clayhealth.com).

## **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](mailto:rajitha.voleti@lpha.mo.gov) or [michelle.r.reynolds@lpha.mo.gov](mailto:michelle.r.reynolds@lpha.mo.gov).

## **ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH SPECIALIST – Miller County Health Center**

Are you a DHSS employee ready to retire or wanting a change, interested in working elsewhere for ANOTHER PENSION? Are you employed at a LPHA but was considering living at Lake of the Ozarks? Are you passionate about helping local businesses and organizations be successful by assuring a safe and healthy environment? Well, this is going to make your day! The Miller County Health Center has an open position that comes with a competitive salary and an amazing set of benefits including health insurance, a retirement pension, paid time off, and many others! Plus, only a 37.5-hour work week! For a full list of benefits and additional information visit: [www.millercountyhealth.com](http://www.millercountyhealth.com). Please submit your intent and resume to: [mchc@millercountyhealth.com](mailto:mchc@millercountyhealth.com).

## **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](http://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](http://osagecountyhd.org).

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

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