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HIGHLIGHTS

NATIONAL EMPLOY OLDER WORKERS WEEK -- OUTSTANDING OLDER WORKER OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services Division of Senior and Disability Services is honoring older adults in the workforce. Coinciding with National Employ Older Workers Week, September 21-27, DSDS will present one older adult with Missouri's Outstanding Older Worker of the Year award. To be eligible, the nominee must be 55+, work at least part-time, and exemplify the qualities of an outstanding employee. Nominations will be accepted through September 2, and the awards presentation will take place in the Capitol in Jefferson City on September 24. Winners will be notified no later than September 5.

For more information, please see the following DHSS press release: <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/MODHSS/bulletins/3eef9c1>.

MASTER PLAN ON AGING -- SEEKING COMMENTS

The Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) and Missouri Area Agencies on Aging have published the draft of the [Master Plan on Aging: Missourians Aging with Dignity](#) and are seeking comments from the public before the plan is finalized. The comment period is open now through Sept. 15.

LITERATURE ORDERS -- WAREHOUSE UPDATE

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services Warehouse is no longer accepting faxes for literature orders. Find ordering procedures and the Request for Literature Form on the [Material Available from the DHSS Warehouse | Health & Senior Services](#)

DHSS CORNER

DHSS JOB OPPORTUNITIES/NEWS:

ONSITE WASTEWATER PROGRAM MANAGER -- Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS)

The DHSS Bureau of Environmental Health Services has an opening for its Onsite Wastewater Program Manager position. This is an in-office position in Jefferson City. For more information or to apply visit: www.mocareers.mo.gov, click on "Find Jobs", and search or filter for *Onsite Wastewater Program Manager (4555051)* in the DHSS Division of Community and Public Health. Applications will be accepted through August 22, 2025.

For additional DHSS Job Opportunities, please visit the MO Careers website [here](#).

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](#)

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 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 TEEX 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

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.

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

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 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

Minority Engagement in Donation and Transplant Programs

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, Office of Minority Health and Health Equity, is partnering with the Bureau of Cancer and Chronic Disease Control, to offer a free webinar on *Minority Engagement in Donation and Transplant Programs* on September 16, from 12-1pm. Join us to learn more about organ donation and transplants and bring questions you have for our Organ and Tissue Donor Program to gain a clearer understanding of this vital and lifesaving act.

Register today [HERE](#) or via this link: <https://stateofmo.webex.com/weblink/register/r7a6d633141ae69a44afd99f179bd2d53>.

Echo -- Cancer Survivorship

All healthcare professionals are encouraged to attend Show-Me ECHO's newest ECHO, Cancer Survivorship, on Friday, September 12 from 12-1pm CT. This virtual and no-cost educational opportunity will provide guidance and support for clinicians caring for cancer survivors after primary treatment.

Upcoming didactic topics: Why Cancer Survivorship ECHO, Cancer Survivorship Clinical Practice Guidelines, Continued Lab Monitoring and Imaging, Eating Well After Cancer and more. Register at: showmecho.org.

Governmental Public Health Summit -- Missouri Public Health Institute

The Missouri Public Health Institute is excited to invite you all to our upcoming Governmental Public Health Summit, which will be held December 8-10 at Old Kinderhook. We will be convening governmental public health leaders from across the state to strengthen service delivery, advance systems change, build lasting connections across the state, and celebrate the hard work governmental public health employees do every day. The topics addressed at the summit have been picked by your governmental public health peers, our keynote speaker will be DHSS Director Sarah Willson, and we will have more exciting speakers to announce soon! Governmental public health leaders of all types are welcome - whether you work at DHSS, an LPHA, or serve on a board, we think the Governmental Public Health Summit offers you a unique opportunity to connect with your peers and advance your public health mission.

For registration and hotel accommodation information, please visit: [this link](#). We are currently offering an Early Bird registration deal that will run through October 17 and lowers the cost of registration to \$50 plus fees!

Registration closes November 7th. We hope to see you in December!

LPHA JOB OPPORTUNITIES

NUTRITIONIST -- Barry County Health Department

The Barry County Health Department is seeking a full-time (40 hours/week) nutritionist to provide individual assessment, counseling, and support for breastfeeding, pregnant and postpartum women, infants, and children up to age 5. Duties also include individual and group education and being accountable for daily clinic functions. At minimum, the candidate must have graduated from an accredited four-year college or university with a Bachelor's degree in Dietetics, Public Health Nutrition, Home Economics, or closely related field; including or supplemented by at least fifteen (15) semester hours in food and nutrition including diet therapy and community nutrition. WIC experience is preferred. The selected candidate will provide nutrition education to WIC eligible participants and assess their nutritional needs for certification eligibility. The applicant must be reliable and able to work in a team environment. Excellent customer service skills and professional demeanor is expected at all times. Please submit applications to: Barry County Health Dept, 90 Barry County Drive Cassville MO or mail to: PO Box 207 Cassville, MO 65625. For questions, please call: 417-847-2114.

GENERAL CLERK -- Barry County Health Department

Barry County Health Department will be accepting applications for a General Clerk position at our Cassville office. This is a full time 40 hr a week position. Starting salary is \$12.00 per hour. Office hours are from 7:30am to 6:00pm Monday through Thursday. Please submit applications to: Barry County Health Dept, 90 Barry County Drive Cassville MO or mail to: PO Box 207 Cassville, MO 65625. For questions, please call: 417-847-2114.

ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH SPECIALIST -- Barry County Health Department

Barry County Health Department is accepting resumes for a full time EPHS/40 hours a week. Hours will be Monday through Thursday 7:30am – 6:00pm. 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. Employee will perform routine inspections on food establishments, daycares and lodging facilities, evaluate private well water tests and regulate onsite wastewater treatment systems. Generous benefit package. For more information call: 417-847-2114. Resumes may be hand delivered to Barry County Health Department at: 90 Barry County Drive Cassville, MO 65625, faxed to: 417-847-0924, or mailed to: PO Box 207 Cassville, MO 65625. Barry County Health Department is an equal opportunity employer.

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.

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.

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.

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.

PROGRAM & POLICY SPECIALIST -- Jackson County Public Health

Jackson County Public Health is seeking a dynamic, engaging professional who is passionate about fostering understanding and resilience in the local community. The Program & Policy Specialist will support design, implementation, and evaluation of programs such as naloxone distribution and overdose prevention education. They will work as part of the Substance Use Prevention team to reduce overdose deaths in Eastern Jackson County. Apply here: https://trumed.wd1.myworkdayjobs.com/TMC_External_Career_Site/job/Jackson-County-Public-Health/Program-and-Policy-Specialist---Jackson-County-Public-Health--Mon-Fri--8am---4-30pm- R0015200-1

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE – Lawrence County Health Department

Come join us at our beautiful new facility!

The Lawrence County Health department has an immediate opening for a full time (35 hour/week) Public Health Nurse. Applicant must be a Registered Nurse. Job summary: provides services for the community, including immunizations, communicable disease investigations, lab draws, STI testing and all other clinic services. Two County paid retirement plans/15 paid Holidays/Excellent vacation and sick benefits. Insurance provided. Fax resumes by August 19 to: Lawrence County Health Department 417-466-7485 or email: Janella.Spencer@Lpha.mo.gov . For more information call: 417-466-2201.

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.

RN CASE MANAGER – Pike County Health Department

Full Time daytime position available for an experienced registered nurse in the field of home health & hospice. Applicant must possess at least 1 year of home care or acute care setting, as well as being familiar with patient assessment, quality care, teaching of patients/caregivers and performance of skilled procedures. Requires on-call every 6-7th weekend and occasional weekday. Position is benefit eligible. Learn more and apply online:

<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 that offers a flexible schedule and more! Applicants must have breastfed an infant within the past two years and be available for occasional phone calls after hours and on weekends. Must have good communication skills, computer and organizational skills. Position is benefit eligible. Learn more and apply online: <https://pikecountyhealth.org/about-us/career-opportunities/>.

STAFF ACCOUNTANT -- Beacon Reproductive Health Network

In the fight for reproductive freedom, every role counts – and at Beacon Reproductive Health Network, that includes our Staff Accountant. We're seeking someone who can keep our finances strong and our mission moving forward in an ever-changing environment. The ideal candidate is as comfortable analyzing spreadsheets as they are standing up for the values that guide our work. If you're ready to put your accounting expertise to work for a mission that matters, we want to hear from you. For more information on this position, including how to apply, please visit:

<https://www.beaconreprohealth.org/about/careers>. **Application deadline is Friday, September 5 at 5PM.**

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

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