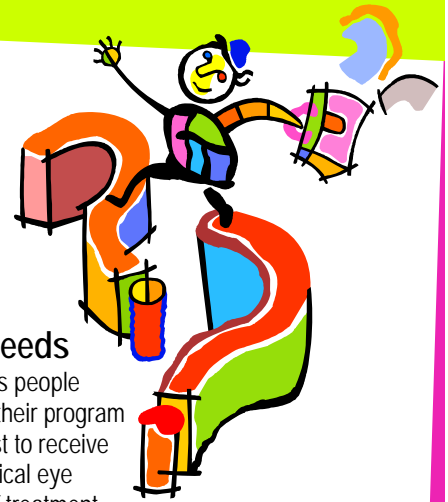


# Community Health ADVOCATES



## Financial Help For Hearing Aids

The **Starkey Hearing Foundation** provides hearing aids to children and families with very limited financial resources. Applicants must complete a hearing examination and receive a hearing aid prescription. There is a \$100 fee for each hearing aid.

Call 800-648-4327 for more information or apply online at [www.sotheworldmayhear.org](http://www.sotheworldmayhear.org).

**Hear Now** provides recycled and used hearing aids to low-income persons. Hear Now affiliates across the country prescribe and fit hearing aids for free. More information can be obtained by calling 800-648-4327.

The **Lion's Club International Hearing Program** promotes the collection, refurbishing, and distribution of donated hearing aids, as well as provides hearing aid assistance at an affordable cost. See their website at [www.lionsclub.org](http://www.lionsclub.org) or call your local Lion's Club representative for more information.

**Hearing Loss Association of America** provides hearing exams and hearing aids for children and adults. More information can be obtained by contacting 1-800-735-2466 or visiting their website at [www.dss.state.mo.us/dms/](http://www.dss.state.mo.us/dms/).

## Help with Vision Needs

**Eye Care America** provides people eligible for referral through their program to a participating optometrist to receive a free comprehensive, medical eye exam and up to one year of treatment. For more information call 1-800-222-3937.

**Vision USA** provides basic eye health and vision care services free of charge to uninsured low-income people and their families. To be eligible, patients must have a job or live in a household where there is one working member, have no vision insurance (this may include Medicare/Medicaid), have an income below an established level based on household size, and not have had an eye exam within 2 years. Apply by calling 1-800-766-4466, on-line at [www.aoa.org/x5611.xml](http://www.aoa.org/x5611.xml), by mail at Vision USA, 243 N. Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63141-7881.

## Cardiovascular Specialists

Physicians from the **Missouri Cardiovascular Specialists Group**, based in Columbia, are now seeing patients one day per week on a rotating basis at the Northeast Regional Specialty Clinic on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of Gutensohn Clinic, 800 West Jefferson Street in Kirksville. Make appointments by calling the Columbia office at 888-300-6481 or visit [www.moheartcenter.com](http://www.moheartcenter.com).

## GlaxoSmithKline, Bridges to Access, Schering Corporation and AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals

now accept applications for free medications from people with household incomes of up to 250% of poverty level, which allows additional patients to qualify. Contact the NMRHN office at 660-665-0330, toll-free at 1-877-539-2227, or stop by at 117 W. Potter Avenue in Kirksville for more information.

The new 2007 federal poverty level guidelines (shown right) will allow more people to qualify for these programs.



Family Size	Free Meds (most programs) 200%	Generic Meds 250%	Discount Card 300%
1	\$20,420	\$25,525	\$30,630
2	\$27,380	\$34,225	\$41,070
3	\$34,340	\$42,925	\$51,510
4	\$41,300	\$51,625	\$61,950
5	\$48,260	\$60,325	\$72,390
>5 add/child	\$6,960	\$8,700	\$10,440



CareLink

## CareLink - Linking Communities to Services

117 N. Potter Avenue  
Kirksville, MO 63501  
660-665-3455 or  
877-539-2227 toll-free

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## Hey, CHAs: Spring Has Sprung!

In addition to thoughts of flowers and showers, the warmer weather has all of us thinking about getting out and being active! Dust off your sneakers, clean-up the grill, and start getting in shape to enjoy the summer! As you are out and about more, doubtless you will find yourselves making more contacts and spending more time with friends and acquaintances! Here presents the best opportunity to help others identify and control health and health-related concerns.

Each Community Health Advocate received a copy of their county-specific **Resources At-a-Glance**. If you need more copies or would like a copy of *Resources At-a-Glance* for other counties in which you find yourselves, just use your toll-free CareLink Referral Resource **1-877-539-2227**.

**Spread the word about health related happenings** (like those listed below) to help increase participation in these events! They are available at no charge or a very low fee and increase the comfort level and familiarity of community members with resources available close to home. As always, if you have any questions or need help, call Terry on the toll-free line above or Sarah Eber at 660-349-8881.



### **Clark County:**

April 21st—Kahoka Sesquicentennial 5K walk and 5K run with prizes; O-mak-O-hak Park; Walk event from 9:00 am-12:00; Contact the Health Department for details

### **Knox County:**

April 3rd WIC pick-up

April 4th WIC recertification/certification by appointment; must meet income guidelines.

April 18th Lipid screenings (by appt.)

April 20th Daddy Daughter Dance for Knox County girls in grades K-5.

KCHD Clinics are held 8am-6pm the first Tuesday of each month; 8am-4pm the remaining Tuesdays; and Friday until noon. KCHD offers the Gardasil vaccine to girls ages 9-18 who qualify for Missouri Vaccine for Children. In order to be eligible to VFC vaccines, the child must be uninsured or qualify for Medicaid or MC+. KCHD offers Hepatitis A & Hepatitis B vaccine for all adults 19+ years for \$5.00.

### **Lewis County:**

Men's Wellness Clinic-Free screenings in May at Lewis County Health Department (call for details)

### **Macon County:**

April 12<sup>th</sup> Emergency Preparedness Open House from 8-4 (Door Prizes) at the Macon County Health Department; Blood Pressure, Blood Glucose, and Cholesterol Testing will be available from 8-11:30am

May 8<sup>th</sup> Community Health Screening sponsored by Loch Haven and Samaritan Hospital from 7:30-11:30am at the Comfort Inn. Free screenings available

May 9<sup>th</sup> Free Lead testing from 8-11:30am and 1:00-5:00pm at MCHD

### **Putnam County:**

April 5<sup>th</sup> Free Blood Sugar Screening from 8:00-9:00 am at Putnam County Health Department, no appointment necessary

April 12<sup>th</sup> Free Cholesterol Screening-call PCHD to make an appointment

April 13<sup>th</sup> Putnam County Meth Coalition is sponsoring a Daddy-Daughter Dance at the Lemmons Community Center. For more details, contact the Putnam County Health Department  
May 29-31<sup>st</sup> Ellis Fischel Mobile Van will be in Unionville to provide free mammograms. Call the PCHD to schedule an appointment time.

### **Scotland County:**

April 10<sup>th</sup> Lifeline Screening from 11:00am-4:00pm includes Carotid, Abdominal and Aortic Aneurysm, Peripheral Artery and Osteoporosis Screenings; Contact Scotland County Health Department for additional details

April 19<sup>th</sup> Car Seat Checks-10:00am at SCHD.