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Missouri WIC Conference Agenda
October 28-30, 2026

All sessions will include a live Q/A session for the last 15 minutes of designated time

Wednesday

10:00 – 12:00	Registration Opens
10:00	Exhibit Hall Opening: Taneycomo A Ballroom
12:45 – 1:00	Conference Welcome Ceremony *All sessions on Wednesday will take place in the Taneycomo Ballroom B*
1:00 – 2:30	Opening Plenary Clancy Harrison <i>Food Dignity®: Strategies to Create Nutrition Security</i>
2:30-3:15	Networking Break
3:15-3:45	Amanda Farendorf <i>MoHealthNet</i>
3:45 – 5:00	Town Hall Meeting
	Dinner on Your Own

Thursday

7:00 – 8:30	Breakfast Buffet		
8:30-10:00	Nutrition Taneycomo Ballroom B	General Taneycomo Ballroom B	Breastfeeding Taneycomo Ballroom B
	Dan Meers <i>Courageous Leadership – Living a Life of Influence</i>		
10:00 – 10:30	Networking Break		
10:30 – 11:45	Nutrition Cooper Creek 1&2	General Short Creek 1&2	Breastfeeding Short Creek 3&4
	Clancy Harrison <i>Space and Grace: Storytelling with Dignity</i>	Heidi Willoughby Thompson Center for Autism <i>Supporting Young Children with Developmental Differences: Autism and Early Intervention</i>	Dr. Candy Lincoln <i>Beyond 'Bad Latch': Understanding and Treating Lactation-Related Pain</i>
11:45 – 1:30	Lunch on Your Own		

1:30 – 2:45	Nutrition Cooper Creek 1&2	General Short Creek 1&2	Breastfeeding Short Creek 3&4
	Brittyn Coleman <i>Nutrition & Autism in Early Childhood: Practical Feeding Strategies for WIC Professionals</i>	Dan Meers <i>Lessons I've Learned in Feathers and Fur</i>	Dr. Candy Lincoln <i>Caring for the Whole Dyad: Mental Health in Pregnancy and Postpartum</i>
2:45 – 3:30	Networking Break: Exhibit Hall Closes @ 3:30 p.m.		
3:30 – 4:45	Nutrition Cooper Creek 1&2	General Short Creek 1&2	Breastfeeding Short Creek 3&4
	Ellen Gibson <i>Baby-Led Weaning Basics</i>	Leigha Bartlett <i>Missouri WIC Tips/Tricks</i>	Dr. Candy Lincoln <i>Finding the Balance: Understanding Milk Supply Challenges in Lactation</i>
5:00	Dinner on Your Own		

Friday

	All sessions on Friday will take place in the Taneycomo Ballroom
7:00 – 8:30	Breakfast
8:30-9:30	Hanna Griffin <i>National WIC Association</i> <i>Advancing Health Equity to Achieve Diversity and Inclusion in WIC (AHEAD) 3.0</i>
9:30-10:00	Break/Check-out
10:00-11:30	Closing Plenary Kay Frances (Encore)
11:00 – 12:00	Closing Activities-
	<i>Safe Travels Home!</i>

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