

# Missouri Family Health Council, Inc.

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Missouri Family Health Council, Inc. has announced the selection of Michelle Trupiano, MSW, as its new executive director. Trupiano was selected after a national search and selection process, during which Katherine Patterson-Paronto, MPA, served as the interim executive director. Trupiano will begin her new position at MFHC on April 4, 2016.

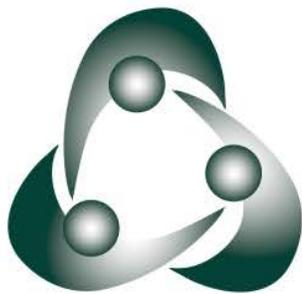
"We are delighted to announce the appointment of Michelle Trupiano as the new executive director of MFHC," said Darcy Scharff, MFHC Board of Directors President. "Michelle's social work training coupled with her not-for-profit management and advocacy skills will serve our organization well as we harness the potential of MFHC. In particular, Michelle has a proven track record in bringing together people with diverse interests. We are excited about her ability to forge a positive future for MFHC and to promote access to reproductive health care services. Please join us in welcoming Michelle Trupiano to MFHC and wishing her the best as we strive to improve access to health care services for those in need."

Trupiano's resume includes over 14 years of health care advocacy, community/grassroots organizing, and management experience, as well as established skills in developing relationships with community leaders, legislators, and agencies. Trupiano most recently served as the Director of the Missouri Medicaid Coalition, developing and implementing a strategic plan to pass Medicaid expansion in Missouri.

As executive director of MFHC, Trupiano will provide oversight to 19 Title X subrecipients in Missouri which provide family planning services via 75 clinics throughout the state. In 2014, Title X services were provided to 49,471 women, men, and teens in Missouri.

"I am thrilled to be joining the Missouri Family Health Council as its Executive Director," said Trupiano. I have dedicated my career to issues around family planning and improving healthcare access for all Missourians. I fully believe in and am committed to the mission of MFHC and am proud to represent an organization that not only champions access to sexual and reproductive health services but empowers people to make informed choices based on medically accurate information. I look forward to working with MFHC's subrecipients and partners and continuing the strong history of MFHC ensuring quality reproductive health services for all those who need them."

Trupiano studied social work at MacMurray College and received a master's in social work with a community concentration from Saint Louis University.



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## **ABOUT MFHC, INC:**

Missouri Family Health Council's mission is to champion access for every individual to culturally sensitive, quality, sexual and reproductive health education and services. Missouri's diverse Title X network consists of health departments, federally qualified health centers, hospitals, non-profits, and affiliates of Planned Parenthood. Title X funds are granted to MFHC through the Office of Population Affairs. Please visit [www.mfhc.org](http://www.mfhc.org) for more information.