

**H.E.L.P. Introduced**  
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Ozark Regional Alliance met in Monett for their regular bi-monthly meeting. ORA board member Kathleen King shared with the group about a new grant received by the Barry County Health Department in conjunction with ORA.

The Health Education Literacy Project (HELP) is funded by a two-year grant from the Missouri Foundation for Health. Its goal is to create a resource toolkit that contains information, materials, curriculum and suggestions that will empower educators to deliver information on life skills, health and safety and family and community issues to low-literacy audiences in a format that is easy for them to understand.

The grant will allow the Barry County Health Department to hire a specialist who will research and develop low-literacy group discussion modules on a variety of life skills issues that may include nutrition, emergency preparedness, balancing a checkbook, family strengths, parenting skills, and more.

The grant will also allow experts to train educators within the 16-county ORA service area on how to facilitate discussions and better communicate with low-literacy audiences.

More details will be available in the coming months.