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Dietary Managers—“Proud of What We Do”

February _____ has been designated “Pride in Food Service Week” by the Dietary Managers Association. This week applauds dietary managers and other members of the foodservice team for their hard work and dedication on the job.

The Dietary Managers Association is an organization exceeding 15,000 members dedicated to excellence in the foodservice industry. DMA members work in hospitals, long-term care centers, schools, correctional facilities and other non-commercial settings. There are ____ dietary managers in *Missouri*.

70% of dietary managers have earned the Certified Dietary Manager, Certified Food Protection Professional (CDM, CFPP) credentials. These individuals have completed an approved training program, 150 hours of supervisory experience, and successfully passed a credentialing exam. Once Certified Dietary Managers have earned the CDM, CFPP credentials, they must maintain this certification through 45 hours of continuing education hours every three years.

Dietary managers are trained in understanding the basic nutritional needs of their clientele, and are responsible for purchasing, storing, preparing and delivering balanced meals, three times a day, 365 days a year.

Pride in Food Service Week is celebrated in various educational and entertaining ways—from cholesterol testing and special menus—to poster contests in schools, spotlighting food service workers on bulletin boards and dietary trivia contests. It proudly salutes food service departments in local community facilities for their professional efforts and vital services given throughout the year to citizens young and old.

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