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Greene County Partners with Ozarks Technical College's Hearing Instrument Science Program

SPRINGFIELD, Missouri- Greene County employees now have access to free hearing screenings, courtesy of Ozarks Technical College's (OTC) Hearing Instrument Science Program. As part of an initiative to better improve the health of its employees, Greene County Commissioners and Human Resources Director Camille Knowles facilitated a partnership between the two organizations.

OTC students, supervised by professors and Hearing Instrument Science Program Director Lynn Royer, will perform initial hearing screenings at the request of any Greene County employee. These screenings are designed to identify possible hearing deficits and lead the patient to further testing.

The partnership officially launched on April 16 as part of the Greene County employee Health Risk Assessment program conducted by Mercy Hospital. Greene County Presiding Commissioner Bob Cirtin, Commissioner Roseann Bentley, Greene County Major Phil Corcoran, and others took part in the launch by undergoing hearing screenings and evaluations.

"Employee health is something we take very seriously in Greene County, as the healthier our employees are, the less medical expenses they have, and the lower our health insurance premiums will be," said Knowles. "This partnership seemed like a natural extension to our health initiative, as employees are offered free screenings that could uncover signs of hearing loss not previously detected. It's a great step in early intervention and prevention."

For more information about OTC's Hearing Instrument Science Program, visit www.otc.edu.

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