



# Annual Report 2019

## Governor's Council on Disability



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*Photo: Jessica Zimmer, Rachel Rackers, Claudia Browner, Laura Mueth, Plato*

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## History

The Governor's Council on Disability traces its roots to the World War II era. In 1947, President Harry S Truman issued an Executive Order establishing the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped. This Committee was created to assist WW II veterans living with disabilities with reentry into the civilian workforce. In 1949, Missouri established the state Governor's Committee to share information about work related problems facing people living with disabilities. In 1994, our statute was updated to broaden our mission beyond employment, enabling the Governor's Council on Disability to become a voice for more than one million Missourians living with disabilities in all facets of life, including state government.

## Mission

To provide leadership and support so people with disabilities achieve inclusion and independence.

## Vision

The Missouri Governor's Council on Disability will be recognized statewide as the primary organization providing leadership to improve the lives of Missouri citizens with disabilities.

## Goals

The Missouri Governor's Council on Disability's Strategic and Operational Plan was reviewed and updated for 2020 - 2022 on August 23, 2019. The Goals are:

- Goal I: Advise all state agencies and non-governmental organizations to advocate for policies and practices that impact Missouri citizens with disabilities.
- Goal II: Encourage system changes and public policies that eliminate barriers and support the wellbeing and independence of individuals with disabilities.
- Goal III: Expand opportunities for independence for people with disabilities in all aspects of their lives.
- Goal IV: Gather input from the public on disability related issues and report the results of this information.
- Goal V: Develop, explore, and implement strategies to increase resources for and the operating efficiency of the Council.

For the complete Strategic Plan, please visit our website at <https://disability.mo.gov/gcd> and click on Strategic Plan.



## Council Membership

- 20 members and a chairperson comprise the Council.
- Council members are appointed by the Governor.
- The appointment of the chairperson requires the advice and consent of the Missouri Senate.
- Members represent each of the eight U.S. Congressional Districts.
- The majority of members are people with disabilities.
- The Governor's Council on Disability is comprised of the following committees: Executive, Advocacy, and Programs.
- The Council conducts quarterly meetings.
- Currently, three seats are vacant.



**Yvonne Wright**  
**Council Chair**  
New Bloomfield  
First Appointed: 7/21/15



**Joan Bergstrom**  
Member 1  
Lee's Summit  
First Appointed: 7/15/08



**Charles Comstock II**  
6th Congressional District  
Kirksville  
First Appointed: 7/29/10



**Betty Davidson**  
Member 5  
St. Louis  
First Appointed: 11/16/09



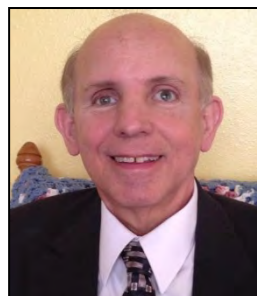
**Ronald Hack**  
Member 10  
Sunset Hills  
First Appointed: 10/2/09



**Mary Ann Harter**  
Member 3  
Crestwood  
First Appointed: 11/16/09



**Rosemary Hendon**  
8th Congressional District  
West Plains  
First Appointed: 1/6/17



**Raymond "Chip" Hailey**  
7th Congressional District  
Joplin  
First Appointed: 1/6/17



**Katie Jones**  
Member 4  
St. Peters  
First Appointed: 10/27/17



**Kim Lackey**  
Member 12  
St. Louis  
First Appointed: 7/9/19



**Elijah Mayfield**  
Member 11  
Jefferson City  
First Appointed: 3/14/18



**DeAnna Noriega**  
Member 7  
Columbia  
First Appointed: 10/2/09



**Susan Orton**  
Member 8  
Creve Coeur  
First Appointed: 7/19/05



**Andrew Sartorius**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District  
Jefferson City  
First Appointed: 7/9/19



**Lesia Shelton**  
4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District  
Buffalo  
First Appointed: 7/9/19



**Opeoluwa Sotonwa**  
Member 9  
Jefferson City  
First Appointed: 3/7/18

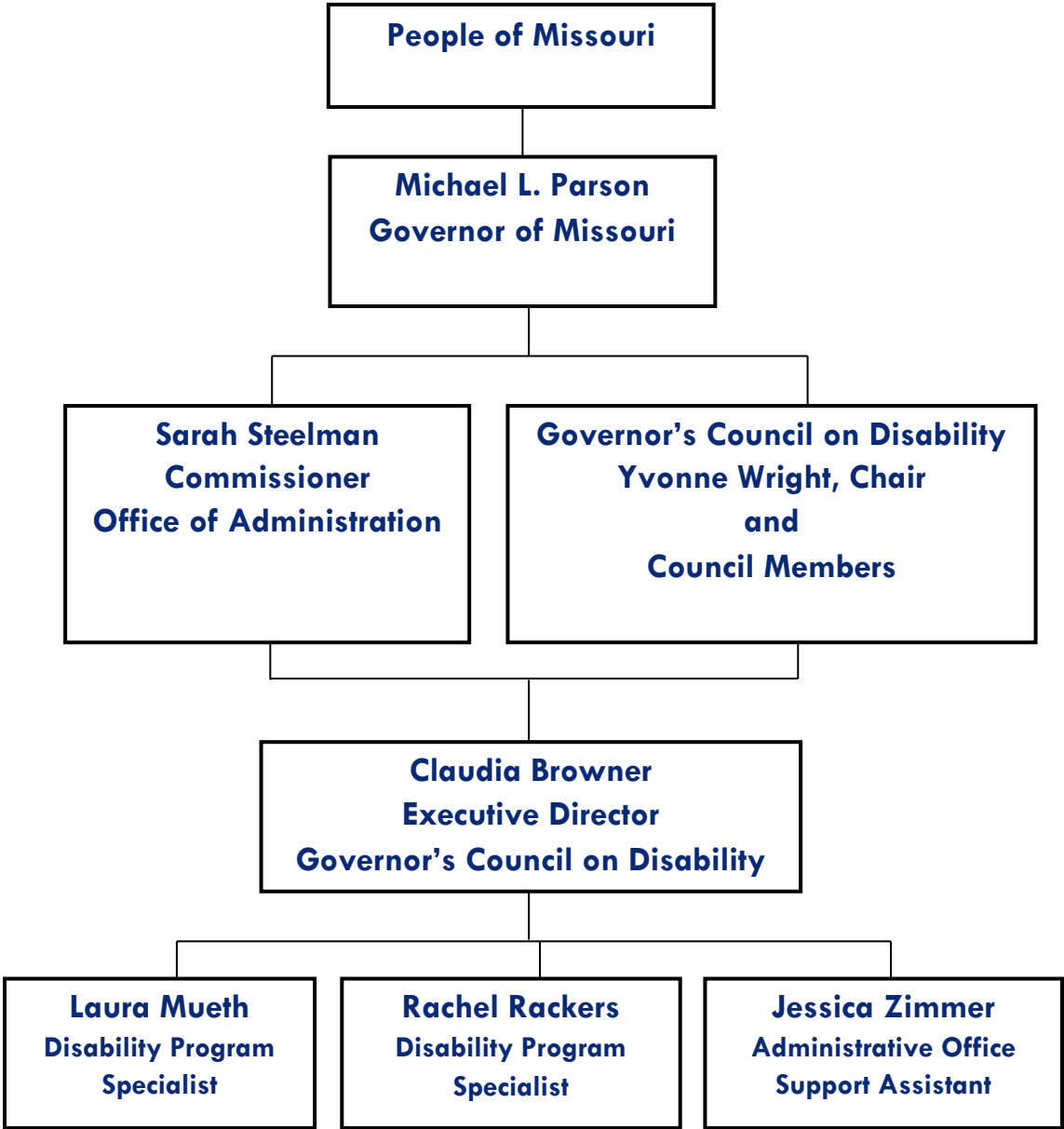


**James Trout**  
1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District  
Webster Groves  
First Appointed: 3/4/09



**Robert Wallace**  
Member 2  
St. Louis  
First Appointed: 5/10/10

# Organizational Structure





# Council Events 2019

## Council Membership

- On July 9, 2019 Governor Parson appointed three new Council members to the Governor's Council on Disability: Kim Lackey, Andrew Sartorius, and Lesia Shelton

## Staff

- Jessica Zimmer was hired as the Administrative Office Support Assistant on October 16, 2019

## Programs and Initiatives

- GCD participated in the Governor's Initiative to make the State of Missouri a Model Employer for individuals with disabilities.
- GCD initiated an annual Poster Contest to raise awareness about the employment of people with disabilities and celebrate National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM).
- GCD received a proclamation from Governor Michael L. Parson declaring October as Disability Awareness Month in Missouri.
- GCD developed and maintained partnerships among the state departments. State department liaisons participate in the quarterly Council meetings and provide input from their departments.
- GCD staff participated as exhibitors at various conferences throughout the State of Missouri to raise disability awareness and provide information on disability related programs and resources.
- GCD staff provided educational presentations to organizations, agencies, and employers throughout Missouri on disability-related topics such as employment of people with disabilities, disability awareness, service animals, self-determination, and the Missouri Youth Leadership Forum.
- GCD staff served on state agency teams, committees and boards to exchange information and collaborate with disability-related organizations.
- GCD staff collaborated with Missouri Parents Act (MPACT) to host the annual Tools for Life Transition Summit.
- GCD provided a Disability History and Awareness Exhibit in Jefferson City (Truman Building) during the month of October.
- GCD staff participated in the National Association of Youth Leadership Forums.
- GCD Executive Director participated in the National Association of Governor's Councils.
- GCD published six issues of the GCD newsletter covering disability-related topics.
- GCD continued its annual programs:
  - GCD Awards Program – Inclusion Award and Youth Leadership Award
  - Legislative Education Project
  - Legislative Priorities Poll
  - Legislative Update
  - Missouri Youth Leadership Forum

## Finances

All but one of the Governor's Council on Disability's programs are funded from General Revenue. This funding covers personnel costs and expenses for most Council activities. The Fiscal Year 2020 (July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020) budget is listed below:

Personnel (4 FTE):	\$178,984.00
Operating Expenses:	<u>\$ 23,879.00</u>
Total:	\$202,863.00

At the time of publication, the Council has spent \$8,505.50 in operating expenses, or 36% of the FY20 budget. Expenses include supplies, postage, telecommunications, Council meeting expenses, travel, professional development, disability accommodations, and expenses for GCD programs.

The Missouri Youth Leadership Forum (MO-YLF) is a program that is **not** funded from General Revenue funds. This program is funded through a combination of private donations and sponsorships. Paraquad, Inc., a Center for Independent Living in St. Louis, signed a Memorandum of Understanding as the 501(c)3 fiscal agent for the MO-YLF account.

The following is a synopsis of the 2019 MO-YLF budget and program expenditures.

### 2019 MO-YLF event costs:

Supplies, Equipment, Printing & Material	\$ 4,517.95
Presenter Fees and Travel Expenses	\$ 6,100.00
Staff and Alumni Travel	\$ 270.90
Disability Accommodations <sup>1</sup>	\$ 7,940.50
Transportation	\$ 520.00
Meals (separate from MU billing)	\$ 1,337.89
University of Missouri Conference Center <sup>2</sup>	\$ 36,035.11
Other fees	<u>\$ 33.30</u>
Subtotal:	\$ 56,755.65
Post MO-YLF activities/professional development <sup>3</sup>	\$ 1,591.38
Total Spent:	\$ 58,347.03

Beginning balance in MO-YLF account on January 1, 2019:	\$ 56,923.36
Donations/sponsorships/deposits received in 2019:	\$ 90,045.00

Balance in MO-YLF account (December 1, 2019)	\$ 88,621.33
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1. Examples: Personal Care Attendant(s), interpreters, CART captioning, Braille materials, etc.
2. Includes: Lodging, meals, banquet facilities, meeting rooms, conference center fees
3. Expenses include: Expenses for MO-YLF coordinator to attend National APRIL (Association of Programs for Rural Independent Living) conference

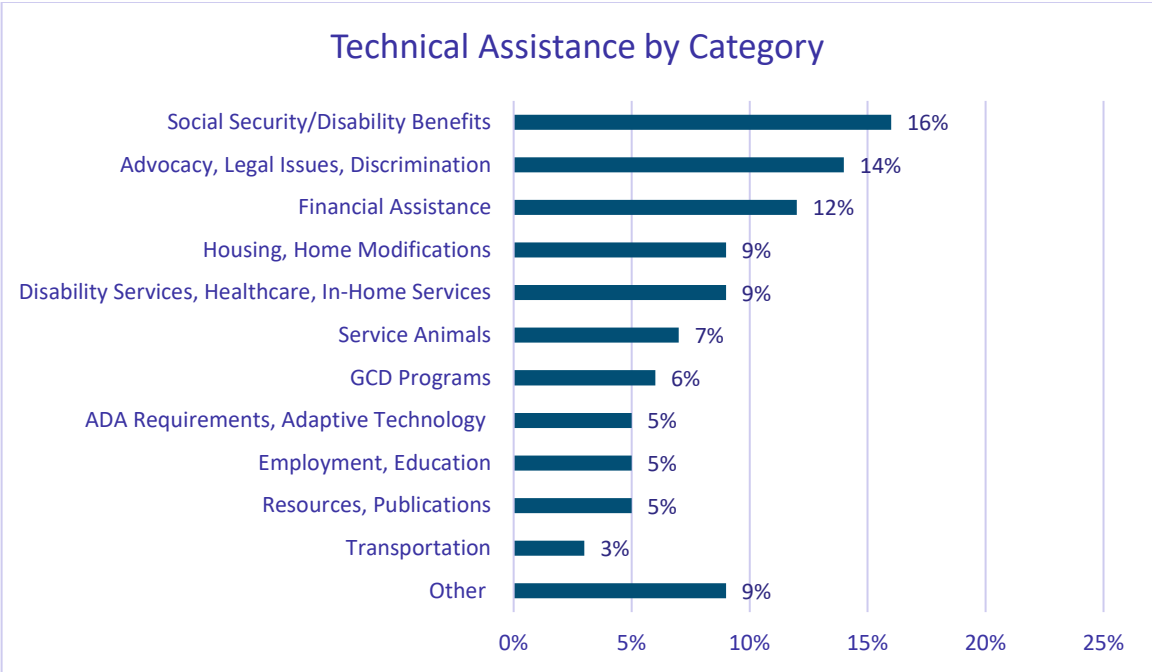
# Programs and Initiatives

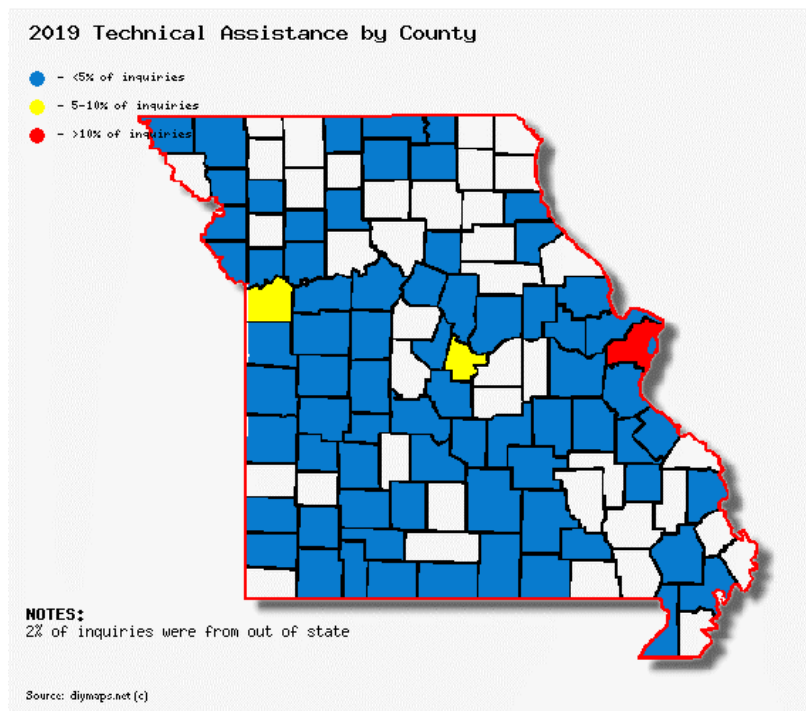
## Technical Assistance

The Governor’s Council on Disability provides disability-related technical assistance to individuals, businesses, governmental and agency representatives from all over the state, and occasionally from other states, by phone, letter, or e-mail. Most contacts are from individuals in need of resources in order to live more independently. Referrals are made to Centers for Independent Living, state and federal agencies, local community resources, non-profit organizations, including faith-based groups and Community Action Agencies. In some instances, referrals are made to businesses or for-profit entities. The Council also works with a number of state legislators and the Governor’s Office on constituent affairs to provide solutions to individuals’ problems and issues.

In 2019, the Council received a substantial number of calls and e-mail inquiries concerning financial assistance, service animals, disability services, housing, employment and legal/advocacy issues. Other common inquiries included requests for information about transportation, accommodations, ADA guidelines and regulations, Universal Design standards, accessible parking, FMLA issues, eligibility requirements for disability benefits, and questions about potential discrimination on the job, in housing or in public places.

Overall, the Council assisted more than 587 different individuals with their phone inquiries and responded to more than 746 e-mail inquiries and requests.





The counties displayed on the map include the following:

**Group I (<5% of inquiries):**

Adair, Andrew, Atchison, Barry, Bates, Benton, Boone, Buchanan, Caldwell, Callaway, Camden, Cape Girardeau, Carter, Cass, Cedar, Christian, Clay, Dent, DeKalb, Dunklin, Franklin, Greene, Henry, Hickory, Howard, Howell, Jasper, Jefferson, Johnson, Laclede, Lafayette, Lawrence, Lincoln, Livingston, Madison, Marion, Mercer, Miller, Moniteau, Montgomery, New Madrid, Newton, Nodaway, Oregon, Ozark, Pettis, Phelps, Platte, Polk, Pulaski, Putnam, Ralls, Randolph, Ray, Saline, Schuyler, Shannon, St. Charles, St. Clair, St. Francois, St. Genevieve, St. Louis City, Stoddard, Stone, Sullivan, Taney, Texas, Vernon, Warren, Washington, Webster, Wright

**Group II (5-10% of inquiries):** Cole, Jackson

**Group III (>10% of inquiries):** St. Louis County

Total number of counties listed: 74 of 114 Missouri counties, and the city of St. Louis.

## Publications / Resources

### Disability Web Portal and Directory of Resources for Missourians with Disabilities

The Governor's Council on Disability publishes a variety of educational videos, resources and information on the [Disability Web Portal](#), including the *Resource Directory for Missourians with Disabilities*. The online Directory allows each user to search for disability-related resources by category or location.

### Legislative Update

During the legislative session, a weekly [Legislative Update](#) is distributed to keep individuals up-to-date on legislation that potentially impacts individuals with disabilities. Over 1,200 individuals subscribed to the publication via email and regular mail in addition to the website.

### GCD Newsletter

The GCD publishes six issues of the GCD Newsletter per year about disability-related topics and GCD activities. The newsletter is sent out by email and posted on the website and Social Media. The newsletters can be found online at <http://disability.mo.gov/gcd/newsletters.htm>

### Other Publications

The Governor's Council on Disability also disseminated a variety of program information and publications including "Tickets" which provide information about accessible parking.

## Awards Programs

The Governor's Council on Disability annually recognizes individuals or organizations who promote and demonstrate inclusion of individuals with disabilities in all aspects of community living.

The 2018 winners were honored at the annual Power Up Conference in Columbia in April 2019.

### Inclusion Award

The Inclusion Award recognizes individuals or organizations that have demonstrated best practices in inclusion of people with disabilities in education, employment, housing, leisure activities, universal design, and website accessibility. The Council's Programs Committee selects the winners of the Inclusion Awards, who are nominated by individuals or organizations in their communities.

#### 27th Annual Inclusion Award winner: Bloom Café, St. Louis



Bloom Café is a universally designed restaurant owned and operated by Paraquad that provides job training for adults with disabilities, and serves as a model of integrated employment. Approximately 60% of Bloom Café's staff have disabilities. In addition to the restaurant, Bloom Café provides individuals with disabilities a pathway to economic independence through a formal job training program which includes job skills training, soft skills training and paid internships in the community as well as assistance with finding permanent jobs. Through this program, Bloom Café is promoting inclusion and equal participation for people with all types of disabilities.

*Photo: Lily Weeks, Aimee Wehmeier, Chef Joe Wilson*

#### Inclusion Award - Honorable Mention: Jim and Theresa Edwards/Sophie's Run



Jim and Theresa Edwards are prime examples of community leaders for students with disabilities. In memory of their daughter, the Edwards started Sophie's Run, a non-profit organization to raise funds to support families and students who need augmentative and alternative communication devices in the Park Hill School District and throughout their transition to college and post-secondary opportunities. These devices allow nonverbal students to have a voice, independence, and the opportunity to advocate for themselves and live a meaningful, purposeful life.

*Photo: Theresa and Jim Edwards*

For additional information about the annual Inclusion Awards, please visit our website at <http://disability.mo.gov/gcd/inclwin.htm>



## Youth Leadership Award

The Youth Leadership Award recognizes emerging leaders in the disability community (ages 16-26) that demonstrate leadership by engaging in activities that improve the quality of life of people with disabilities in their communities.

### 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Leadership Award winner: Kaci Conley



Kaci Conley has dedicated much of her personal time to bring awareness to her community regarding accessibility and advocacy for individuals with disabilities. As a student at Maryville University, she joined the ABLE campus group to advocate for campus awareness and to increase accessibility features on campus. Kaci was elected co-president of ABLE and hosted a Disability Awareness event on campus, and was the only student chosen to join a faculty/student committee for accessibility for individuals with disabilities. Kaci demonstrates that her disability does not limit her ability to succeed and reach her goals. Her next goal is to ensure that the graduation ceremony is accessible to all students.

*Photo: Kaci Conley and her parents*

### Youth Leadership Award - Honorable Mention: Madelyn Hubbs



Madelyn Hubbs is a dedicated advocate for all abilities. A freshman at Maryville University, she is a role model for other students, giving presentations at area schools about disabilities, prosthetic limbs, and anti-bullying. For the last ten years, Madelyn has been a patient ambassador for Shriners Hospital for Children. She has volunteered hundreds of hours working at Shriners events, raised more than \$5,000 and collected over 2,180 new toys for the children at Shriners Hospital. Madelyn has demonstrated exemplary leadership skills, won numerous awards, and is an alum of the Missouri Youth Leadership Forum. It is her goal to become an occupational therapist and make this a better world for individuals with disabilities.

*Photo: Madelynn Hubbs*

For more information about the annual Youth Leadership Award, please visit our website at <http://disability.mo.gov/gcd/youthleadershipaward.htm>

The Governor's Council on Disability is currently accepting nominations for the 2019 Inclusion and Youth Leadership Awards. **Deadline for nominations is January 31, 2020.**

The awards for 2019 will be presented on March 31, 2020 at the 2020 Power Up Assistive Technology Conference and Expo in Columbia.

# Legislative Programs

## Legislative Education Project

The purpose of the Legislative Education Project (LEP) is to educate people about the Missouri legislative process and motivate individuals by providing opportunities to become actively involved in public policy that impacts people with disabilities. The LEP is sponsored annually during the legislative session and includes online learning tools, the *LEP at the Capitol*, and the *LEP on the Road* to bring the training to individuals and organizations in their communities. During the 2019 legislative session, 73 individuals participated in the LEP.

The online training modules and videos teach individuals about *How a Bill Becomes a Law*, the *Elected Officials and General Assembly*, and *How to Navigate the House and Senate Websites*. The videos educate about *Accessible Voting*, *Attending a Senate Hearing and Providing Testimony*, and *Building an Effective Relationship with Legislators*. The online learning modules and videos have had more than 1,630 views.

## Legislative Priorities Poll

Each year the Governor's Council on Disability distributes a Legislative Priorities Poll to determine the issues that are important to Missourians with disabilities and those who work and live with them. The poll is sent out to agencies and individuals. This year, 453 individuals from 36 counties in Missouri participated in the poll. Based on the results, the legislative priorities the Governor's Council on Disability will be following during the 2020 legislative session are:

1. The increasing cost of medication
2. All public buildings having evacuation plans for all people with disabilities
3. Private insurance coverage requirement for hearing aids
4. Access to health care/medical services
5. Schools having a restraint and seclusion policy

Outcomes of the Legislative Priorities Poll have been shared with the General Assembly. The complete report is available online at [https://disability.mo.gov/gcd/legislative\\_priorities\\_poll.htm](https://disability.mo.gov/gcd/legislative_priorities_poll.htm).

The GCD will continue to help people with disabilities advocate in the 2020 legislative session. GCD staff will be examining bills that relate to disability and analyze their impact on the disability community.

## Legislative Update

The Governor's Council on Disability will continue to publish the weekly *Legislative Update* newsletter during the legislative session to provide information about disability-related bills and their status in the legislative process.

## Missouri Youth Leadership Forum

The annual Missouri Youth Leadership Forum (MO-YLF) for students was held July 16-20, 2019 at the University of Missouri in Columbia. This year, a record number of thirty (30) youth delegates participated in the five-day leadership and career development skills training for high school students with disabilities (ages 16-21).

The week long program provided delegates the opportunity to learn about leadership, citizenship, self-determination, employment, independent living, and social skills. Daytime activities included small and large group discussions, a community service project, disability history and awareness education, employment and career exploration, a mentoring luncheon, and a day at the State Capitol in Jefferson City to meet with legislators and learn about self-advocacy. Evening activities included a keynote speaker, an adaptive sports night, a talent show, and a dance party.



Delegates participated in a mock legislative session in the House and Senate Chambers of the Missouri State Capitol, learned about the legislative process and discussed disability-related legislation with two Representatives and one Senator. After the mock legislative sessions with the legislators, the delegates had the opportunity to tour the Governor's office and meet Governor Parson.

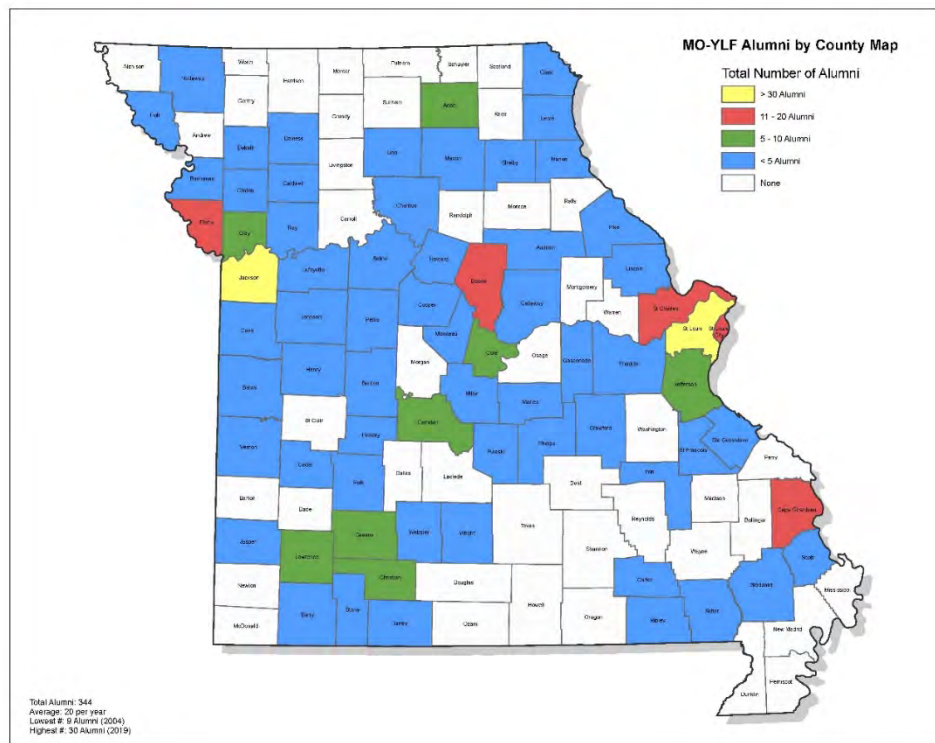
On graduation day, an educational session for parents and a resource fair for delegates and parents was followed by the closing graduation, where the delegates gave presentations about what they had learned throughout the week to staff, family members and guests.

Outcomes of the MO-YLF are:

- Thirty (30) delegates attended in 2019, representing 21 different counties in Missouri.
- Sixteen (16) alumni participated in 2019 as facilitators, team members, and mentors.
- The delegates and alumni participated in a community service project to help others in need by collecting supplies and donations for Rainbow House in Columbia.
- Alumni are more confident in their interviewing skills and five alumni have been able to find employment since attending MO-YLF this year.
- Two of the 2019 alumni have enrolled in college.
- Many alumni have pursued post-secondary education and graduated from college.
- Several alumni have received a graduate degree and two alumni graduated from law school.
- One alumna serves on the Governor's Council on Disability.
- One alumna has been appointed to the St. Louis County Commission on Disabilities.
- One alumna is an ambassador for Shriners Hospitals for Children in St. Louis.

- Several alumni have given presentations as panelists and/or keynote speakers at events, board meetings, transition fairs and conferences throughout the state.
- Several alumni have presented disability information in their schools and to their peers.
- Three alumni have received the GCD's Youth Leadership Award for the years 2015, 2016, 2017, and one alumna received the honorable mention in 2018.

Since inception of the program in 2001, a total of 344 alumni have graduated from the Missouri Youth Leadership Forum, representing 70 of the 114 Missouri counties, plus the city of St. Louis.



The counties displayed on the map include the following:

**Group I (less than 5 alumni):**

Audrain, Barry, Bates, Benton, Buchanan, Butler, Caldwell, Callaway, Carter, Cass, Cedar, Chariton, Clark, Clinton, Cooper, Crawford, Daviess, DeKalb, Franklin, Gasconade, Henry, Hickory, Holt, Howard, Iron, Jasper, Johnson, Lafayette, Lewis, Lincoln, Linn, Macon, Maries, Marion, Miller, Moniteau, Nodaway, Pettis, Phelps, Pike, Polk, Pulaski, Ray, Ripley, Ste. Genevieve, St. Francois, Saline, Scott, Shelby, Stoddard, Stone, Taney, Vernon, Warren, Webster, Wright

**Group II (5 – 10 alumni):**

Adair, Camden, Christian, Clay, Cole, Greene, Jefferson, Lawrence

**Group III (11 – 20 alumni):**

Boone, Cape Girardeau, Platte, St. Charles, St. Louis City

**Group IV (21 – 30 alumni):**

none

**Group V (more than 30 alumni):**

Jackson (36), St. Louis County (74)

The 2020 MO-YLF will be held at the MU campus in Columbia from July 14-18, 2020.



## Employment Initiatives

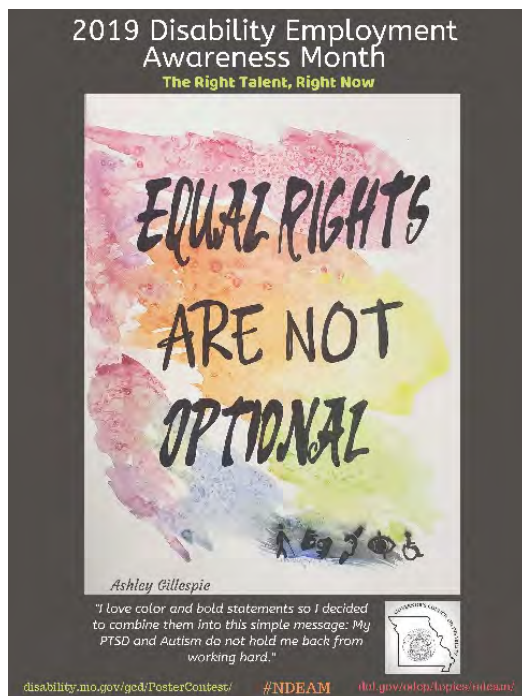
### Missouri as a Model Employer Initiative

On February 1, 2019, Governor Mike Parson announced the State of Missouri's participation in the Missouri as a Model Employer Initiative to increase employment opportunities for people with disabilities in state government, create a more diverse workforce, and serve as a model for Missouri businesses. The initiative was supported by the US Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment. The Governor's Council on Disability had the opportunity to serve on this initiative along with representatives from various state agencies, a center for independent living, and the Missouri Chamber of Commerce. On September 9, 2019, Governor Parson issued Executive Order 19-16, ordering the commencement of the Missouri as a Model Employer initiative and providing directions to state government agencies on the implementation of the initiative.

More information can be found online at <https://disability.mo.gov/model-employer.htm>

### Disability Employment Awareness Month Poster Contest

New in 2019, the Governor's Council on Disability (GCD) initiated an annual poster contest to celebrate Disability Employment Awareness Month in Missouri.



National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) is observed each year in October to celebrate the contributions of workers with disabilities and educate about the value of a workforce inclusive of their skills and talents.

The poster contest is intended to spark a conversation about the importance of employment for people with disabilities and raise awareness about their positive contributions to the workforce.

The winner of the inaugural Disability Employment Awareness Month contest was Ashley Gillespie of Willard, Missouri. The poster was distributed statewide during the month of October and is posted on the GCD website.



## Other Employment Activities

- Participation in workgroups and initiatives for employment and higher education
- Providing educational presentations on the employment of people with disabilities and accommodations in the workplace
- Providing an exhibit on National Disability Employment Awareness Month, October, Jefferson City
- Participation in reverse job fairs for job seekers with disabilities, October, Jefferson City and Sedalia
- Hosting employment and mentoring events at the Missouri Youth Leadership Forum
- Participation in Disability:IN Greater Kansas City's Disability Inclusion Summit

## Outreach Activities

The Governor's Council on Disability participated in numerous outreach and educational activities throughout the year to promote disability awareness and inclusion of people with disabilities in all aspects of life.

## Disability Web Portal / Website / Social Media

- The Missouri Disability Web Portal serves as a one-stop access point for the public to obtain information on disability resources and offers links to other entities and state agencies that provide services to people with disabilities. In 2019, the Disability Web Portal had 110,726 page views. <http://disability.mo.gov>
- GCD has a Facebook page reaching a growing fan base with 1,291 Page Likes/Followers
- Missouri Youth Leadership Forum Facebook page with more than 315 Page Likes/Followers
- GCD Twitter account reaching 90 followers to date
- Over 1,500 individuals are subscribed to GCD listservs to receive disability-related information by email

## Educational Presentations / Outreach / Exhibits

The Governor's Council on Disability provides educational programs on disability rights, etiquette and awareness, employment of people with disabilities, service animals and other disability-related topics to any group or organization in Missouri requesting such information. Educational programs are specifically tailored to the individual or group to ensure effectiveness. During most quarterly public Council meetings, a presentation is provided on different disability-related topics. In 2019:

- GCD staff developed and presented 49 educational programs to 1,946 individuals around the state
- GCD provided outreach to 1,597 individuals at 80 meetings and events throughout the year
- GCD provided information and resources to 2,285 people through exhibit booths at 16 conferences and transition events

## Boards and Commissions

As part of the Governor's Council on Disability's advisory capacity function, staff and Council members serve on a variety of boards and commissions to promote opportunities in all aspects of life, including employment, transportation, recreation, and housing. The following is a list of those boards and commissions in which staff and Council members served in calendar year 2019.

- Access and Functional Needs Committee, Statewide
- Association of Programs for Rural Independent Living (APRIL), Nationwide
- APRIL Youth and Steering Committees, Nationwide
- AYLF (Association of Youth Leadership Forums), Nationwide
- Brain Injury Association of Missouri, Statewide
- Central Missouri Youth Connections, Central Missouri
- Community Transition Teams, Statewide
- Down Syndrome Association of St. Louis
- East-West Gateway Council of Governments, St. Louis
- Employment First Initiative, Statewide
- Future of Self Advocacy, Statewide
- Giant Steps of St. Louis
- Harry S Truman Building Safety Coordinator Meetings, Jefferson City
- Missouri as a Model Employer Initiative, Statewide
- Missouri Association of the Rehabilitation for the Blind, Statewide
- Missouri Brain Injury Advisory Council, Statewide
- Missouri Centers for Independent Living (MOCIL), Statewide
- Missouri Council of the Blind, Statewide
- Missouri Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Statewide
- Missouri Disability Health Collaborative Advisory Committee, Statewide
- Missouri First Responders Disability Awareness Training Advisory Council, Statewide
- Missouri Inclusive Housing Development Corporation Board, Statewide
- Missouri Interagency Transition Team, Statewide
- Missouri Policy Summit on Secondary Education for Students with I/DD, Statewide
- Missouri State Deafblind Advisory Committee, Statewide
- Missouri Statewide Independent Living Council, Statewide
- Missouri UD Initiative
- MO Youth Leadership Forum Planning Committee, Statewide
- MYLIFE Alumni Association, Statewide

- National Association of Governors' Committees on People with Disabilities, Nationwide
- National Federation of the Blind, Nationwide
- Productive Living Board for St. Louis County Citizens with DD, St. Louis County
- Rehabilitation Services Administration, Columbia
- Special School District (SSD) Transition Team, St. Louis
- St. Louis County Commission on Disabilities, St. Louis
- St. Louis Disability Transportation Resource Network, St. Louis
- State Vocational Rehabilitation Agencies, Columbia
- Supported Decision Making Stakeholder Group, Statewide
- Transition Training Institute Team, Statewide

## 2020 Meeting and Event Dates

### Governor's Council on Disability Quarterly Meetings

February 7, 2020

May 1, 2020

August 21, 2020

November 13, 2020

The Council meetings are open to the public and are held at the Missouri Coalition for Community Behavioral Healthcare building in Jefferson City, beginning at 10 a.m.

### Career and Advocacy Forum for the Deaf/Hard of Hearing

June 18-21, 2020

This new program is being developed in collaboration between the Governor's Council on Disability, Missouri Vocational Rehabilitation, MU Pre-Employment Transition Services, Missouri School for the Deaf, and Paraquad. The event for students (ages 16-21) who are deaf/hard of hearing will be held at Missouri School for the Deaf in Fulton.

### Missouri Youth Leadership Forum

July 14-18, 2020

The 18<sup>th</sup> annual Missouri Youth Leadership Forum for students with disabilities (ages 16-21) will be held at the University of Missouri in Columbia.