



Annual Report 2020

Governor's Council on Disability



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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 1977, the Governor's Committee was established as a state agency and in 1994, the statute was updated to broaden the agency's 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, four 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



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
3rd Congressional District
Jefferson City
First Appointed: 7/9/19



Lesia Shelton
4th Congressional District
Buffalo
First Appointed: 7/9/19



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

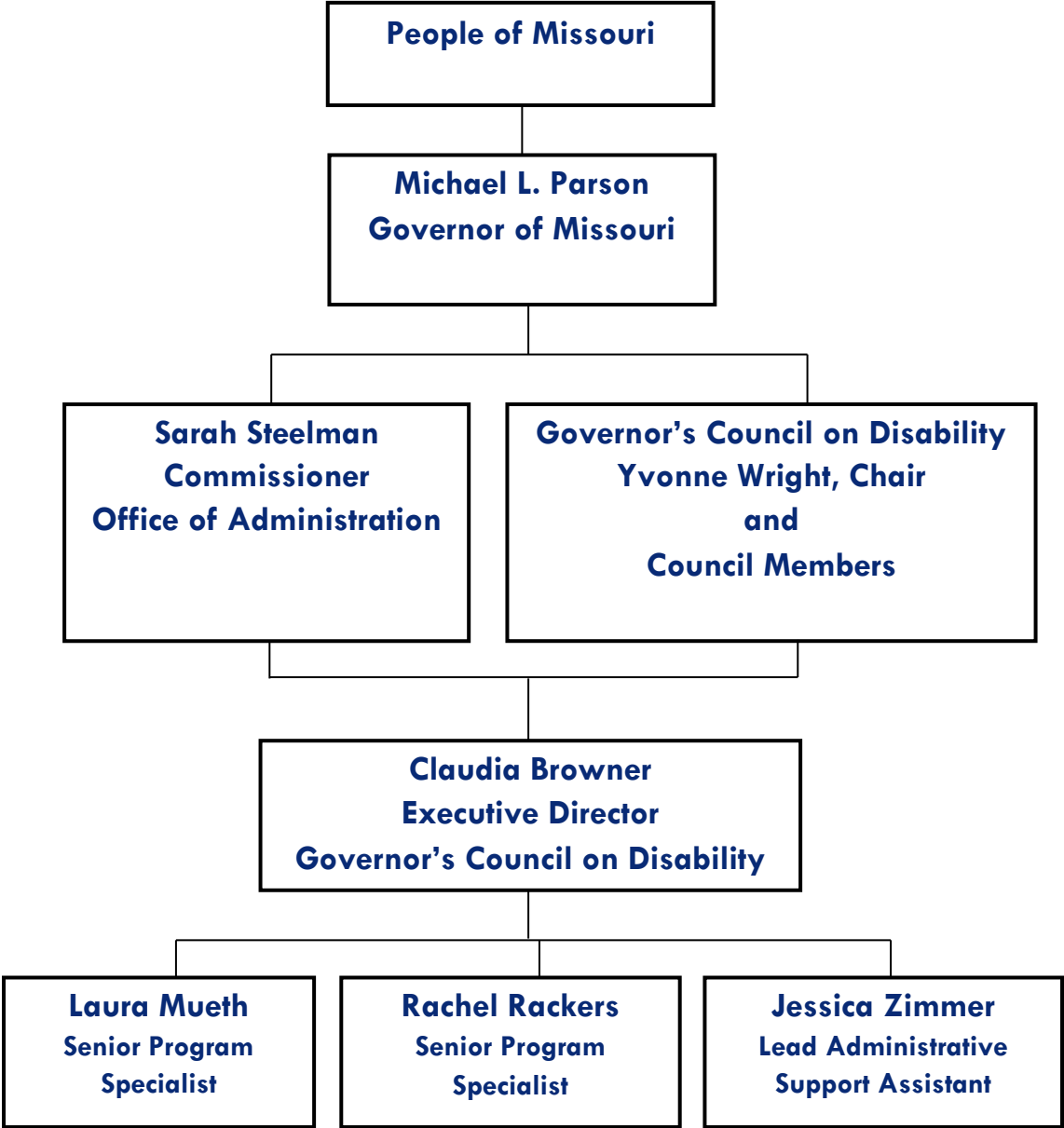


James Trout
1st Congressional District
Webster Groves
First Appointed: 3/4/09



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

Organizational Structure



Council Events 2020

Council Membership

- Mary Ann Harter resigned her council member position effective March 6, 2020.

Staff

- Laura Mueth was awarded the Missouri Council of the Blind's 2020 Ellis M. Forshee Award for outstanding legislative work for the blind in Missouri

Programs and Initiatives

- GCD created a Public Service Announcement about accessible parking spaces
- GCD created a COVID-19 resource page on the Disability Web Portal
- GCD participated in the Governor's Initiative to make the State of Missouri a Model Employer for individuals with disabilities.
- GCD, in collaboration with partnering agencies, hosted an event to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) on July 28, 2020.
- GCD developed Regional Leadership Forums for students with disabilities to continue and expand the mission of the Missouri Youth Leadership Forum – the events had to be postponed to 2021
- 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 provided a virtual Disability History and Awareness Exhibit celebrating the 75th Anniversary of National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) 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
 - GCD Poster Contest celebrating National Disability Employment Awareness Month
 - Legislative Education Project
 - Legislative Priorities Poll
 - Legislative Update
 - Missouri Youth Leadership Forum (event had to be canceled due to the pandemic)

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 2021 (July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021) budget is listed below:

Personnel (4 FTE):	\$181,630.00
Operating Expenses:	<u>\$ 21,181.00</u>
Total:	\$202,811.00

At the time of publication, the Council has spent \$1,940.70 in operating expenses, or 9% of the FY21 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) and Regional Leadership Forums (RLF) are programs that are **not** funded from General Revenue funds. These programs are funded through a combination of private donations and sponsorships.

Paraquad, Inc., a Center for Independent Living in St. Louis, serves as the 501(c)3 fiscal agent for the MO-YLF and RLF account.

The following is a synopsis of the 2020 MO-YLF budget and program expenditures.

Beginning balance in MO-YLF/RLF account on January 1, 2020:	\$ 88,621.33
Donations/sponsorships/deposits received in 2020:	\$ 11,550.00

2020 MO-YLF and RLF event costs:

MO-YLF Supplies, Equipment, Printing & Material	\$ 645.47
MO-YLF Presenter Fees and Travel Expenses*	\$ 2,575.00
RLF Supplies, Equipment, Printing & Material	\$ 759.57
RLF Presenter Fees and Travel Expenses*	\$ 1,000.00
RLF Venue and Equipment Rental*	<u>\$ 726.00</u>
Total Expenditures:	\$ 5,706.04

Balance in MO-YLF account (December 10, 2020)	\$ 94,465.29
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*Due to the cancellation of the 2020 Missouri Youth Leadership Forum and the postponement of the Regional Leadership Forums, the deposits for venues and speakers will be applied to the 2021 MO-YLF and RLF events.

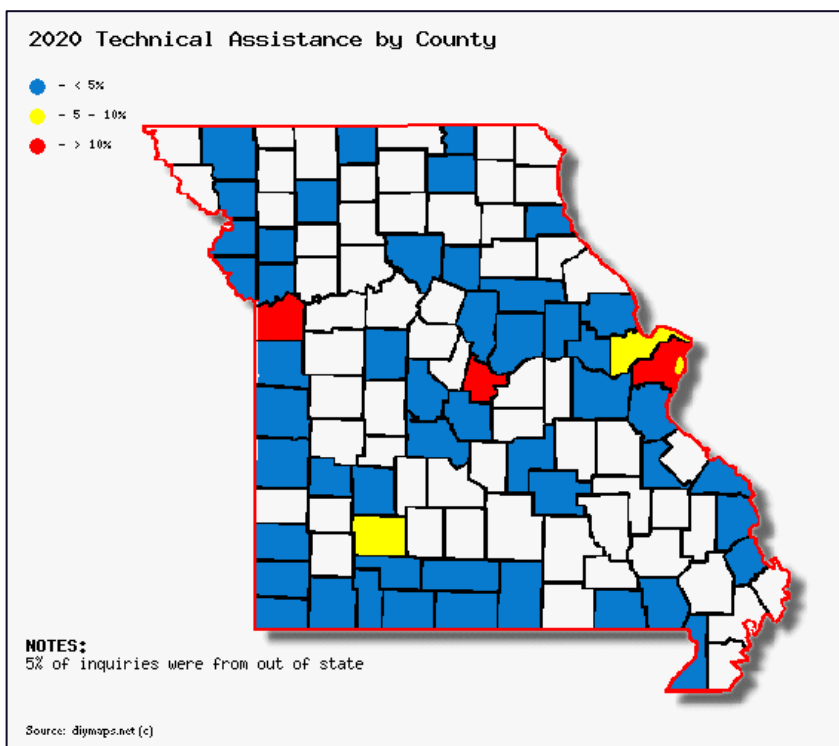
Programs and Initiatives

Technical Assistance

The Governor's Council on Disability (GCD) provides disability-related technical assistance to individuals, businesses, governmental and agency representatives from all over the state, and 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 GCD also works with a number of state legislators and the Governor's Office on constituent affairs to provide solutions to individuals' concerns and issues.

In 2020, the GCD 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 in employment, housing or in public places.

Overall, the GCD assisted 355 different individuals with their phone inquiries and responded to 787 e-mail inquiries and requests.



The counties displayed on the map include the following:

Group I (<5% of inquiries):

Adair, Andrew, Audrain, Barry, Bates, Boone, Buchanan, Butler, Callaway, Camden, Cape Girardeau, Cass, Cedar, Chariton, Christian, Clay, Clinton, Daviess, Dent, Douglas, Dunklin, Franklin, Howell, Jasper, Jefferson, Lincoln, Marion, McDonald, Mercer, Miller, Montgomery, Morgan, Newton, Nodaway, Ozark, Perry, Pettis, Phelps, Platte, Polk, Randolph, Ripley, Schuyler, Scott, St. Francois, Stone, Taney, Vernon, Warren

Group II (5-10% of inquiries):

Greene, St. Charles, St. Louis City

Group III (>10% of inquiries):

Cole, Jackson, St. Louis County

Total number of counties listed: 55 of 114 Missouri counties, plus 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.

COVID-19 Resources

The Governor's Council on Disability created a website designated to resources and information related to the coronavirus pandemic, including a *Face Mask Guidance and Reasonable Accommodations* document published in collaboration with the Missouri Commission on Human Rights and the Missouri Department of Labor and Industrial Relations.

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>

Accessible Parking PSA

The Governor's Council on Disability, in collaboration with the Office of Administration's IT division and Missouri State Highway Patrol, developed a public service announcement video to educate about the importance of accessible parking spaces for individuals with disabilities, and to remind people to keep access aisles open for those who need them to transfer in and out of the vehicles. The PSA can be found at <https://disability.mo.gov/transportation.htm> or <https://youtu.be/4OpEtjbNhgA>

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 leadership in inclusion of individuals with disabilities in all aspects of community living.

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.

28th Annual Inclusion Award winner for 2019: Artists First, St. Louis

Photo: Artists First St. Louis staff members



Artists First is an inclusive art studio empowering artists of all abilities and bringing art to the community as a means of integration, healing, support and finding common ground. Through innovative art programs, Artists First supports more than 225 individuals and connects them to the resources they need to grow socially, intellectually, and emotionally through creative self-expression. Artist First's participation in over 45 community events in 2019 provided opportunities for genuine community involvement and allowed artists with disabilities to be integrated into the art community and labor market.

Inclusion Award - Honorable Mention: BCI Skills Center, St. Peters

Photo: BCI Skills Center staff



Boone Center, Inc. established BCI Skills Center in January 2019 as a first-of-its-kind vocational training facility for people with disabilities. BCI Skills Center partners with local businesses that embrace diversity to create custom programs to prepare individuals living with disabilities for employment. Upon graduation, students move directly into the integrated workforce and earn competitive wages.

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.

7th Annual Youth Leadership Award winner for 2019: Annie Donnell

Photo: Annie Donnell



A recent graduate of Belmont University in Nashville, Annie Donnell has worked with the Starkloff Disability Institute's Dream Big program, and is currently a paid intern at Delta Gamma Center for Children with Visual Impairments. Annie serves as a junior board member and volunteer for the St. Louis Recreation Development Group, assisting with fundraising efforts for an inclusive, accessible amusement park. Annie completed the 2019 New York City Marathon as part of the Achilles International team. She established and serves as president of the St. Louis Chapter of Achilles International, an organization where runners with disabilities and volunteers come together to train in an environment of support and community.

Youth Leadership Award - Honorable Mention: Dylan Farmer

Photo: Dylan Farmer



Dylan Farmer is a 2015 alum of the Missouri Youth Leadership Forum and earned a bachelor's degree in history from Maryville University in 2019. During his time at Maryville University, he participated in the ABLE (Abolish Barriers to Leadership and Employment) advocacy group and served on the Accessibility Committee. He got involved with Starkloff Disability Institute's (SDI) Dream Big youth employment initiative and served as a student intern at SDI. He volunteered for the Missouri History Museum in St. Louis and was a team leader for Maryville Reaches Out. Dylan was proud to announce that he is a full-time employee with the National Archives and Records Administration.

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 2020 Inclusion and Youth Leadership Awards. **Deadline for nominations is January 31, 2021.**

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 2020 legislative session, 67 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 1,800 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, 372 individuals from 54 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 2021 legislative session are:

1. Plans for public emergencies and disasters ensuring needs of people with disabilities are met
2. All public buildings having evacuation plans for all people with disabilities
3. Accessible voting machine provided at each polling location to comply with federal law
4. Private insurance hearing aid coverage
5. The increasing cost of medications

Outcomes of the Legislative Priorities Poll are shared with the General Assembly. The complete report is available online at https://disability.mo.gov/gcd/legislative_priorities_poll.htm.

The GCD will continue to help people with disabilities advocate in the 2021 legislative session. GCD staff will be examining bills that relate to disability and analyze their impact on the disability community.

Legislative Update

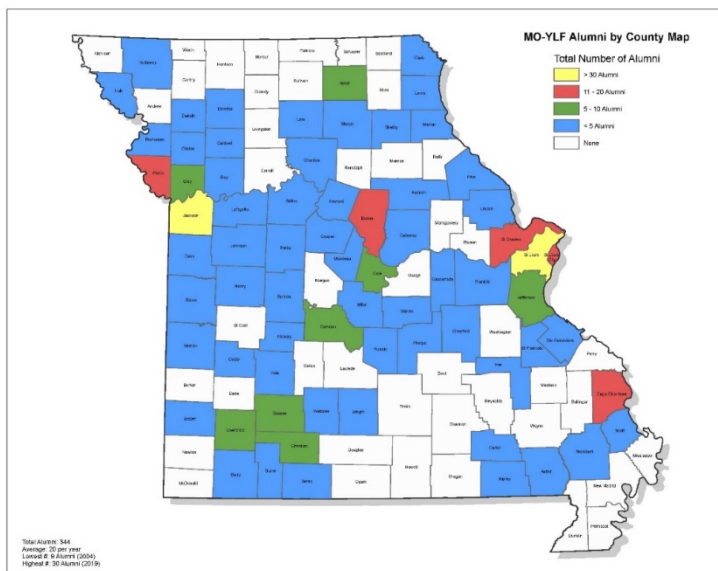
The Governor's Council on Disability will continue to publish the weekly Legislative Update newsletter during the legislative session to provide information about disability-related bills and their status in the legislative process.

Missouri Youth Leadership Forum

The annual Missouri Youth Leadership Forum (MO-YLF) is a 5-day leadership and career development program for transition aged students with disabilities. The 2020 MO-YLF had to be canceled due to the COVID pandemic. Plans are underway to continue the program in the summer of 2021.

In collaboration with the Office of Administration's IT division, GCD staff developed a web application for the MO-YLF this year to make the application process and program administration more user-friendly and efficient.

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 2021 MO-YLF will be held at the MU campus in Columbia from July 13-17, 2021. (Tentative dates)

Regional Leadership Forums

To continue and expand the mission of the Missouri Youth Leadership Forum, the GCD and its partnering agencies initiated the development of Regional Leadership Forums (RLF) in four different locations around the State of Missouri.

These new, one-day leadership training programs provide transition age students the opportunity to learn about leadership, self-determination, employment, goal setting, and independent living, and prepare them for the week-long Missouri Youth Leadership Forum. The RLFs are also intended to increase the statewide outreach by providing leadership opportunities in different regions of the state.

The RLFs are scheduled to be held in Jefferson City, Kansas City, Springfield and Cape Girardeau during March and April, 2021.

ADA Anniversary Celebration



July 26, 2020 marked the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), which was celebrated nationwide throughout the month of July and the rest of the year, with webinars, documentaries, and events.

On Tuesday, July 28, 2020, Missouri celebrated this milestone with an event at the Missouri State Capitol in Jefferson City and via Facebook live. Several dozen individuals attended the event at the capitol while thousands viewed it online.

The Governor's Council on Disability partnered with other state agencies and disability organizations to host the event.

Speakers included Governor Michael L. Parson and Jefferson City Mayor Carrie Tergin, who presented proclamations to celebrate the anniversary and designate July 26 as Americans with Disabilities Act Awareness Day, and Attorney General Eric Schmitt. Amber Cheek with the MU Division of Inclusion, Diversity and Equity, and Julie Brinkhoff with the Great Plains ADA Center spoke to honor and celebrate the legacy of former Council member and state legislator Chuck Graham. Missouri Youth Leadership Forum alumna Madelyn Hubbs provided her perspective of a member of the ADA generation born after the passage of the ADA.



Sam Doman, a violinist from Wardsville, played classical music during a slideshow of ADA Successes and Visions for the Future highlighting the accomplishments and successes of the ADA in the last three decades and visions for the future of inclusion and accessibility.

More information about the ADA30 celebration and the ADA Successes and Visions for the Future slideshow can be found on our website at <https://disability.mo.gov/ada30.htm>.

Photos and a recording of the event are available on GCD's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/MissouriGCD/>

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. This year, efforts focused on developing and publishing training content for state HR and hiring managers, supervisors and employees. More information can be found online at <https://disability.mo.gov/model-employer.htm>

Disability Employment Awareness Month Poster Contest

The Governor's Council on Disability (GCD) hosts an annual poster contest to celebrate Disability Employment Awareness Month in Missouri and raise awareness about the importance of workplace inclusion for people with disabilities. 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 2020 Disability Employment Awareness Month contest was Susie Dains, Lake Ozark, Missouri. The poster was distributed statewide during the month of October, featured in the GCD Newsletter, and posted on the GCD website and social media.

National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM)

This year marked the 75th anniversary of National Disability Employment Awareness Month, which was celebrated nationwide throughout the month of October. The GCD created a virtual exhibit about the history and background of NDEAM, featuring resources and information related to the employment of individuals with disabilities, which can be found on the Disability Web Portal at

<https://disability.mo.gov/NDEAM.htm>

Other Employment Activities

- Providing educational presentations to agencies and organizations, on the employment of people with disabilities and accommodations in the workplace
- Participation in workgroups and initiatives for employment and higher education
- Participation in educational webinars on employment of people with disabilities
- 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 2020, the Disability Web Portal had 76,520 page views. <http://disability.mo.gov>
- GCD has a Facebook page reaching a growing fan base with 1,539 Page Likes/Followers
- Missouri Youth Leadership Forum Facebook page with more than 380 Page Likes/Followers
- GCD Twitter account reaching 134 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 state agency, group or organization in Missouri requesting such information. Educational programs are specifically tailored to the individuals or groups to ensure effectiveness. During most quarterly public Council meetings, a presentation is provided on different disability-related topics. This year, the decreased numbers in outreach, presentations, and exhibits are a result of program, conference and event cancellations due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During 2020:

- GCD staff developed and presented 39 educational programs to 4,196 individuals around the state
- GCD provided outreach to 516 individuals at 40 meetings and events throughout the year
- GCD provided information and resources to 749 people through exhibit booths at 6 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 2020.

- Access and Functional Needs Committee, Statewide
- Association for the Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired (AER), Missouri Chapter, 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
- Missouri as a Model Employer Initiative, Statewide
- Missouri Association of Workforce Development, 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 Rehabilitation Association State Board, Statewide
- Missouri State Deafblind Advisory Committee, Statewide
- Missouri Statewide Independent Living Council, Statewide
- Missouri Transportation Task Force, 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
- 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 Rehabilitation Council (Vocational Rehabilitation), Statewide
- State Rehabilitation Council for the Blind, Statewide
- Supported Decision Making Stakeholder Group, Statewide
- Transition Training Institute Team, Statewide

2021 Meeting and Event Dates

Governor's Council on Disability Quarterly Meetings

February 19, 2021

April 30, 2021

August 20, 2021

November 12, 2021

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. or virtually by WebEx and conference call.

Missouri Youth Leadership Forum

July 13 - 17, 2021 (tentative dates)

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

Regional Leadership Forums

March 13, 2021	Jefferson City
March 20, 2021	Cape Girardeau
April 10, 2021	Kansas City
April 17, 2021	Springfield