



# GCD: Governor's Council on Disability

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## GCD Update

by **Claudia Browner**

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This year marks the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), which was signed into law on July 26, 1990. Many organizations are honoring this milestone with a celebration.



**Celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2020  
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

*Missouri State Capitol - 1st Floor Rotunda*

The Governor's Council on Disability, in collaboration with other state agencies, centers for independent living, disability organizations, and the Great Plains ADA Center, is planning an event to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the ADA on Tuesday, July 28, 2020 at the Missouri State Capitol (1st floor rotunda). Please save the date and join us for this event!

In preparation for this event, the GCD has developed a survey to get input from Missouri citizens on the successes and accomplishments of the ADA and to share visions for an accessible, inclusive future for the next 30 years of the ADA.

To participate in the [ADA30 survey](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KRKZ2K2), please visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KRKZ2K2>

Stay tuned for more details about the event in the coming weeks.

## Disability Rights Legislative Day

by **Claudia Browner**



### We belong.

- **In the Classroom**  
We raise our voices for inclusive education and freedom from restraint and seclusion!
- **In the Workplace**  
We raise our voices for work opportunities and employment first in Missouri!
- **In the Community**  
We raise our voices for respectful lives in our homes and communities!

**Disability Rights Legislative Day  
March 11, 2020  
11am - 2pm**

Rally will be from 12pm to 1pm in the Capitol rotunda, first floor

For more information, contact:  
Becky Dickey at (573)522-1691 or Mark Satterwhite at (573)874-1995

The 19th annual Disability Rights Legislative Day is scheduled for Wednesday, March 11, 2020.

The event is held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the first floor rotunda of the Missouri State Capitol and is attended by individuals with disabilities, advocates and disability organizations to meet with legislators and bring attention to disability-related topics.

For more information, please contact Becky Dickey at (573) 522-1691 or Mark Satterwhite at (573) 874-1995.

## MO-YLF Alumni Updates

by Rachel Rackers

Missouri Youth Leadership Forum (MO-YLF) alumni are continuing to do great things! At times it can be challenging to keep updates on all 344 alumni, but we always enjoy hearing and sharing what they have been doing. Here are just some of the highlights:

- Steven Gregg received the Fire Explorer of the Year award from Bolivar City Fire Department
- Candace Cunningham was selected as one of the 2020 Missouri Mental Health Champions. She also recently was elected as a Board Member for APSE MO and Summit Future Foundation.
- Camryn Dickinson, Claire Solomon, Alex Ney and Emily Ernest presented at their schools or IL Centers about MO-YLF
- Sarah Schwegel was recently hired by Paraquad as a Public Policy Specialist.
- Kelsey Redding, Kayla Patek and Dylan Farmer have all been nominated for GCD's Youth Leadership Award for 2019
- Madelyn Hubbs has continued her journey as a 2020 National Patient Ambassador for Shriner's hospital. Her journey has recently taken her to Tampa, FL for East West Shrine Bowl and Pasadena, CA to be float rider in the Rose Parade. She also has been invited to be a speaker at the 30th anniversary of the ADA celebration on July 28th in at the Missouri State Capitol.



We are very proud of our MO-YLF alumni. Keep doing great things and continue as leaders in your communities and beyond!

*Photos: Steven Gregg proudly displays his Fire Explorer of the Year award; Madelyn Hubbs with the college football team at the East West Shrine Bowl game*

## Apply Now for the 2020 MO-YLF

by Rachel Rackers



The 2020 Missouri Youth Leadership Forum (MO-YLF) will be held July 14th-18th at the University of Missouri Columbia campus.

This leadership and career development program is for Missouri high school students with disabilities, ages 16-21.

Applications for staff, volunteers and delegates are now available on GCD's website. The deadline for delegate applications is March 31st and staff applications are due May 1st.

The MO-YLF planning committee encourages you to spread the word about MO-YLF and to come experience this life-changing week!

For more information and the online application, please visit <https://disability.mo.gov/gcd/ylf.htm> or contact Rachel Rackers in the GCD office at (573) 526-4564.

## New Leadership Development Program

by Claudia Browner



Thursday, June 18th - Sunday, June 21st  
Missouri School for the Deaf  
505 E 5th St, Fulton, MO

This 4-day camp is designed to enhance and improve leadership, self-advocacy skills, and employability for students who are deaf and hard of hearing.

- Residential camp at the Missouri School for the Deaf
- Open to students 16-21 with school recommendation

Register by March 2nd:  
[disability.mo.gov/gcd/LDPDHH.htm](https://disability.mo.gov/gcd/LDPDHH.htm)



For more information contact Rachel Rackers at 573-526-4564  
or [rachel.rackers@oa.mo.gov](mailto:rachel.rackers@oa.mo.gov)

New in 2020, a Leadership Development Program for Deaf/Hard of Hearing high school students is being offered June 18-21, 2020 at Missouri School for the Deaf in Fulton.

The Leadership Development Program is hosted by the Governor's Council on Disability in collaboration with Missouri School for the Deaf, Missouri Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, MU Pre-Employment Transition Services, Paraquad, and Vocational Rehabilitation.

If you know of any students who might be qualified for this program, please encourage them to apply.

Applications are now being accepted and can be found online at <https://disability.mo.gov/gcd/LDPDHH.htm>

The deadline for applications is March 2, 2020.

## 2020 Legislative Education Project

by Laura Mueth

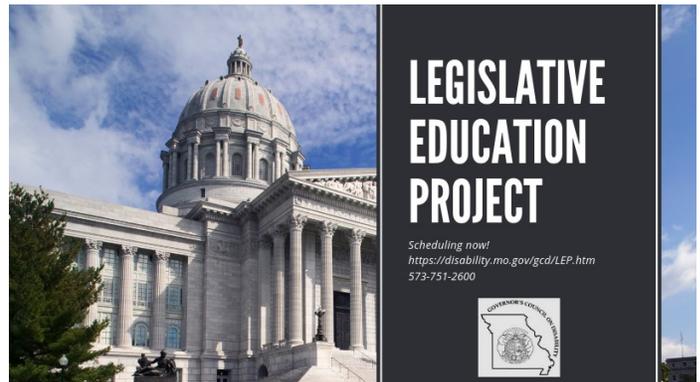
The [Legislative Education Project](#) (LEP) is under way for 2020. The purpose of the LEP is to educate individuals about the legislative process in Missouri and provide opportunities to become more active in creating positive public policies for people with disabilities.

Three LEP on the Road trainings are already scheduled. The first is in Kansas City in mid February, the second is in St. Louis in late February, and the third is in Jefferson County in early March. Two LEPs at the Capitol are scheduled for March.

If you are interested in scheduling an LEP for your group of ten or more please contact Laura Mueth at [Laura.Mueth@oa.mo.gov](mailto:Laura.Mueth@oa.mo.gov).

If you do not have time or a minimum of ten individuals, watching the online videos and recorded Power Points is an option. More information about the LEP can be found at <https://disability.mo.gov/gcd/LEP.htm>.

If you are already familiar with the legislative process but would like to stay updated on disability-related bills throughout the legislative session, you can subscribe to the weekly [Legislative Update](#) newsletter by contacting Laura Mueth or visiting the website at <https://disability.mo.gov/gcd/legupdates.htm>.



## Missouri Governor's Council on Disability Members

- Yvonne Wright, Chair, New Bloomfield
- Joan Bergstrom, Ed. D, Lee's Summit
- Charles Comstock, Kirksville
- Betty Davidson, Ph.D., St. Louis
- Ronald Hack, St. Louis
- Chip Hailey, Joplin
- Mary Ann Harter, St. Louis
- Rosemary Hendon, West Plains
- Katie Jones, St. Charles
- Kim Lackey, St. Louis
- Elijah Mayfield, Jefferson City
- DeAnna Noriega, Columbia
- Susan Orton, Creve Coeur
- Andrew Sartorius, Jefferson City
- Lesia Shelton, Buffalo
- Opeoluwa Sotonwa, Jefferson City
- James Trout, St. Louis
- Robert Wallace, St. Louis

## Missouri Governor's Council on Disability Staff Members

- Claudia Browner, Executive Director
- Laura Mueth, Disability Program Specialist
- Rachel Rackers, Disability Program Specialist
- Jessica Zimmer, Administrative Office Support Assistant

# New Online Reporting of Abuse and Neglect

by Claudia Browner



Adult Abuse and Neglect Hotline

**1-800-392-0210**

Make a difference. Make the call.

The Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) is now offering online reporting of concerns of abuse, neglect, and exploitation of the elderly and disabled in addition to the

phone hotline. The online reporting allows mandated reporters to report a concern during nighttime hours when the hotline is not in operation. Persons who are deaf and hard of hearing may use Relay Missouri by calling 1-800-735-2466.

To report an incident online, go to [https://apps4.mo.gov/APS\\_Portal/](https://apps4.mo.gov/APS_Portal/)

For more information, visit the DHSS website at: <https://health.mo.gov/seniors/abuse.php>

## Upcoming Events

- March 10, 2020 [MOAIDD Self-Determination & Advocacy Conference](#), Columbia
- March 11, 2020 Disability Rights Legislative Day, State Capitol, Jefferson City
- March 23-27, 2020 Legislative Spring Break
- March 30-31, 2020 [Power Up Assistive Technology Conference & Expo](#), Columbia
- May 10-13, 2020 [National ADA Symposium](#), Kansas City
- May 15, 2020 Last Day of Session
- June 18-21, 2020 [Leadership Development Program for Deaf/HH](#), Fulton
- June 23, 2020 [Missouri Mental Health Champions' Banquet](#), Jefferson City
- July 14-18, 2020 [Missouri Youth Leadership Forum](#), Columbia
- July 28, 2020 ADA30— Anniversary Celebration, State Capitol, Jefferson City