

# Giving Back

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## Joplin recovery: Help and hope are here

**I**N THE WAKE of the devastating tornado that struck Joplin on May 22, we have seen the strength and resilience of the people of Missouri in action.

Hours after the tornado hit, Good Samaritans from across our state and across our nation began arriving in a city where nearly 8,000 homes and businesses were destroyed, hundreds were injured, and more than 150 lives were lost.

Men and women from more than 400 law enforcement agencies, fire departments, search and rescue units, ambulance districts and the Missouri National Guard helped save lives and keep the peace. They worked hand-in-hand with an army of volunteers from charitable and faith-based organizations to meet the needs of those without food ... without a home ... without a job.

Working closely with community leaders, the state will continue to play a vital role in the resurgence of Joplin for years to come: rebuilding schools and parks; helping businesses get back on their feet and start hiring again; and providing services to children traumatized by the disaster.

By answering the call of service to others, we will make Joplin an even better place to live. Working together, the people of Missouri can meet any challenge.

Gov. Jay Nixon



**Above:** Gov. Nixon and First Lady Nixon get details on recovery efforts.

**Left:** A couple survey the devastation.



### Volunteering for Joplin

41,671 volunteers  
1,219 groups  
273,016 hours

### Want to volunteer in southwest Missouri?

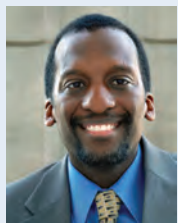
Register or call:  
**211missouri.org**  
**2-1-1** or **800-427-4626**

Source: Aid for Joplin

### Boards and Commissions staff



**Deborah Price**  
Director



**Damion Trasada**  
Deputy director



**Kimberly Gerlt**  
Assistant

## Legislative session ends, appointments continue

The Governor will continue to make recess appointments to state Boards and Commissions during the interim. Those appointed will begin serving immediately. If the appointment requires confirmation, then they must be confirmed by the Senate within the first 30 days of session to continue serving.

FOR MEMBERS OF MISSOURI BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS



# Congratulations to those appointed and confirmed

during the 2011 legislative session. Your leadership and participation on these boards and commissions will enable state government to function more efficiently and fairly, and will have a significant and lasting impact.

Advisory Commission for Anesthesiologist Assistants		Agricultural & Small Business Development Authority		Child Abuse and Neglect Review Board			
							
<b>Benjamin Lampert</b> Springfield	<b>Christopher Young</b> St. Louis	<b>Robert Culler</b> Hayti	<b>Barbara Brown-Johnson</b> Springfield	<b>Derek Conard</b> St. Joseph	<b>Kristi Kenney</b> Clinton	<b>Lisa Reynolds-Korobey</b> St. Louis	<b>Barbara Kuebler</b> Jefferson City
Child Abuse and Neglect Review Board	Clay County Board of Election Commissioners	Community Service Commission		Crime Laboratory Review Commission		Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing	Dental Board
							
<b>Kristen Weber</b> Fenton	<b>Anthony Bologna</b> Liberty	<b>John Albright</b> Sunrise Beach	<b>Cheryl Hibbeler</b> O'Fallon	<b>Bryan Hampton</b> St. Peters	<b>Ted Hunt</b> Kansas City	<b>Barbara Garrison</b> Fulton	<b>Deborah Polc</b> Independence
Dental Board	Planning Council for Developmental Disabilities	State Board of Education	Fire Safety Advisory Board		Genetic Advisory Committee	Head Injury Advisory Council	
							
<b>Randall Relford</b> Cameron	<b>Thomas McVeigh</b> Smithville	<b>Michael Jones</b> St. Louis	<b>Eric Latimer</b> Springfield	<b>Michael Marlo</b> Wentzville	<b>Dorothy Grange</b> St. Louis	<b>Saleem Abdulrauf</b> St. Louis	<b>Marylin Durk</b> Jefferson City
Head Injury Advisory Council			Board of Registration for the Healing Arts	Health and Educational Facilities Authority	Coordinating Board for Higher Education	Advisory Council on Historic Preservation	
							
<b>Richard Hashagen</b> St. James	<b>Shane Mecham</b> Kansas City	<b>Michael Sparks</b> Arnold	<b>Fareesa Khan</b> St. Louis	<b>Joseph Cavato</b> University City	<b>Elizabeth "Betty" Sims</b> St. Louis	<b>Brent Crittenden</b> St. Louis	<b>Cheryl Hibbeler</b> O'Fallon

**Governor's Committee to End Homelessness**



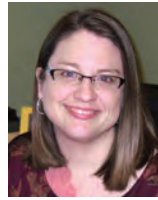
**Katherine Anderson**  
Richmond Heights



**Bonnie Reece**  
Florissant



**Jenifer Placzek**  
Springfield



**Stephanie Brady**  
Joplin



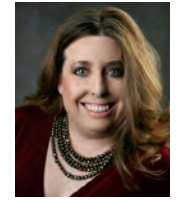
**Christine Camene**  
Florissant



**Patrick Chambers**  
Nevada



**Nancy Pope**  
Camdenton



**Katheryne Staeger-Wilson**  
Springfield

**Commission on Human Rights**

**Statewide Independent Living Council**

**Jackson County Board of Election Commissioners**



**Mary Ellen Miller**  
Lake Tapawingo



**Sara Zorich**  
Independence



**Garry Kemp**  
Lee's Summit



**Leslie Gertsch**  
Rolla



**Annette Sobel**  
Columbia



**Joe Stanton Thompson**  
Higginsville



**Gerard Grimaldi**  
Kansas City



**Timothy McBride**  
Creve Coeur

**Jackson County Sports Complex Authority**

**Land Reclamation Commission**

**Military Preparedness and Enhancement Commission**

**MO HealthNet Oversight**

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**Board of Optometry**

**Organ Donation Advisory Committee**

**Peace Officer Standards and Training**



**Mark Sanford**  
St. Louis



**Donald Vanderfelt**  
California



**Phillip Duncan**  
Belton



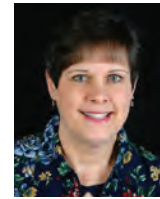
**Heidi Hernandez**  
Lee's Summit



**Peter Nicastro**  
Chesterfield



**Harry Ratliff**  
St. Louis



**Debra Simaitis**  
Lincoln



**James Corwin**  
Kansas City

**Peace Officer Standards and Training**

**Advisory Committee for Physical Therapists**

**Board of Probation and Parole**



**Stephen Cox**  
Chillicothe



**Lane Roberts**  
Joplin



**Diane Scanga**  
Hillsboro



**Gregory Wheelen**  
Springfield



**James Dronberger**  
Kansas City



**Charles Gulas**  
Wildwood



**William P. Hopfinger**  
Sunset Hills



**Martin Rucker**  
St. Joseph

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Quality Home Care Council	Rehabilitation Advisory Council for the Blind	Residential Mortgage Board	Sheriff Methamphetamine Relief Taskforce
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**Edna Chavis**  
Jefferson City



**Mary Kay Savage**  
Kansas City



**George Lopez**  
Kansas City



**Richard Anderson**  
DeKalb



**Glenn Boyer**  
Crystal City

**APPOINTEES NOT PICTURED**

**Child Abuse and Neglect Review Board**

- James D. Cunningham**, Sedalia
- Cecilia Davis**, Liberty
- Suzanne E. Taggart**, California

**Community Service Commission**

- Daniel Kappel**, Wildwood

**Board of Cosmetology and Barber Examiners**

- Joseph Nicholson**, Linn Creek

**Statewide Independent Living Council**

- David Robinson**, Kansas City

**Jackson County Board of Election Commissioners**

- Michael Whitehead**, Lee's Summit

**Military Preparedness and Enhancement Commission**

- Michael Dunbar**, Waynesville

**Committee for Professional Counselors**

- Craig Miner**, St. Louis

**Sheriff Methamphetamine Relief Taskforce**

- Thomas Neer**, Defiance
- Jim Petty**, Versailles
- Christopher Walkup Hughes**, Keytesville

**Well Installation Board**

- Mary Sharlene Morgan**, Rolla

St. Louis City Board of Election Commissioners	St. Louis City Board of Police Commissioners
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**Joan Burger**  
St. Louis



**Jack Lary**  
St. Louis



**Benjamin Phillips**  
St. Louis



**Andrew Schwartz**  
St. Louis



**Thomas Irwin**  
St. Louis

Tourism Commission	University of Missouri Board of Curators	Women's Council
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**Brenda Tinnen**  
Kansas City



**Donald Cupps**  
Cassville



**David Steward**  
St. Louis



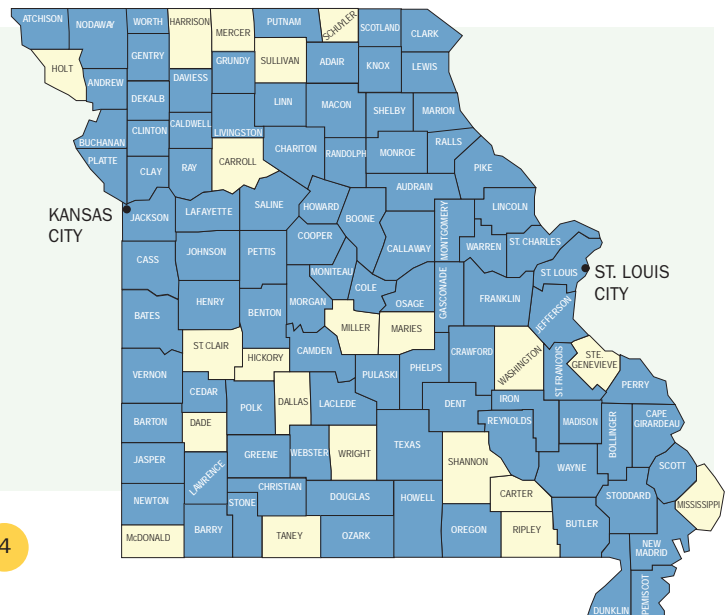
**Catherine Crum Thompson**  
Jefferson City

# Appointments by county

**Counties with residents appointed to judicial, county, board and commission positions**

## Demographics

Since taking office, Gov. Nixon has made 661 board and commission appointments. The breakdown:  
42% are women.  
13% are African-American.



# St. Louisan works to uplift women through council

**N**ICOLE Colbert-Botchway was appointed to the Missouri Women's Council by Gov. Nixon in 2010. The mission of the council is to promote the economic success of Missouri women by connecting them to information and resources.

Council resources connect women to a network of accessible, high-quality advisory services and information ranging from employment and training, to starting a business to balancing work and family. As a successful professional, wife and mother, Nicole understands the challenges facing women in the workforce and brings valuable experience and insight to the position.

## More opportunities

Although she is one of the council's newest members, Nicole has quickly acclimated herself to its ongoing projects and activities.

She is particularly excited about the Outstanding Women of Missouri exhibit, a traveling showcase launched by the council highlighting the accomplishments of 63 notable Missouri women including:

- Renowned poet Maya Angelou
- Former Fulton Sun publisher Betty Weldon
- Author Laura Ingalls Wilder
- Susan Blow, founder of the first public kindergarten in America
- Gwen Giles, first African American elected to the Missouri Senate

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

### Nicole Colbert-Botchway

“The council is such a delight to work on because I get to make a difference in the lives of women across the state while working with a group of talented and delightful women.”

~NICOLE COLBERT-BOTCHWAY



Nicole Colbert-Botchway and her husband, Ibrahim, meet with Gov. Nixon and First Lady Nixon.

## BIO

**Home:** St. Louis

**Background:** Unit chief in the Financial Services Division, Missouri Attorney General's Office. Former prosecutor in the St. Louis Circuit Attorney's Office.

**Education:** J.D., St. Louis University. M.B.A., University of Missouri-St. Louis.

**Family:** Husband, Ibrahim Botchway; son, Ismail.

- Astronauts Linda Godwin and Janet Kavandi
- Cathay Williams, only known female buffalo soldier.

“As we continue to honor our past by sharing our traveling Outstanding Women of Missouri exhibit, we also look forward to a future with increasing economic opportunities for women in Missouri and working to increase their success,” says Nicole.

## Regional events planned

The Missouri Women's Council promotes education, skills, training and entrepreneurship among women. Nicole's fellow council members are great peers and excellent role models for young girls and women of all ages. She says their drive and initiative are further reflected in the leadership of Executive Director Lisa Althoff.



“Lisa is such a valuable member of the team and a great motivator. We are planning regional events to bring the work, mission and goals of the council closer to home to become even more visible in the community,” Nicole says.

“We want to make sure the general public knows about us and all the opportunities that are offered through our network. By connecting as many women as we can to information and resources, we promote their personal and economic success,” she says.

## Learn more about Missouri Women's Council

womenscouncil.org  
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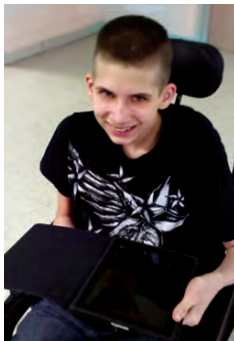
# Assistive Technology for Disabilities



## Agency helps keep Missourians on the go

**A**USTIN is a grade school student in Harrison County. He has a progressive muscular disease that limits his ability to use a traditional keyboard. Earlier this year, his school contacted Missouri Assistive Technology staffers who lent devices to the school to conduct device trials and provided training and funding assistance.

Austin now uses a touch screen tablet device with writing



A touch screen writing tablet keeps Austin connected.

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## SPOTLIGHT

MoAT

**Established:** 1992

**Mission:** To increase access to assistive technology for Missourians with all types of disabilities, of all ages, in any setting.

**Council members:** 23

**FY 2010 program expenditures:** \$2.52 million in federal, other funding.

**Funding source:** Federal Assistive Technology Act; Relay and Equipment Distribution Fund; grants.

**20 years of AT for Missouri:** In FY 2010 MoAT delivered 5,803 assistive devices and provided support services for thousands more.



Paisley test-drives a device in Cass County. Schools, agencies and employers borrow assistive technology at no cost through MoAT's device loan program to determine which most closely meet the needs of someone with a disability.

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## Missouri Assistive Technology Advisory Council

The council is composed of 23 members made up of nine agency representatives and 12 individuals with all types of disabilities, of all ages, from across the state.

- Pam Arbeiter, Cape Girardeau
- Merv Blunt, Jefferson City
- Kelly Cook, Jefferson City
- Michael Goad, St. Louis
- Rep. Jeff Grisamore, Lee's Summit
- Chip Hailey, Joplin
- Gary Harbison, Jefferson City
- Shari LaRoussa, Raymore
- Aaron Luna, Farmington
- Rita Lynch, Jefferson City



**Chair**  
Amy Parker  
St. Louis

- Kerri Morgan, St. Louis
- Deana O'Brien, Mexico
- Sen. Scott Rupp, Wentzville
- Robin Rust, Jefferson City
- Mary Secora, Columbia
- Naomi Soule, St. Louis
- Dolores Sparks, Kirksville
- Molly White, Jefferson City
- Cindy Winger-Watson, Jefferson City
- Marjorie Yates, Liberty

## Council staff

**Marty Exline**, Director

**David Baker**,  
Demonstration and  
Recycling, Training

**Eileen Belton**, Show-Me  
Loans, Kids Assistive  
Technology

**Stacy Brady**, Telecommunications  
Access Program for Telephone

**John Effinger**, AT Reimbursement,  
Training

**Kristine Roof**, Consumer Service,  
Administrative Assistant

**Tracy Walker**, ETC Equipment Loan

**Brenda Whitlock**, Telecommunica-  
tions Access Program for Internet



**Exline**

# IN THE SPOTLIGHT



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applications to overcome his physical limitations.

Thousands of Missourians with disabilities of all ages get help with assistive technology needed at home, school, work or in the community – that’s the mission of the Missouri Assistive Technology Advisory Council.

### All ages and settings

MoAT supports cost-effective access to and acquisition of assistive technology through a variety of activities that include:


- Consultation, training and technical assistance.
- Device borrowing program.
- Device demonstration and recycled equipment programs.
- Low-interest loan program for home and vehicle modifications, hearing aids and other devices.
- Program to provide adaptive telephone and Internet equipment through specialized programs for eligible individuals with disabilities.
- Other initiatives for children, adults, seniors and their families as well as professionals in disability-related fields.



Missouri seniors and individuals of all ages with disabilities use MoAT programs to obtain vehicle modifications, phone and Internet adaptations, and a wide range of other assistive technology.



## Learn more about MoAT

at.mo.gov  816-655-6700  
816-655-6711 (TTY)



Boards and Commissions will hold a reception for individuals appointed and confirmed during the 2011 legislative session.



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### Boards and Commission training and reception a success

The Governor's Office held its bi-annual Boards and Commissions Training and Reception on March 22. Attendees heard presentations about Missouri Ethics and Sunshine Law, policy issues and the state budget. Following the training, attendees met with the Governor and enjoyed a reception at the Governor's Mansion.

## As always, we need your help

Gov. Nixon is always looking for qualified, energetic applicants to serve on Missouri's 200-plus boards and commissions.

Please spread the word. We would greatly appreciate it if you would encourage your colleagues and friends to review the vacancies and complete an application found at

[governor.mo.gov/boards](http://governor.mo.gov/boards).

