

Giving Back

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Joplin recovery: Help and hope are here

IN 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			
							
Benjamin Lampert Springfield	Christopher Young St. Louis	Robert Culler Hayti	Barbara Brown-Johnson Springfield	Derek Conard St. Joseph	Kristi Kenney Clinton	Lisa Reynolds-Korobey St. Louis	Barbara Kuebler 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
							
Kristen Weber Fenton	Anthony Bologna Liberty	John Albright Sunrise Beach	Cheryl Hibbeler O'Fallon	Bryan Hampton St. Peters	Ted Hunt Kansas City	Barbara Garrison Fulton	Deborah Polc Independence
Dental Board	Planning Council for Developmental Disabilities	State Board of Education	Fire Safety Advisory Board		Genetic Advisory Committee	Head Injury Advisory Council	
							
Randall Relford Cameron	Thomas McVeigh Smithville	Michael Jones St. Louis	Eric Latimer Springfield	Michael Marlo Wentzville	Dorothy Grange St. Louis	Saleem Abdulrauf St. Louis	Marylin Durk 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	
							
Richard Hashagen St. James	Shane Mecham Kansas City	Michael Sparks Arnold	Fareesa Khan St. Louis	Joseph Cavato University City	Elizabeth "Betty" Sims St. Louis	Brent Crittenden St. Louis	Cheryl Hibbeler O'Fallon

Governor's Committee to End Homelessness



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Springfield



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Nevada



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Springfield

Commission on Human Rights

Statewide Independent Living Council

Jackson County Board of Election Commissioners



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Independence



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Lee's Summit



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Rolla



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Columbia



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Higginsville



Gerard Grimaldi
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Timothy McBride
Creve Coeur

Jackson County Sports Complex Authority

Land Reclamation Commission

Military Preparedness and Enhancement Commission

MO HealthNet Oversight

MO HealthNet Oversight

Board of Optometry

Organ Donation Advisory Committee

Peace Officer Standards and Training



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California



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Belton



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Lee's Summit



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Lincoln



James Corwin
Kansas City

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Advisory Committee for Physical Therapists

Board of Probation and Parole



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Joplin



Diane Scanga
Hillsboro



Gregory Wheelen
Springfield



James Dronberger
Kansas City



Charles Gulas
Wildwood



William P. Hopfinger
Sunset Hills



Martin Rucker
St. Joseph

St. Louisan works to uplift women through council

NICOLE 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
877-426-9284

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Assistive Technology for Disabilities



Agency helps keep Missourians on the go

AUSTIN 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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MoAT

Established: 1992

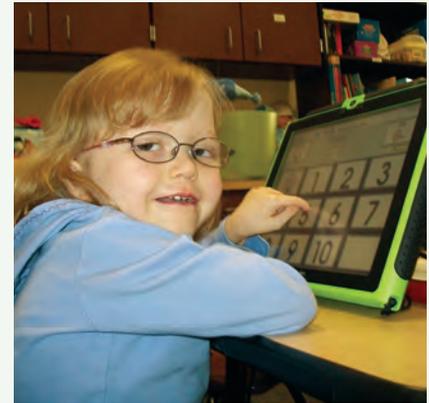
Mission: To increase access to assistive technology for Missourians with all types of disabilities, of all ages, in any setting.

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

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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

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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)



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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.

