



Missouri AfterSchool Network
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Statewide Afterschool Champions



McKensie Garber

Location: Hale, MO

Current Title: Miss Missouri 2016

Organization: Miss America Organization

Why do you support afterschool programs in Missouri?

Raised in a family of educators, I understand the fundamental importance of education in cultivating a successful society. I believe that every student has potential to make the world a better place. I believe that every student deserves an education that teaches character so that they may go on to become healthy, happy, successful citizens of integrity. I believe that education shouldn't stop when the 3:00 bell rings, and that the more education a child can receive, the more positive possibilities their life holds.



Senator Joe Keaveny

Location: St. Louis, MO

Current title: Senator, District 4 & Minority Floor Leader

Organization: Missouri State Senate

Other Organizational Memberships: 28th Ward Committeeman

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Afterschool programs provide a safe environment for children to grow and work with positive role models and stay out of trouble.



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Tricia Johnson

Location: Kansas City, MO

Current title: Executive Director

Organization: Show Me KC Schools

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As a former teacher in an urban neighborhood, I witnessed the large number of school aged children responsible for taking care of themselves after school. Unsupervised out-of-school times, including weekends, school holidays and the summer months, often posed the greatest risks to their well-being. It was during the hours of dismissal until parents returned home from work, that our youth experienced trouble in the neighborhood, including gang pressure, crime, and experimentation.

At the same time, I've seen the wonderful academic and developmental benefits of quality out-of-school programs, including increased self-confidence, academic gains, avoidance of drugs and alcohol use, and increased knowledge of nutrition and exercise.