**Missouri AfterSchool Network**

The Missouri AfterSchool Network builds systems across the state that improve, support, and sustain high quality afterschool programs. Our vision is that “All school-age children and youth in Missouri have access to high quality, sustainable afterschool programs.” Please join us at the next quarterly Afterschool Committee Meeting to help make this a reality. At each meeting, afterschool stakeholders from around the state discuss afterschool issues related to:

- Professional Development
- Public Policy
- Funding & Sustainability
- STEM
- Quality

**Save the Date**

Please plan to join us next year at the 2018 Celebration of Afterschool conference and recognition luncheon to be held March 2-3, 2018 at Tan-Tar-A Resort.

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Dr. Ina Linville
Director, 4-H Center for Youth Development

Dr. Ina Linville has over 30 years of experience in 4-H Youth Development. Eight of those years were providing leadership for 4-H in Audrain and Callaway Counties. Ina earned a doctorate in Curriculum and Instruction with a minor in Human Development and Family Studies from the University of Missouri. Her research interests are in learning how quality afterschool programming affects child outcomes.

Ina is a recognized national leader in afterschool programming including leadership roles in a variety of afterschool organizations. For a dozen years, Ina also served as a Children, Youth and Families At Risk Liaison, covering nine states for Federal Extension. In her tenure on the State 4-H Youth Development Faculty she has secured millions of dollars in funding, and helped design or author national 4-H publications.

Ina Linville has been leading the 4-H Center for Youth Development as the State 4-H Program Director since April 2009.
Mayor Karen Best  
City of Branson  

Elected in April 2015, Karen Best is serving her first term as Branson’s mayor.

Her background includes twenty years in education as a teacher and principal, three years in special events and publicity, one year experience in hotel management, along with several years of retail experience. Currently, Best is the co-founding member of The Best Team at Keller Williams Tri-Lakes where she has sold residential and commercial real estate. Her most notable sale was the Grand Palace earlier this year. She has been a real estate agent for the past eight years.

Leadership and service have been a part of Karen’s life for many years. She has served as the following: City of Branson Planning and Zoning Commissioner, Keller Williams Agent Leadership Council, Tri-Lakes Board of Realtors Board of Directors, Ozark Technical Community College Tri-Lakes Advisory Board, Rotary International, and Jack and Peter Herschend Share It Forward Scholarship Program Selection Committee.

Youth Awards
2016 Afterschool Works! Contest Winners
- 1st Place: Kids’ Safari at Spring Branch Elementary  
  Director: Anna Moreno
- 2nd Place: Clayton Kid Zone  
  Director: Tyler Kearns

2016 Afterschool Works! Scholarship Contest Winner
- Trevor Simmons, attending Missouri Western State University

Afterschool Staff Accomplishments
Years of Service
5 Years:
- Bethany Lampsa, Parkway-Rockwood Adventure Club
- Marissa Morrison, Parkway-Rockwood Adventure Club
- Jennifer Allen: North Callaway Partners in Learning-Auxvasse Site

10 Years:
- Ashlee Liska, Republic Tiger STRIPES
- Diane Page, Afterschool for All Partnership (ASAP)
- Brenda Montgomery, Flynn Park and Jackson Park
- Julie Forkner, Bronaugh Afterschool Program
- Niesha Nelson, Neighborhood Houses

Retiring
- Chriss Doherty, Blue Springs School District Prime Time  
  26 years of service
- Janet Scarborough, Blue Springs School District Prime Time  
  20 years of service
Recognition

Afterschool Staff Accomplishments (Cont’d)

Staff of the Month
March 2016: Alyssa Twaddell, Lee’s Summit BASS
April 2016: Carol Peppers, Fort Discovery & Blue Hills
May 2016: Adam Falkenhayn, Provident-St. Frances Cabrini Academy
June 2016: Matt Gillardi, Castillo Vacation Station
July 2016: Brad Hembree, Summit Pointe Kids Country
August 2016: Vince Buelmann, Warren Vacation Station
September 2016: Tiffany Cornman, Exeter R-VI Afterschool Program
October 2016: Bernice Burel, Provident at Fairview Elementary
November 2016: Josh Chrislip, Kids Safari at Fairmount Elementary
December 2016: Brenda Buckner, Boys & Girls Club of West Central MO
January 2017: Ruby Johnson, Clayton Kid Zone- Meramec Elementary

Afterschool Program Accomplishments

Program of the Month
March 2016: Sunset Valley BASS, Director: Cassie Hackett
April 2016: Boys & Girls Club of West Central MO, Director: Tara Walker
May 2016: Clayton Kid Zone, Director: Tyler Kearns
June 2016: Jennings HS Stars and Heroes Program, Director: Sherri Halk
July 2016: Kids Safari at Korte Elementary, Director: Erica Kreisler
August 2016: Growing Opportunities at Eugene Field Elementary,
Director: Dustin Piper
September 2016: Warren Vacation Station, Director: Marni Morales
October 2016: Clayton Kid Zone Family Center, Director: Jamie G’Sell
November 2016: Meadow Lane Kids Country, Director: Patti Ray

Accreditation
- Grace Hill Settlement House
- Belton Afterschool Program
- Glenridge Children’s Center

Statewide Afterschool Champions

Mayor Sly James
Kansas City

Mayor Sly James was elected on March 22, 2011 and sworn in on May 1, 2011. He was born and raised in Kansas City and attended Bishop Hogan High School, graduating in 1969. After serving his country as a military police officer for four years in California, the Philippines, and Japan during the Vietnam War, Mayor James graduated cum laude from Rockhurst College. He then went on to earn his law degree, also cum laude, from the University of Minnesota in 1983.

Prior to his election, Mayor James enjoyed a successful legal career which spanned almost three decades. He developed a proven record of success as a leader, an effective coalition builder, and a fierce advocate. He joined Blackwell, Sanders, Matheny, Weary & Lombardi in 1983, and became the first African-American partner in the firm’s history in 1990. In February, 2002, he started his own successful small business, The Sly James Firm, where he worked with victims to seek justice and positive outcomes to disputes.
Statewide Afterschool Champions

**Rep. Michael Butler**
(District 79)

Rep. Michael Butler represents part of St. Louis City (District 79) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2012.

Prior to his legislative duties, Rep. Butler gained experience in the legislature while serving as a Legislative Aide in the office of State Senator Robin Wright-Jones, and as the Legislative Assistant to State Rep. Mary Wynne Still. During his 2012 campaign, he served as a permanent substitute teacher in the St. Louis Public School System. In addition, Rep. Butler has valuable private sector experience while employed as a manager at the home office of Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. in Bentonville, Arkansas.

Rep. Butler holds a bachelor’s degree in Business from Alabama A&M University, where he also served as Student Government President and as a Board of Trustee member. While working with the legislature, he also obtained a master’s degree in Public Affairs from the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Born and raised in the 79th district, Rep. Butler’s childhood home is near the corner of Shaw Boulevard and South Spring Avenue. His father owns Pelican Printing in Midtown, and his grandfather taught for 20 years at Vashon High School, both in the 79th district.

He is Married to Erin K. Butler, and they have a beautiful daughter, Kimber Butler.

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**Recognition**

**Afterschool Program Accomplishments (Cont.)**

**Years of Operation**

New Program:
- Dixon R-1 School District
- Richland R-IV School District
- Building Enrichment Educational Partnerships (BEEP)
- Learning Lab Program (New Madrid)
- Williamsburg Elementary Partners in Learning (N. Callaway)

10 Years of Operation:
- Republic Tiger STRIPES
- Bronaugh Afterschool Program
- Neighborhood Houses

25 Years of Operation:
- Francis Howell Vacation Station
- Calhoun Afterschool Program

35 Years of Operation:
- Glenridge Children’s Center

**Outstanding Partners**

- Developmental Disabilities Research Board
  *Francis Howell Schools*
- Lift for Life Gym
  *Bryan Hill Elementary*
- Eldon Pave Americorps
  *Eldon LEAP*
- Citizens Bank & Trust
  *North Missouri Center For Youth & Families*
- Civil Air Patrol Table Rock Lake Composite Squadron 147
  *Tiger Academy at Hollister Schools*
- Judge John LePage
  *Neosho R-5 School District Afterschool Program*
Recognition

Outstanding Administrators
- Matt Davis, Eldon School District
- Dr. Matt Pearce, Republic School District
- Bonita Jamison, Riverview Gardens School District
- Brian Jobe, North Calloway R-1 School District
- Dr. David Copeland, Bronaugh R-VII Schools

Statewide Afterschool Champions
- Mayor Karen Best, City of Branson
- State Representative Michael Butler, District 79
- State Representative David Wood, District 58
- Mayor Sly James, Kansas City

Distinguished Service Award
- Dr. Ina Linville, 4-H Center for Youth Development

Afterschool Ambassadors
- Colleen Abbott
- Tyler Kearns
- Megan Kuhnert
- Maria Bohannon
- Daniel Savage
- Crystal Hall
- Valerie Liddell

2016 MOSAC² Honors
- Rising Star Award: Chelsea Hercules, Becky-David Vacation Station, Francis Howell School District
- Outstanding Afterschool Professional Award: David Carroll, Neighborhood Houses

National Honors
- NAA’s 2017 Next Generation of Afterschool: Tyler Kearns, Clayton Kid Zone

Statewide Afterschool Champions

Rep. David Wood
(District 58)

David Wood is a graduate of Eldon High School and the University of Central Missouri. He has a degree in Mathematics and taught in the Morgan County R-II School District in Versailles. After retirement from education he went to work for Capitol Region Medical Center in Jefferson City for four and a half years in the IT department.

He has served in the House of Representatives for the past 4 years and his District includes all of Morgan County and parts of Miller and Moniteau Counties.

He currently serves on the Budget Committee and chairs the Appropriations Committee for health, mental health, and social services. He is the Vice chair of the Joint Committee on Education and sits on the K-12 education committee and the Fiscal review committee.

He currently lives in Versailles with his wife, Cheryl who is a bookkeeper for the Morgan County R-II school district.