Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
Office of Special Education
Dr. Stephen Barr
Assistant Commissioner

Archie Derboven
Superintendent

Missouri School for Severely Disabled
(MSSD)

Responsible for the overall management and operation of the MSSD, a system of day schools providing special education services to students who are severely disabled. Responsible under the direction of the Assistant Commissioner, the Commissioner and the State Board of Education for the operation of the MSSD. Directs and coordinates the broad aspects of personnel, finance, school facilities, curriculum and public relations for the MSSD.

Geoffrey Barney
Superintendent

Missouri School for the Blind
(MSB)

Responsible for the overall management and operation of the MSB, a residential and day school providing special education services to students who are blind and visually impaired. Responsible under the direction of the Assistant Commissioner and the State Board of Education for the operation of the MSB. Directs and coordinates the broad aspects of personnel, finance, school facilities, curriculum and public relations for the MSB.

Ernest Garrett
Superintendent

Missouri School for the Deaf
(MSD)

Responsible for the overall management and operation of the MSD, a residential and day school providing special education services to students who are deaf and hard of hearing. Responsible under the direction of the Assistant Commissioner, the Commissioner and the State Board of Education for the operation of the MSD. Directs and coordinates the broad aspects of personnel, finance, school facilities, curriculum and public relations for the MSD.

Dan Gier
Director
Sheltered Workshops

Mary Corey
Director
Data

vacant
Coordinator

Services

Provides supervisory and administrative functions necessary to plan, organize, and coordinate aspects of programs and services for students with disabilities ages 3-21. Responsible for compliance and improvement activities development activities associated with programs assigned to the Office of Special Education. The position directly supervises the sections of Compliance, Effective Practices.

Thea Scott
Director
Three-Tiered Model Coordination

Karen Allan
Director
Compliance

Ginger Henry
Director
Effective Practices

Pam Thomas
Coordinator

First Steps Program

Serves as primary contact for the First Steps Program (birth to 36 months). Assures priorities and timelines are established and implemented and oversees the program and its services statewide. Works closely with the Administration Coordinator and Service Coordinator as well as the directors of each section to implement all aspects of First Steps.

Michele Benner
Area Director
SPOE Region 4, 5

Sarah Camp
Area Director
SPOE Region 7, 8

Tina Lawson
Area Director
SPOE Region 3, 6

Beth Loethen
Area Director
SPOE Region 9, 10

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SPOE Region 1, 2

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