

2016-17 Missouri Transition Liaison Program Application

Sponsored by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), the Transition Coalition at the University of Kansas, is recruiting school personnel to join the team of secondary Missouri Transition Liaisons who support and mentor secondary special education personnel in their RPDC regions to implement high quality transition practices and programs. All applications will be considered, however filling Liaison vacancies in RPDC Regions 1, 5, 6, 8, 9 are a priority.

Missouri Transition Liaisons devote time and energy to increasing the capacity of local level secondary special educators and districts. They work within their own districts to enhance transition programming and reach out to other districts to engage them in opportunities to enhance their practices and programs. Liaisons participate in regular trainings/meetings and disseminate information at both the district and regional level to develop a collaborative network of colleagues around issues related to secondary transition of youth with disabilities.

If selected as a Liaison, an honorarium of \$750 is provided to offset costs for meeting Liaison responsibilities. During the 2016-17 school year, transition Liaisons will be expected to:

- Support a minimum of 3 school districts to engage them in transition professional development activities and to provide peer assistance, and document the contacts using provided materials;
- Attend 2 face-to-face meetings/training sessions (fall & spring);
- Participate in short informational webinars provided by Liaisons on specific transition topics
- Participate in online discussions on the Missouri Liaison website and on the Missouri Transition Community of Practice both at www.missouritransition.org; and
- Participate as a Team Facilitator for the 2017 Missouri Transition Training Institute.

If you are an experienced secondary special educator and would like to be considered as a Missouri Transition Liaison, please complete the attached application and submit it with your current professional resume to Debbie Flores debbieflores@ku.edu.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: August 30, 2016

Applications will be reviewed by a committee, and those selected to be Missouri Transition Liaisons will be notified via email in September, 2016.

Missouri Transition Liaison - APPLICATION

Please submit the completed application below, your responses to questions 9-12, and your current professional resume to Debbie Flores debbieflores@ku.edu.

Please type or print

Applicant Information

First Name

Last Name

Address:

City

State

Zip

Phone Number

E-Mail Address

Employment Information

Employer for 2016-17 school year

Position Title

Address

City

State

Zip

Demographic information

1. What RPDC region of Missouri do you work in?

1 Southeast

2 Heart of Missouri

3 Kansas City

4 Northeast

5 Northwest

6 South Central

7 Southwest

8 St. Louis

9 Central

2. In what type of community setting do you teach?

Urban Suburban Rural

3. Are you involved in a local or regional transition team?

Yes

No

There is not one in my community

4. What is your primary role for school year 2016-17?

5. How many years have you been in a secondary/transition position? _____

6. In your current position, what students do you primarily teach?

Low Incidence (e.g., students with autism, deaf-blindness, other health impairments, orthopedic impairments, traumatic brain injuries, moderate/severe intellectual disabilities, multiple disabilities, etc.)

High Incidence (e.g., students with emotional/behavioral disabilities, specific learning disabilities, speech/language impairments, mild developmental/intellectual disabilities, etc.)

Multiple groups at a program level (e.g., transition coordinator, school psychologist, vocational coordinator, etc.)

Other (please specify)

7. Please identify the types of transition professional development activities you've participated in in the past 2 years.

- College coursework specific to transition (full semester-long course). Name of college: _____ Year _____
- RPDC transition training sessions. How many? _____ Topics: _____
- DESE Transition Training Institute. Years _____
- Dropout Prevention Institute. Years _____
- Transition Coalition Self-Study
- TOPs (Transition Outcomes Project). Years _____
- Transition Coalition online training modules. What topics? _____
- Other: _____

8. Please circle your level of comfort in working with other professionals who you may not know to provide them with information and support.

Uncomfortable Somewhat Uncomfortable Neutral Comfortable Very Comfortable

Please respond to the following questions in a separate document and attach it to your completed application form. To be considered, you must respond to all questions below.

9. Statement of interest: Review the expectations for Liaisons. Identify what about the Missouri Transition Liaison program interests you and why you want to become a Liaison.

10. Professional Development Impact: How you have made changes in how you provide transition instruction, planning, and/or programs as a result of participating in professional development?

11. Experience Supporting Others: Liaisons are required to mentor and support other district personnel. Please describe how you have mentored or supported others to enhance secondary transition practices/programs.

12. Transition Resources: What are the 3 top transition resources (including websites) most helpful to you in your secondary/transition work?

If chosen as a Missouri Transition Liaison, I agree to meet the expectations of the role as stated above.

Signed _____
(Applicant)

Signed _____
(School or Special Education Administrator)

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