



2014-15 Missouri Transition Liaison Program

The Transition Coalition with sponsorship from Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) is recruiting school personnel to join the team of secondary Transition Liaisons. All applications will be considered, however filling Liaison vacancies in Regions 2, 5, 6, 7,8 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 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 \$1000 is provided to offset costs for Liaisons to meet their responsibilities. During the 2014-15 school year, transition Liaisons will be expected to:

- Contact a minimum of 4 identified 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 (one in Fall, 2014 and one in Winter, 2015);
- Participate in 2 conference calls/web meetings in Fall, 2014 and Spring, 2015;
- Participate in online discussions on the Missouri Liaison website and on the Missouri Transition Community of Practice both at www.missouritransition.org; and
- Attend the 2015 Missouri Transition Summer Institute and support Liaison activities during the event.

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 Dana Lattin dlattin@ku.edu.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: August 1, 2014

Applications will be reviewed by a committee, and those selected to be Missouri Transition Liaisons will be notified via email in August, 2014.



Missouri Transition Liaison - APPLICATION

Please submit the completed application below, your responses to questions 9-11, and your current professional resume to Dana Lattin dlattin@ku.edu. Questions? Email Dana or call her at 785-864-1177.

Please type or print

Applicant Information

First Name

Last Name

Current Address:

City

State

Zip

Phone Number

E-Mail Address

Employment Information

Employer for 2014-15 school year

Position Title

Address

City

State

Zip

Demographic information

1. What RPDC region of Missouri do you work in? (priority regions are identified with *)

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 Community Transition Team (CTT)?

Yes

No

There is not a CTT in my community

4. What is your primary role for school year 2014-15?

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 3 years.

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

8. Please circle your level of comfort in contacting people 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.

9. Review the expectations for Liaisons this year (page 1) and describe why you want to become a Missouri Transition Liaison.

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

11. Liaisons are required to reach out to at least 4 districts each year to engage them in secondary transition resources and professional development opportunities. Please describe how you have mentored or supported others to enhance secondary transition practices/programs.

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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Missouri Transition Liaisons (June, 2014)

Lathrop R-II
Carla Ellis

Green City R-I
Laura Olmstead

Marshall Schools
Jana Locke

Columbia 93
Debbie Flores

Hannibal Public
Scott Speer

REGION 2 VACANCY
Ask about applying

Francis Howell R-II
Dawn Hesse

Meramec Valley R-III
Cheryl Thompson

Meramec Valley R-III
Adriana Grimm

REGION 8 VACANCY
Ask about applying

Fredericktown R-I
Anna Berkbuegler

Twin Rivers R-X
Wawanna Nehr Korn

Oregon-Howell R-III
Jennifer Johnson

REGION 6 VACANCY
Ask about applying

REGION 7 VACANCY
Ask about applying

Nevada R-V
Pamela Earnest

Grain Valley R-V
Becky McPherson

Fort Osage R-I
Nichole Holmes

North Kansas City 74
Sally Morgan Smith

REGION 5 VACANCY
Ask about applying

