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Jackson County Executive

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 26-02

**TO: MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE
CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE**

**FROM: PHIL LEVOTA
COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

DATE: JANUARY 27, 2026

**RE: APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE CHILDREN'S SERVICES
FUND BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

I hereby make the following appointments/reappointments to the Children's Services Fund Board:

Amy Harris is hereby reappointed to complete her current term as a District 1 Director, which is set to expire on 03/31/2027. Ms. Harris' resume is attached for reference.

Brian Kaberline is hereby reappointed to finish his current term as the District Director, which is set to expire on 03/31/2027. Mr. Kaberline's resume is attached for reference.

Monica Meeks is hereby reappointed to a successive term as the District 6 Director, which is set to expire on 03/31/2029. Ms. Meeks' resume is attached for reference.

Judy Morgan is hereby reappointed to finish her current term as a District 1 Director, which is set to expire on 03/31/2028. Ms. Morgan's resume is attached for reference.

Daniel Nelson is hereby reappointed to a successive term as a District 1 Director, which is set to expire on 03/31/2029. Mr. Nelson's resume is attached for reference.

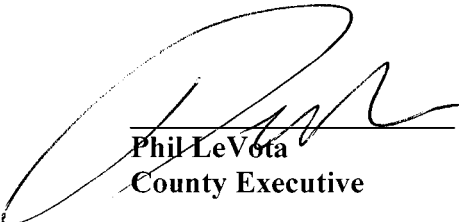
Jessica Ramirez is hereby reappointed to finish her current term as the District 5 Director, which is set to expire on 03/31/2028. Ms. Ramirez's resume is attached for reference.

Ralph Teran is hereby reappointed to finish his current term as a District 1 Director, which is set to expire on 03/31/2028. Mr. Teran's resume is attached for reference.

Oneta J. Templeton is hereby appointed to a new term as the District 4 Director. This appointment fills a previously vacant seat, and the term is set to expire on 3/31/2029. Ms. Templeton's resume is attached for reference.

Sherae Honeycutt is hereby appointed to a new term as the District 2 Director. This appointment fills a previously vacant seat, and the term is set to expire on 1/31/2029. Ms. Honeycutt's resume is attached for reference.

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Date



Phil LeVota
County Executive

Amy Moore Harris

Phone: (417) 529-0757 • Email: amymooreharris@gmail.com

Work Experience:

- **EVP, Chief Legal Officer**

UMB Financial Corporation, Kansas City, Missouri, January 2021-Present

Responsibilities: Manage staff and operations of UMB Financial Corp.'s legal function. In charge of management, strategic planning, process improvement, and operations for UMB's legal team of 25+ attorneys and staff. Regularly coordinate with and counsel executive leadership across organization. Develop relationship between legal team and line of business clients.

- **SVP, Deputy General Counsel and Manager of Legal Operations**

UMB Financial Corporation, Kansas City, Missouri, January 2020-January 2021

Responsibilities: Act as chief of staff for UMB's General Counsel. In charge of strategic planning, process improvement, and operations for UMB's legal team of 23 attorneys and 6 staff members. Regularly coordinate with and counsel executive leadership across organization. Manage team of attorneys and professionals that handle all litigation and employment law matters for UMB Fin. Corp. and its subsidiaries. Develop relationship between legal team and line of business clients.

- **SVP, Corporate Counsel and Manager of Judicial Compliance**

UMB Financial Corporation, Kansas City, Missouri, Oct. 2014-January 2020

Responsibilities: Manage litigation and legal process for UMB Financial Corporation and its subsidiaries, including employment law matters. Manage team of attorneys, paralegals and associates that handle litigation and respond to subpoenas, levies, executions and garnishments for UMBFC and subsidiaries. Provide crisis management guidance. Manage outside counsel relationships, selection, spend and rate structure.

- **Associate Attorney**

Walters Bender Strohbehn & Vaughan, P.C., Kansas City, Missouri, Nov. 2012- Oct. 2014

Responsibilities: Litigation Associate. Research legal issues-common law and regulatory; educate and counsel clients; draft motions and responsive pleadings; appear and present argument at hearings. Actively take part in cases from start to finish.

- **Judicial Law Clerk to the Honorable Justine Del Muro**

Jackson County Circuit Court- Division 4, Kansas City, Missouri, Jan. 2011- Nov. 2012

Responsibilities: Clerk to trial Judge. Address issues such as proper service of process, the timeliness of filing an answer or response, and whether a petition states a cause of action. Possess a first-hand knowledge of local and Supreme Court rules; assist the Judge in ruling on dispositive motions and a variety of discovery motions; work closely with lawyers to assist them in navigating the Judge's policies and procedures.

Educational Background:

- **University of Missouri- School of Law, Columbia, Missouri**

J.D.: May, 2010

- **University of Central Missouri (formerly CMSU), Warrensburg, Missouri**

B.S., Political Science, cum laude: December, 2006

Awards/Community Service/Involvement:

Ingram's 40 Under 40- Class of 2021

Up & Coming Attorney, 2017- Missouri Lawyers Weekly

Lazarus Ministries KC- Board Member since 2021, Volunteers since 2016

KC Big Brothers Big Sisters- Mentor/Big Sister for Kaufmann Scholars Program 2014-2016

Sue Shear Women's Leadership Academy: Member since 2006

Professional Affiliations:

AWLKC- Denise Henning Connections Group Member from 2013-2018, ongoing AWL member

Central Exchange- Emerging Leaders Class of 2020

Corporate Legal Operations Consortium- Member since 2020

Association of Corporate Counsel- Member since 2017

References:

- **Kate Nolen**
Lathrop Gage, Of Counsel
Phone: (816) 460-5560
- **Kelly McCambridge**
McCambridge Law, Partner
816-389-8345
- **Megan Mercer**
UMB Financial Corporate, SVP, Corporate Counsel
913-515-9967

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816-777-2208 (Work)
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(LinkedIn)
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(Company)

Top Skills

Editing
Journalism
Ap Style

Brian Kaberline

Editor at Kansas City Business Journal
Kansas City, Missouri, United States

Summary

Experienced business journalist who has covered a variety of beats and professions. Columnist and editorial writer. Editor who has led newsroom from operating through a weekly print edition to a digital-first operation with postings throughout the day and twice-daily email newsletters.

Experience

Kansas City Business Journal
38 years

Editor In Chief
1999 - Present (27 years)
Kansas City, Mo.

Responsible for overseeing newsroom operations, including print and online material. Member of editorial board and a columnist.

Managing Editor, Reporter
1988 - 1999 (11 years)

Reporter — Covered a range of topics, including public companies and environmental issues.

Managing editor — Helped coordinate day-to-day newsroom operations, edited reporter and freelance copy, participated on editorial board, paginated paper.

Independence Examiner
Reporter
1988 - 1988 (less than a year)
Independence, Mo.

Reporter covering business issues.

Education

University of Kansas

Bachelor of Science (B.S.), Journalism · (1983 - 1988)

MONICA MEEKS, MBA

CERTIFIED EXECUTIVE LEADER

M_Hconsulting@hotmail.com

Independent Contractor

2000 – present

Nonprofit consultant, grant writer, marketing professional and federal grant reviewer for CDC, HHS and CNS. Served as consultant to the Opioid Response Network of the American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry.

Associate Executive Director

(part time)

Lee's Summit CARES

Kansas City, Missouri suburb 2013 – 2022

Coalition focused on substance use prevention serving 15% of Jackson County. Managed diverse portfolio of federal, county and private grants. Chaired Partnership Task Force with diverse community sector representatives. Coalition received 2014 Missouri Coalition of the Year, 2015 Jackson County COMBAT and 2016 Missouri Milestone awards.

Executive Director

StandUp Blue Springs

Kansas City, Missouri suburb 2007 – 2012

Community engagement agency focused on health and community enrichment initiatives in Eastern Jackson County, serving 4,000 children and adults annually. Helped create and manage *Let's Move! Blue Springs* with the Mayor and community leaders; initiative cited as a community planning model by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Executive Director

Community Association of Nonprofit Business Executives

Kansas City, Missouri 2000 – 2006

Regional professional development association for nonprofit executives serving 350 nonprofit and for-profit partners. Executed association management and program planning, with more than 25 training events annually.

Executive Director

STOP Violence Coalition

Kansas City, Missouri 1996 – 2000

Violence prevention agency offering program resources nationwide. Agency honored with a *New American Community Award* from the National Council on Crime and Delinquency during tenure.

Vice President

Youth Volunteer Corps of America

Kansas City, Missouri 1990 – 1996

International youth service program with 43 affiliates in US and Canada involving 25,000 youth annually. Provided training and technical assistance for affiliates. Managed \$1.8 million budget, including \$200,000 federal Learn and Serve grant and \$1.5 million federal AmeriCorps grant. Attended White House ceremony for AmeriCorps launch.

EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT HIGHLIGHTS:

- MBA - Bloch School of Business, University of Missouri - Kansas City, Missouri
- BA, Radio and Television Broadcasting - Grand View University, Des Moines, Iowa
- Certified Executive Leader - Executive Service Corps of Greater Kansas City & Centerpoint for Leaders
- 325+ hours of CADCA and SAMHSA Strategic Prevention Framework trainings
- CADCA National Coalition Academy graduate

VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHTS:

- Behavioral Health Work Group, Healthier Jackson County initiative - Jackson County Health Department
- Lee's Summit Health Education Advisory Board (Mayor appointed)
- Lee's Summit Youth Court Advisory Board
- Served on numerous national, state and local committees for the National Youth Leadership Council, Nonprofit Risk Management Center, Points of Light Foundation and Youth Service America, among others

ADVOCACY HIGHLIGHTS:

- Advocacy at the federal, state and local levels with Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America, National Breast Cancer Coalition, Youth Service America, Youth Volunteer Corps of America, Keeping Missouri Kids Safe Coalition, and Complete Streets, City of Blue Springs, Missouri

Judy Morgan
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SKILLS

- Extensive experience with administrator/employee relations.
- Adept at working with others on committees.
- Excellent communication and listening skills.
- Proficient writing skills.
- Solid ability to research and analyze information.
- Vast experience with work-related policies and procedures.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Missouri State Representative, 24th District – 2012-2020
201 West Capitol Avenue, Jefferson City, MO 65101

- Researched legislation and policies in order to vote responsibly on various bills.
- Advocated for constituent issues and progressive causes in House floor debate.
- Organized Town Hall meetings to talk about legislative issues and listen to constituent concerns.
- Assisted constituents with various individual needs such as gaining unemployment benefits or signing up for Medicaid.
- Met with individuals, groups, and elected officials to gain knowledge about their respective viewpoints.
- Communicated weekly with constituents during the legislative session via an electronic newsletter.

President, American Federation of Teachers, Local 691 – 1999-2009
300 East 39th Street, KCMO 64111

- Led yearly contract negotiations for five employee groups – teachers, paraprofessionals, secretaries, security officers, and professional/technical employees.
- Resolved work-related grievances between employees and administrators.
- Communicated with employees through monthly newsletters and by attending building meetings at their respective schools and work locations.
- Spearheaded training sessions on the employee contracts.
- Lobbied at the Capitol in Jefferson City for the educational needs of teachers, school employees, and students.

- Collaborated on various district-employee committees, such as Insurance, Code of Student Conduct, and Professional Development.

Teacher and Counselor, Kansas City Public Schools – 1970-1999

2901 Troost Avenue, Kansas City, MO 64109

Central High School – 1970-1978

Lincoln College Preparatory Academy (1978-1984)

Northeast High School – 1984-1999

- Instructed high school core and elective subjects, such as Civics and Psychology.
- Developed and taught a new course in the Social Studies Curriculum – Crime and Delinquency.
- Provided guidance and counseling to students on an individual basis and in group settings.
- Assisted students in high school course selection, career planning, and post-graduate plans.
- Served the students in various extracurricular activities including:
 - ✓ Class sponsor (organized fundraisers, dances, and graduation);
 - ✓ Student Government sponsor (helped students to gain civic responsibility and leadership skills and manage activities, policies and programs for the student body);
 - ✓ Student Mediation Program co-sponsor (established a student-to-student conflict resolution program; and
 - ✓ HISTEP co-sponsor (worked with high school students to develop and deliver an anti-drug educational program to elementary school students).

EDUCATION

Master's Degree in Guidance and Counseling

University of Missouri at Kansas City – 1978

Bachelor's Degree in Secondary Education

University of Missouri at Kansas City – 1970

OTHER AFFILIATIONS

Board Member

- Women in Politics – 2021-present
- Missouri Alliance for Retired Americans – 2021-present
- American Federation of Teachers, Local 691, Retiree Chapter – 2021-present
- Greater Kansas City Women's Political Caucus – 2008-2012 and 2016-2020

Committeewoman

Jackson County Democratic Committee, 4th Ward – 2008-2011

Treasurer

Jackson County4Kids - 2022-present

Daniel M. Nelson

dnelson@spencerfane.com; (816) 288-1996 (m)

EXPERIENCE

OF COUNSEL, SPENCER FANE LLP, KANSAS CITY, MO Jan. 2022-Present

Trial attorney focused on business litigation and complex internal investigations including for the Economic Development Corporation of KC; the University of Missouri system; Independence, MO; private businesses; and regional hospital systems.

CHIEF DEPUTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY, JACKSON CO., MO 2016-2021

Top manager for an office of 72 attorneys and 152 employees who litigate over 4000 cases per year. 2020 President's Award, Missouri Association of Prosecuting Attorneys. Tried cases to juries, made charging decisions, conducted investigations. Co-First chair, *State v. Thu Hong Nguyen*, an arson-for-profit resulting in deaths of firefighters. Lead prosecutor, Brookside lawyer murder; Indian Creek Trail serial killer. Led Kevin Strickland exoneration investigation.

ASSISTANT U.S. ATTORNEY, WESTERN MO

2004-2016

Tried nine cases to juries, plus five Eighth Circuit arguments. Focused on fraud, corruption, money laundering, and computer crimes with FBI, SEC, CFTC, and IRS-CI. Extensive experience with cyber and forensic accounting evidence. Served US Attorneys John Wood and Beth Phillips as the Executive AUSA, a top manager, for 68 attorneys and 128 employees. Securities Fraud Coordinator; DOJ Securities Fraud Working Group; Chief Elections Officer.

- In *U.S. v. Poynter*, first chair, convicted all 15 defendants in a \$96M tax case, including 2 following a 6-day jury trial. The IRS called it the largest false claims case in MO history.
- In *U.S. v. Hawkins*, first chair, convicted all 14 defendants in Petro America investment scheme, which had the most victims in WDMO history. Five were convicted following a 5-week trial with 65 witnesses. The top 3 were sentenced to 30, 18 and 18 years.
- In *U.S. v. Wavinya*, first chair, prosecuted a ring of 17 defendants who filed \$15M in tax returns using stolen identities of hospital patients. The top defendant received 14 years.

KIRKLAND & ELLIS LLP, Washington D.C.

2002-2004

Litigation Associate. Securities, complex civil litigation, government affairs, appellate. Represented Morgan Stanley, British Petroleum, Barr Laboratories, AOL, Siemens.

HOUSE OF COMMONS, London, England

1999

Legislative Intern for a Member of Parliament. Drafted research memos, questions for the Prime Minister, press releases, speeches; took diplomatic trips to Greece and Turkey.

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA LAW SCHOOL, J.D.

2002

Voted the Emerson Award for high character by class. Elected Chief Justice of Moot Court. Graduate of trial clinic taught by Judge Herbert Stern, Ted Olson and David Boies.

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI JOURNALISM SCHOOL, B.J., *magna cum laude* 1999

Kappa Tau Alpha - Top 10% of Journalism School class.

MU Alumni Association True Son Award, presented to one senior male and one female.

HONORS

2020 President's Award, Missouri Association of Prosecuting Attorneys

2019 top national Trial Award from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms

2014 Lon Hocker Award for trial excellence, selected by a panel of state and federal judges

Adjunct Prof., UMKC Law School, 2010 - present. Federal Trial Practice, Prosecution Clinic

Missouri Supreme Court Committee on Criminal Justice, 2017 to present

Past President of *Child Protection Center* and *Impact KC* giving circle

JESSICA R. RAMIREZ

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE:

Senior professional with over 20 years of non-profit experience in fundraising, capital campaigns, special event planning, strategic planning, marketing/communications and grant writing. Success in executing individual and major gift solicitations with strong skill sets in donor cultivation and stewardship. Exceptional board development and support. Solid organizational traits collaborated with excellent time management to handle multiple tasks. Excellent communications and inter-personal skills. Thrive in a fast-paced work environment.

EMPLOYMENT:

Metropolitan Community College, Kansas City, Missouri, September 2016-present

Executive Director at MCC Foundation. Serves as the College's chief development officer. Manage, develop, staff, organize and execute fundraising efforts including capital campaigns. Work across the MCC system and externally build support for fundraising to build a culture of philanthropy. Work with Chancellor and Executive Cabinet Leadership to identify priorities and secure funding. Provide leadership and vision for the College's development strategies; manage the college's fundraising goals, including alumni engagement. Responsible for providing vision, leadership, strategic direction and day-to-day management of the MCC Foundation staff working closely with the Board of Directors. Increase brand awareness and positive image through public relations, communications, local, regional and national media and networking.

Saint Luke's Foundation, Kansas City, Missouri, January 2011-September 2016

Senior Development Director at Saint Luke's East Hospital. In charge of all fundraising activities for the hospital campus. Annual development of: fundraising plan; major gift solicitation, prospects, naming opportunities and special event logistics. Contact with donor and grateful patients during hospital experiences. Transcended and delivered the largest net-driven special event in the Saint Luke's Health System for Saint Luke's East Hospital. Delivered the first donor stewardship hospital program. Completed and directed the first donor naming opportunities. Presentations to hospital board of director members, hospital executives and system leadership, medical staff and hospital managers. Prepared and participated with the CEO of SLEH in solicitation calls and donor stewardship. Provide direction of marketing and communication materials regarding charitable giving and philanthropic efforts (e.g. annual report, quarterly CEO Insider Letters). Manage donor encounters in donor software (Raisers Edge). Supervise staff, interns and volunteers. Hospital representation on community boards of directors. Annual fundraising proceeds of \$500,000.

Development Director at Cabot Westside Medical and Dental Center. Developed and implemented fundraising plan for a safety-net clinic (Cabot Westside Medical and Dental Center) for a predominately Spanish-speaking uninsured population with emphasis on grant writing and reporting; corporate and individual gift solicitations; and special events. Planned and implemented all direct fundraising appeals. Created and executed two annual special events targeting corporate and individual giving with current and past board member involvement. Developed and created college intern program with a partnership at a local university. Supervise staff and interns. Annual fundraising proceeds of \$500,000.

Firsthand experiences with medical and dental providers; clinic and hospital leadership; and a 12-member board of directors in creating and sustaining programs. Managed and supervised a team of staff and interns on daily projects. Supervised and managed capital campaign. Facilitated clinic tours with prospective donors. Communicated and worked closely with accountants on the management of grant funds and donations. Created and expanded annual report to donors.

Metropolitan Community College Foundation, Kansas City, Missouri, 2008- 2011

Ralph Teran Ed.D.

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teranralph@gmail.com

816.985.7008

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

KANSAS CITY KANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS – Kansas City, Kansas 2021 - 2022

Interim Chief of Operations and Finance

RAY AND ASSOCIATES - Executive Leadership Searches

2017 - 2020

Regional Associate with superintendent searches. Recent searches conducted in Lawrence, Shawnee Mission, Pittsburg, Kansas City, and Geary County Schools (Kansas)

GUADALUPE CENTERS CHARTER SCHOOLS - Kansas City Missouri 2017

Served as Interim Superintendent from August - November 2017

BAKER UNIVERSITY - Baldwin City, Kansas

2016 - 2017

Direct Field Supervisor

- Assist and supervise doctoral candidates in direct field experiences to prepare them for school district leadership.

GRANDVIEW C-4 SCHOOL DISTRICT – Grandview, Missouri

2006 - 2016

Superintendent

- Responsible for providing leadership and vision to all departments and school programs.
- Responsible for oversight of District Budget of \$55 million (enrollment of 4,200 students).
- Oversight of three successful Facilities Bond Issues (2007, 2011, 2013).

WICHITA PUBLIC SCHOOLS – Wichita, Kansas

1975 - 2006

Assistant Superintendent 2001-2006

- Responsible for providing leadership and vision to all high school programs,
- Oversight of High School Budget of \$42 million (high school enrollment, 13,600 students).
- Responsible for Secondary Career and Technical Programs, \$6.2 million budget.
- Supervision of Athletics; District-wide Truancy/Attendance; Learning Centers; Expulsions Office; Gateway Alternative Program; Secondary Career and Technical Programs.
- Coordinated and facilitated Hispanic Advisory Council.
- District Liaison to Sedgwick County Interventions/Prevention Programs.

Division Director, Secondary Schools 1998–2001

- Responsible for providing leadership and vision to all middle and high school programs.
- Assisted with passage of district's \$284.5 million bond issue.

Building Administration 1983-1998

Principal, Wichita High School North	1990 - 1998
Principal, Marshall Middle School	1987 - 1990
Principal, Price Elementary School	1985 - 1987

Assistant Principal, Marshall & Junior High 1984 - 1985

Assistant Principal, Roosevelt Junior High 1983 - 1984

Speech/Language Clinician 1977-1983

Ingalls Elementary, Harris Elementary, Robinson Jr. High, Coleman Jr. High

Ralph Teran Ed.D.

EDUCATION

- May 1997 Doctor of Education Wichita State University (WSU), Wichita, Kansas
Dissertation: *Strategic Planning in a Large Urban School District*
(Received Dissertation of the Year Award by the International Society for Educational Planning - 1997)
- May 1977 Master of Education WSU
- May 1975 Bachelor of Arts WSU

Areas of Certification (Missouri & Kansas)

District Level Administration/Superintendent K-12

Building Level Administration/Principal K-12

Social Studies, Comprehensive 5-9

Speech Pathologist K-12

PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP

- 2015 - 2016 Member, MASA Mentoring Committee
- 2015 - 2016 Member, MASA Accreditation & Assessment Task Force
- 2012 - 2015 Member, DESE Commissioner Superintendent Advisory Council
- 2013 - 2014 President, Greater Kansas City Suburban Association Schools Athletic Conference (also 2009-10)
- 2009 - 2010 Co-Facilitator, Missouri Race to the Top Team, Turn Around Schools
- 2006 - 2010 Member, Avila University College of Education Advisory Council
- 2007 - 2010 Member, Membership Committee, Missouri Association of School Administrators
- 2004 - 2006 Trainer of Trainers, NASSP Breaking Ranks II Kansas Team
- 2004 - 2006 Liaison, Kansas State Department of Education Leadership Development
- 1999 - 2006 Liaison, Courts/JJA/SRS/Education Liaison Committee
- 1999 - 2006 Board of Directors, Sedgwick County Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board
- 1997 - 2000 Kansas State Department of Education Quality Performance Accreditation Steering Committee
- 1987 - 1988 President, Phi Delta Kappa, Wichita State University Chapter

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

- 2016 - Elder Board, Jacob's Well Church, Kansas City, Missouri
- 2006 - 2017 Rotary Club of South Kansas City, Missouri
- 2007 - 2013 Board of Directors, Belton Research Hospital Foundation
- 2003 - 2006 Board of Directors, American Red Cross Midway Chapter

Ralph Teran Ed.D.

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP (continued)

- 2004 - 2006 District Representative, Wichita Area Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
- 2003 - 2006 Advisory Board, Wichita Habitat for Humanity
- 2001 - 2006 Leadership Team, Church of the Savior
- 1997 - 2001 Wichita's Promise Steering Committee
- 1989 - 1993 Board of Directors, National Conference for Compassion and Justice
- 1993 - 1994 Board of Directors, Wichita Children's Home

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- American Association of School Administrators (AASA)
- Missouri Association of School Administrators (MASA)
- Urban Superintendents Association of America (USAA)

RECOGNITIONS

- 2009 New Superintendent of Schools Award - Greater Kansas City MASA District
- 2009 Missouri PTA Distinguished Service Award

Abbreviated CURRICULUM VITAE

ONETA J. TEMPLETON, ACSW, LCSW, LSCSW

Professional Experience

- 1991 to 2023 Manager, Community Programs
Department of Social Work Children's Mercy Hospital
Program Manager TIES (Team for Infants Exposed to Substance
use) Program, intensive home-based partnership with families of
young children affected by maternal substance use
Program Administrator Healthy Families Children's Mercy, HFA accredited
child abuse and neglect prevention program providing home-based
family support to families of pregnant and parenting women
Liaison to Community Programs Consortium and Advisory Council
Provide administrative, clinical and reflective supervision to the programs
Oversee evaluation, budgets and contracts, statistical and program reporting,
and grant application proposals
Previously supervised medical social workers in Emergency and
Adolescent medicine and hospital child protection program
- 1983 – 1990 Social Services Director, The Salvation Army of Kansas City
Supervised operation of 14 services including child care, family camping,
employment assistance, substance use detox, disaster response, and child and
adult shelter programs
Recruited, trained, and supervised program managers
Managed programs with budget totaling \$2.8 million and over 70 employees
Previously Family Services Coordinator managing emergency assistance
operations and providing office and home-based counseling to
families and individuals

Education

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| University of Missouri-Columbia | Masters of Social Work |
| | Bachelors of Social Work |

- Licenses: Licensed Specialist Clinical Social Worker, Kansas, 2013 #4230
Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Missouri, 1992 #3143
Academy of Certified Social Workers, National Association of Social Workers

Select Publications and Presentations

- Siedlik, E., Chiang, D., Gardner, S., Templeton, O., *The Impact of Relationship on Goal Attainment in a Home-Based Family Support Program*. Health & Social Care in the Community, 2023, 5552208. <https://doi.org/10.1155/2023/5552208>.
- Chiang, D., Templeton, O., Siedlik, E. *A new, validated assessment tool demonstrates positive outcomes in home visiting model for families affected by maternal substance use* poster National Research Center for Early Childhood (NRCEC) December 2020.

- O'Malley, D., Chiang, D.F., Siedlik, E.A., Ragon, K., Dutcher, M., & Templeton, O. *A Promising Approach in Home Visiting to Support Families Affected by Maternal Substance Use*. Maternal Child Health Journal (2020). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10995-020-03015-0>
- Rose, S., Templeton, O. (2018, February) *Income Improvement Strategies through Comprehensive Early Home Visiting Practices* poster at National Summit on Quality in Home Visiting Programs, Washington, DC.
- Mayse, S., Templeton, O., (2017, June) *Reflective Supervision: What Is It? Why Do It?* Healthy Start Regional Meeting, Kansas City, MO
- Jenson, R., & Templeton, O., (2016, November) *Examining Encounters to Strengthen Home Visitation Effectiveness: A Longitudinal Study of TIES Program Outcomes*. The Collaborative Science of Home Visiting Home Visiting Applied Research Collaborative (HARC) annual meeting, Washington, DC.
- Kates, E., Mayse, S., Templeton, O. (2013, November) *Home Visiting with Multiply Challenged Families: Lessons from MIECHV*. 37th Annual Kansas Governor's Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect, Topeka, KS
- Rohs, J., Snider, K., Templeton, O., (2015, May) *Systematic Encounter Documentation: Using Implementation Fidelity for Program Enhancement* poster at The Collaborative Science of Home Visiting Meeting, Washington, DC.
- Reich, W. A., Fuger, K. L., Hsi, A., & Templeton, O. (2012, April). *Assessing child developmental services predicts in-home placement of substance- and HIV-affected children*. 18th National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect, Washington, DC.
- Abruzzino, E., Adnopo, J., Bouchard, B., Currier-Ezepchick, J., McMann, O. Templeton, & Pack, J. (2003). Development of successful treatment interventions. In National Abandoned Infants Assistance Resource Center (Ed.) *AIA best practices: Lessons learned from a decade of service to children and families affected by HIV and substance abuse* (25-46). Berkeley, CA: Author.
- Pietrzak, J., McMann, O. Templeton, Currier-Ezepchick, J. (2002, March) *Abandoned Infants Assistance: Investing in and Assisting Vulnerable Children and Families*. Children 2002: Making Children a National Priority CWLA National Conference, Washington, DC.
- McMann, O. Templeton, (1999, June). *Supporting families with multiple challenges: Discovering effective strategies*. SAMSHA Second National Conference on Women, Los Angeles, CA.

Board Memberships and Related Organizations

Community Advisor, MIECHV COVID Health Equity Project 2021-23

Served as a community advisor and member of workgroup for a project conducted by Child Trends and funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration exploring the role of MIECHV programs in advancing health equity during crises (e.g. COVID-19 pandemic).

Maternal Infant Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Program site administrator for TIES Program of Kansas Department of Health and Environment 2010-2023

Amethyst Place supported housing program for recovering women and their children

Board Member 2000-2010, 2013-2015, 2019-2022

Board Chair 2001-2003, Board Secretary 2004-2005

Program Council Member 2010-2023

Board Chair 2010-2012, 2014, 2019, 2021-23

Kansas City Task Force on Families Affected by Substance Abuse Member 1991-2016

Chair, 2010-2016

Mother and Child Health Coalition of Greater Kansas City (later Nurture KC) Board Member 1998 – 2000

SHERAE ANN HONEYCUTT

Strategic Communications Leader • Public Affairs Expert • Executive Advisor
514 Bellefontaine Ave, KCMO • (925) 413-3944 • Sherae.Honeycutt@gmail.com

- Strategic, ethics-driven communications leader with a background as an Emmy-winning journalist and Press Secretary & City Spokeswoman for Kansas City.
- Experienced advising executive leadership, managing high-profile issues, and leading citywide communications that build trust, clarity, and transparency.
- Known for turning complex policy, infrastructure, and housing initiatives into clear, accessible stories for residents while coordinating across multiple departments and external partners.

CORE COMPETENCIES

- Executive & Strategic Communications
- Crisis & Emergency Communications
- Media Relations & Reputation Management
- Public Affairs & Government Operations
- Team Leadership & PIO Coordination
- Community & Stakeholder Engagement
- Transparency, Sunshine Law & Ethics
- Cross-Departmental Project Communications
- Brand, Messaging & Editorial Standards
- Organizational Stability & Change Management

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Kansas City – Kansas City, Missouri

Press Secretary & City Spokeswoman | December 2022 – Present

Public Information Officer, Public Works & General Services | June 2022 – December 2022

Lead the City's public information team in telling the story of Kansas City with transparency, clarity, and purpose. Oversee citywide media relations, executive communications, and strategic messaging for infrastructure, housing, economic development, public safety, and major city initiatives.

- Serve as primary spokesperson for Kansas City, managing high-profile media inquiries, crises, and sensitive political issues.
- Advise the City Manager and senior leadership on messaging, public trust, and proactive communication strategies.
- Coordinate and support Public Information Officers across departments, including housing, neighborhoods, public works, aviation, water, and economic development, to ensure consistent and aligned messaging.
- Lead communications for major initiatives such as Match Ready KC for the 2026 World Cup; Revive the Vine, a \$400+ million reinvestment in the Historic 18th & Vine Jazz District; and large-scale infrastructure and redevelopment projects, including Roy Blunt Luminary Park, Barney Allis Plaza Redevelopment, the Kansas City International Airport solar array, and the Kansas City Detention & Rehabilitation Center.

- Develop press releases, media advisories, crisis statements, and communication plans that center on residents, plain language, and accessibility.
- Build and refine internal processes, including draft review, SOPs, and ethical standards, to modernize the City's communications function and strengthen accountability.

FOX4 Kansas City, Tribune Media – Kansas City, Missouri
Reporter & Multimedia Journalist | December 2017 – June 2022

Reported on crime, courts, and child advocacy across the Kansas City metro. Produced and hosted "Thursday's Child," connecting children in foster care with potential adoptive families.

- Covered daily and enterprise news stories with a focus on vulnerable populations, public systems, and accountability.
- Built strong relationships with municipalities, community organizations, law enforcement, courts, and families.
- Produced and hosted Thursday's Child, resulting in successful placements and community awareness around foster care.
- Earned a Mid-America Emmy Award (2020) for Community Service for Thursday's Child; received five additional Mid-America Emmy nominations; named Best Investigative Reporter (2021) by The Kansas City Pitch.

KFVS News, Raycom Media – Cape Girardeau, Missouri
Multimedia Journalist | November 2015 – November 2017

Reported across Southeast Missouri, Southern Illinois, Western Kentucky, Eastern Tennessee, and Clay County, Arkansas, covering regional news, weather events, and community issues.

KRON4 News, Media General – San Francisco
Assistant Producer & Internship | June 2013 – November 2015

Assisted producers with newscasts through project management, writing, editing, graphics, and coordinating breaking news. Managed the assignment desk and coordinated with reporters and photographers. Communicated with sources for statements and confirmed breaking news.

NBC Nightly News with Brian Williams & Today, NBC Universal – Los Angeles
Intern | Summer 2014

Supported the Los Angeles bureau with field producing, research, and logistics; assisted with multiple segments with Maria Shriver for Today.

KTVU Fox 2, Cox Media – Oakland, California

Intern | Spring 2013

Supported newsroom operations, including video pulls, scripts, story research, and field work with reporters.

EDUCATION

University of Missouri, Columbia School of Journalism

MA in Strategic Communication, 2025

- Kappa Tau Alpha, National Journalism Honors Society

Capstone Project: The Lasting Impact of AMBER Alerts: Addressing Privacy Concerns of Children in the Digital Age

The program blends advanced communication theory with practical application, equipping leaders to develop innovative strategies, manage complex crises, and engage diverse audiences across digital and traditional platforms. Coursework emphasized research design, ethics, branding, public relations, media strategy, and organizational communication, preparing graduates to lead with clarity, creativity, and impact in government, nonprofit, and corporate sectors.

San Francisco State University

BA in Broadcast & Electronic Communication Arts, 2015

- Outstanding Service Award, 2015
- College Students in Broadcasting, President, 2015
- Anthony Toranno Memorial Scholarship, 2014

The program provided hands-on training in television, radio, digital media, and journalism, with a strong emphasis on storytelling, production, media ethics, and audience engagement. Students learn to create compelling content across platforms, blending technical expertise with creative vision to communicate effectively in today's rapidly evolving media landscape.

City College of San Francisco

Certificate in Multimedia Journalism, 2013

Diablo Valley College

AA, General Studies, 2011

SELECTED LEADERSHIP & PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

- Lead communications for multimillion-dollar redevelopment and infrastructure projects, with emphasis on housing, displacement, and community benefit.
- Developed and implemented citywide SOPs and guidance for Public Information Officers.
- Led crisis and emergency communications for severe weather, building safety concerns, and housing/tenant relocation issues.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

- Mid-America Emmy Award, Community Service, 2020 – Thursday’s Child
 - Five Mid-America Emmy Nominations
 - Best Investigative Reporter, Kansas City Pitch, 2021
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COMMUNITY & ADVOCACY

- Foster care advocate with FosterAdopt Connect and organizer of Sherae’s Style & Smile, a back-to-school clothing event for foster teens.
- Advocate and speaker on domestic violence, child welfare, and ethical communications.
- Jackson County CASA, Board Member and Child Advocate