



**MISSOURI JUVENILE JUSTICE ASSOCIATION  
EXCELLENCE IN JUVENILE COURT  
PROGRAM AWARD 2013**

**22<sup>ND</sup> JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
AFTER SCHOOL VOCATIONAL PROGRAM  
In partnership with RANKEN TECHNICAL COLLEGE**

One of MJJA's many important goals is to provide and share information on new ideas and programming designed by Missouri's juvenile and family courts, which are truly beneficial to the children they serve. When MJJA created the Excellence in Juvenile Court Program Award in 1993, it did so with two purposes in mind: firstly, to acknowledge the outstanding work being done in Juvenile and family courts throughout the state; and, secondly to inspire us all to creativity and excellence. From its inception, MJJA has chosen to recognize a program only if it has risen to the level, through the judging process, to truly merit the label EXCELLENT. While many very good programs have been offered for consideration, one program was chosen by the Juvenile Court Program Award Committee to receive this year's Excellence Award.

"After School Vocational Program" is an established Detention based program, in partnership with Ranken Technical College, which provides opportunities for youth to learn and grow while under the care of the St Louis City Detention Center. To date, over 250 youth have completed the program, earning a certificate that can be used when making applications for jobs and college education.