



Jodi Jordan

Superintendent of Recreation

Lee's Summit Parks and Recreation

Jodi has been with the department for 13 years. She has been a manager, assistant superintendent, and now her current role as superintendent. Jodi also serves as the department's Inclusion Coordinator and does a great job of meeting and assisting patrons with any accommodations they may need in order to participate in our programs, events, and enjoy our facilities. She was successful in writing two grants from EITAS, which secured funding for sign language signs in our parks and, most recently, a grant to purchase four 3-wheel bikes to utilize through the Lovell and Longview Community Centers' free bike reservation program. This past year, she researched DEI trainings to determine the available options for LSPR and oversaw the DEI training for all staff (full and part time). With six different sessions offered at the beginning of the Summer 2023, all LSPR staff have completed the training.

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ABOUT NATE

Hometown: Lone Jack, MO

Current Position and Duties?

As Superintendent of Recreation Services, I have direct oversight of the management of the Lovell Community Center, Longview Community Center, and Summit Waves Aquatics Park. Additionally I serve as the Inclusion Coordinator for the department and am the team lead for our Did You Know? team. I have also been the Education Chair for MPRA Region 1 since 2020.

How long have you been working in parks and recreation?

12 years

What are your interests or hobbies?

I love spending time with my family, playing volleyball, and attending concerts.

How did you end up working in parks and recreation?

After a 10 year career with the YMCA of Greater KC and working in other communities in the KC metro area, I wanted to work in the community I lived in. A manager position opened at the Lovell Community Center in 2010 and the rest is history!

What do you love about working in parks and recreation?

I love being able to contribute to my neighbors quality of life. Knowing that my work behind the scenes helps the community enjoy the city they live in with quality parks, facilities, programs, and special events. It is these experiences that create core memories for families and that makes the long hours worth it!

What advice do you have for future parks and recreation professionals?

Never stop learning! Knowledge is power! Attend conferences, go to LDI, earn those certifications (CPRP, AFO, CPSI). Don't forget to network and use each other to help solve issues in your communities. We are all in this together!