



Sheryl Lynette Branch-Maxwell is known throughout the State of Missouri, as “Ms. Sherry”. Over the years, she has a long history of serving Southeast Missouri residents and beyond. Since 1979 she has worked in daycare facilities and Head Start Centers, coordinated/directed summer food programs, and fostered many partnerships among community organizations for the benefit of the Bootheel. Currently she works as Program Educator Assistant III; maintaining leadership,

self-esteem and anti-drug programs for Lincoln University Cooperative Extension in Lilbourn. Her most notable program is Kids’ Beat, which at one time had an enrollment of more than 1500 members and more than 30 clubs in all counties of the Missouri Bootheel.

Sherry has served on several gubernatorial appointed committee's and boards. She was appointed by the late Governor Mel Carnahan to serve on the African-American Task Force, and to serve on The Missouri Commission for Volunteerism by former Governor Bob Holden.