

## Kansas News

### New Library Established for Girls at KJCC

A little more than a year ago, the Kansas Juvenile Correctional Complex hired a corrections counselor, Ms. Dauna Herman, who questioned the girls on what they would like to do in their spare time. The response was overwhelmingly - READ! She said she would see what she could do. [Read more . . .](#)

### Bill Would Legalize Sex for Some Young Teens

Some younger teenagers who have sex would no longer be breaking Kansas law under a bill that supporters say is needed to change "draconian" penalties that they contend make children into felons. One opponent fears the bill goes too far in loosening penalties for young adults who have sex with teens, however. Kansas prohibits sex with anyone younger than 16, even if both people are the same age. A proposal before a House committee would decriminalize sex among teens who are under 16 but close in age. [Read more . . .](#)

## 2018 DOC-Juvenile Services Training Schedule

### New Employee Kansas Detention Assessment Instrument (KDAI) Training:

Topeka	Thursday	March 22nd
Salina	Tuesday	April 10th
Times	9 am – 3:00 pm	

All intake workers, supervisors and anyone who approves intakes and placement decisions must be trained in administering the KDAI. These trainings are reserved for intake workers and supervisors. For more information on KDAI training or to register contact Crystal Trout at [crystal.trout@ks.gov](mailto:crystal.trout@ks.gov)

### Mental Health Training Curriculum – Juvenile Justice (MHTC-JJ)

**KJCC** - The Mental Health Training Curriculum – Juvenile Justice (MHTC-JJ) will be available for new employees from Judicial Districts to attend at Kansas Juvenile Correction Complex as a part of their new employee orientation.

To inquire about upcoming trainings or if you have questions please contact Lt. Johnathon Ashley at [johnathon.ashley@ks.gov](mailto:johnathon.ashley@ks.gov) or 785-354-9820. KJCC will have MHTC-JJ training as a part of their basic training for new employees approximately every four weeks and it will take place on Thursdays.

**Sedgwick County DOC** and **Johnson County DOC** currently do not have MHTC-JJ trainings scheduled at this time. But if you are interested in attending a future training at their location please contact:

- o For Sedgwick County DOC – contact Steve Stonehouse at [Steven.Stonehouse@sedgwick.gov](mailto:Steven.Stonehouse@sedgwick.gov)
- o For Johnson County DOC – contact Rachel Mestad at [Rachel.mestad@jocogov.org](mailto:Rachel.mestad@jocogov.org)

### Community Legal Issues Training Now Open

Early registration is now available for a half day presentation to be provided by KDOC-JS Attorney Jeff Cowger for juvenile Community Corrections and Intake and Assessment staff. Cowger will provide an overview on Legal issues in juvenile justice in Kansas. The class is primarily for newer staff but is open to staff wanting a refresher.

Thursday July 19, 2018 8:00 am – 12:00 pm  
KBI Laboratory Auditorium; 2001 SW Washburn, Topeka, KS

[To register click here . . .](#)

### Other Training Announcements

The New Officer YLS/CMI Training, scheduled for March 13-15, 2018 in Topeka is full and there are no more available slots.

The dates and locations provided in the Training Calendar for: YLS/CMI, Graduated Responses, Case Planning, EPICS-II and Juvenile Justice Basics are tentative dates. When one of these training sessions is being scheduled, announcements will be sent out by email, the Weblines, or staff/supervisors may be contacted directly by a Regional Trainer requesting RSVPs. There is no need to contact any of the trainers to reserve seats until a training announcement is made.

## National News

### CASA Volunteers Can Mean Success for Kids, but More are Needed

Mercedes Anderson, 20, remembers when she first learned she would have a special advocate. At 15, she'd been in and out of foster care and didn't want another stranger in her life. That changed as she got to know Ashley Thorne. "I built a real connection with her and really, truly felt like it was a family," Anderson said. "She actually took a step forward, went the extra mile to show me she actually cared and just be there for me." Thorne is now advocacy director for CASA of Sedgwick County, an organization that trains volunteers to walk alongside foster children during their time in care. [Read more . . .](#)

## The Juvenile Justice Corner

**Tim Madden, Senior Counsel to the Secretary  
DOC – Legal and Policy Division**

At the end of February, the 2018 Legislature was at mid-session. Below is a brief summary and status report of the bills tracked by Kansas Department of Corrections – Juvenile Services. To help you keep current with a bills status, a link is provided for each bill.

**SB 328 (Prohibiting the outsourcing or privatization of any operations or facilities of any correctional institution or juvenile correctional facility; allowing existing contracts to be renewed)** - Prohibits, without express legislative approval, the privatization of security operations of KDOC adult and juvenile correctional facilities. Passed by the Senate 40-0. Forwarded to the House for committee assignment.

**NOTE - HB 2551** is the same as **SB 328**. **HB 2551** was passed by the House 103-19 and referred to the Senate Judiciary.

**HB 2448 (Providing membership in the KP&F retirement system for security officers of the department of corrections)** – "HB 2448, as amended, would require the Department of Corrections to affiliate as an eligible employer with the Kansas Police and Firemen's Retirement System (KP&F), beginning on January 1, 2019, for those positions classified as a "security officer," as that term would be defined by the bill. Currently, employees in Correctional Groups A and B pay contributions into the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System (KPERs or the Retirement System) equal to 6.0 percent of compensation. The bill would increase the employee contribution level to the KP&F rate of 7.15 percent. For FY 2019, the Department's employer contribution rate for

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## Human Trafficking - Kansas

### Runaway Foster Kids Raise Sex-Trafficking Fears in Kansas

She was 13, living in a Kansas group home, when an older girl convinced her to run away. That led to her being sold for sex for the first time. She was later put in juvenile detention. Then, after spending time in foster care, she was a victim of sex trafficking again at age 15. "Every time I did something wrong, they just locked me up with the same people who were doing the same stuff I was doing or worse," said the woman, who spoke on condition of anonymity. "While I was in foster care and in the system I felt like nothing was ever consistent. I never had a consistent person" [Read more and watch video . . .](#)

### Youth Vulnerable to HT through Illicit Massage Parlors – Local Licensing Necessary

There are about 50 massage businesses in Lawrence, many long-standing but some that seemingly spring up overnight — announcing themselves with flimsy signs and cloaked front windows. Local human trafficking advocates say that hiding among the multitude, there are businesses where young girls report they've been controlled by pimps and forced to provide sexual services. "We know that human trafficking" [Read more . . .](#)

### HT Discussion in Wichita is a Start

A local organization gathered community leaders and residents in an east Wichita cafe to discuss how human trafficking impacts the city. [Read more and watch video . . .](#)

## Human Trafficking - National

### Preparations & Investments Prior to Super Bowl LII Target Sex Trafficking Prevention

The Women's Foundation of Minnesota, in partnership with the Super Bowl Anti-Sex Trafficking Committee (Committee) and corporate and foundation sponsors, has awarded \$355,317 in grants to 11 organizations to support the Committee's coordinated response plan to prevent and disrupt sex trafficking during the 10 days of Super Bowl LII [Read more . . .](#)

### Human Trafficking Arrests Made During Week Leading Up to and Through the Super Bowl

Thousands of people gathered in the Twin Cities for the Super Bowl, making it a prime target for human trafficking. LEO's made more than three dozen arrests related to human trafficking in the week leading up to the main event. Overall, 36 people were arrested on suspicion of "felony solicitation of a minor" in an undercover sting conducted by the Trafficking Investigators Task Force. Seven were booked on suspicion of sex trafficking, however investigators said 14 women were rescued from trafficking situations. [Read more and watch video . . .](#)

### Nebraska HT Bill Seeks to Help Survivors

Sex trafficking victims with a prostitution conviction could clear their criminal record under a bill Nebraska lawmakers will consider this year, the latest step in a larger effort to protect people who were coerced into prostitution. The bill would allow human trafficking survivors to ask a judge to set aside their conviction and seal their criminal record for offenses they committed while under a trafficker's influence. [Read more . . .](#)

## National News

### Transition Time for Teens in Trouble

Decreasing youth crime and squeezed state budgets have precipitated a transitional period for how **Connecticut** handles juvenile delinquents. Even though the state is moving to reduce its incarcerated youth population, legislators, academics and criminal justice reform advocates still need to be vocal about investing state resources in diversionary measures that keep people under the age of 18 out of the criminal justice system in the first place. [Read more . . . .](#)

### Locked Up: Seeking Changes in Juvenile Justice

**Alabama** lawmakers this session will consider an overhaul of the state's juvenile justice system, which advocates contend locks up too many kids for low-level offenses. The bill, which seeks an emphasis on intervention and to limit which juvenile offenders get sent to lock-up or moved to adult court, is expected to get a joint hearing by the House and Senate judiciary committees later this month. [Read more . . . .](#)

### Long Creek's New Leader Concedes Juvenile Facility's at a Crossroads

Three months into her new job as superintendent of Long Creek Youth Development Center (**Maine's** only juvenile detention facility), Caroline Raymond attended a basketball game between the center's team and Old Orchard Beach High School. It was supposed to be a mismatch – Old Orchard plays in a more competitive class – so after Long Creek won by one basket in the final minute, Raymond found herself tearing up as she watched the players celebrate on the court. In that moment, it meant something to the kids, so it meant something to her, too. [Read more . . . .](#)

## Annie E. Casey Foundation

### More Than One in Five U.S. Kids Has Had Multiple Adverse Experiences

Twenty-two percent of kids in the United States (more than 15.6 million kids total) have had two or more adverse experiences, according to the latest results from the National Survey of Children's Health. The term adverse childhood experiences refers to a number of potentially traumatic events, including episodes of sexual, physical or emotional abuse as well as exposure to hardships like parental divorce and parental incarceration. Such events can have [negative and lasting effects on a child's well-being](#) and have been linked to increased risks of obesity, alcoholism and [Read more . . . .](#)

### Campaign Puts Racial Equity in the Center of the Social Sector

Diverse leadership makes nonprofits more effective, according to research. Yet, in the nonprofit sector today, just 10% of CEOs and board chairs and 16% of board members are people of color. These rates of representation fall far short of mirroring the nation's employment landscape, where 39% of workers are people of color. [Read more . . . .](#)

## Juvenile Justice Information Exchange

### 69% Less Recidivism in NY Community Mentoring Program, Report Finds

Youths on probation who participated in a community mentorship program run through the New York City Department of Probation had a lesser chance of recidivism than those who didn't, according to a study published this week. Youths between the ages of 16 and 24 who went through the Arches Transformative Mentoring Program while on probation had a 69 percent lower recidivism rate within 12 months of starting their probation than youths who did not participate in the program, [the study](#) said. [Read more . . . .](#)

### We Saw Long-lasting Reforms from Models for Change in Our States

The work done during the [Models for Change Initiative](#) (funded by the [John D. & Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation](#)) has embedded structural and practice improvements that continue to influence policy change in juvenile justice toward a more developmentally oriented and responsive system. [Read more . . . .](#)

### Provide Better Reentry, Don't Just Close Rikers

In the first week that 16-year-old Vidal Guzman spent at Rikers Island, three of his fellow detainees hung themselves. All of them were teenagers. "Every single day felt like hell," said Guzman, who now works as a community organizer for [Just Leadership USA](#), of his time at Rikers. The remote jail complex, which is plagued by violence, currently holds 120 of these adolescents. [Read more . . . .](#)

#### RESTORATIVE JUSTICE ARTICLES

Local Restorative Justice Could Be Best Kind of Diversion for Youth [Read article . . . .](#)

School Eating Contest Leaves Bad Taste in Teachers' Mouths [Read article . . . .](#)

## National News

### Senate Majority Leader Questions Timeline of Plan to Close Lincoln Hills Youth Prison

Lawmakers are rolling up their sleeves to begin transforming the **Wisconsin** juvenile justice system by 2020. A bipartisan group of lawmakers announced their plan to close Lincoln Hills and Copper Lake by July 1, 2020. However, Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald called the proposal a "big lift" to get done this session. Democratic [Read more and watch video . . . .](#)

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the correctional groups is 13.21 percent, which is the same rate for the KPERs State Group. Under the bill, the rate would increase to 18.82 percent in the second half of FY 2019. For service time earned prior to January 1, 2019, security officers would keep the KPERs benefits they had earned. Security officers would be able to use their prior years of service for purposes of vesting and retirement eligibility in both plans. At retirement, members would receive a monthly benefit for their KPERs service and a monthly benefit for their KP&F service." (Legislative Research Supplemental Note). Passed as amended by the House 113-9. Referred to Senate Financial Institutions and Insurance.

**HB 2453 (Allow a fee to be assessed for application to immediate intervention programs)** - Provides that a fee not to exceed \$100 may be assessed as part of the application to participate in an immediate intervention program. This bill did not get out of the House Corrections and Juvenile Justice Committee.

**HB 2454 (Allowing a juvenile's attorney to waive appearance at the 14-day detention review hearing)** - "HB 2454, as amended, would amend the statute in the Revised Kansas Juvenile Justice Code governing detention hearings to expand the permitted use of two-way electronic audio-visual communication between the juvenile and the judge from detention hearings only . . . including the detention review hearings required every 14 days while the juvenile is in detention. The bill would further amend law related to detention review hearings by adding a provision stating such hearings are not required for a juvenile offender held in detention awaiting case disposition. The bill would amend the . . . statute governing post-adjudication orders and hearings to require, if a juvenile offender is being held in detention, that a dispositional hearing for sentencing take place within 45 days after the juvenile has been adjudicated." (Legislative Research Supplemental Note). Passed as amended by the House 121-1. Referred to Senate Judiciary.

**HB 2455 (Require the juvenile justice oversight committee to monitor instead of calculate state expenditures avoided as a result of reductions in out-of-home placement of juvenile offenders)** - Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee to monitor expenditures avoided through reduction of out of home placements rather than calculate those savings. Passed by the House by vote of 118-2. Set for hearing in Senate Judiciary March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**HB 2456 (Tolling case length limits for certain juvenile offenders)** - "HB 2456, as amended, would amend the statute governing probation term limits and overall case length limits in the Kansas Revised Juvenile Justice Code to clarify that when such limits are tolled due to the offender absconding from supervision while on probation, the limits shall not begin to run again until the offender is located and brought back to the jurisdiction. The bill also would clarify that, if the juvenile fails to appear for the dispositional hearing, such limits shall not apply until the juvenile is brought before the court for disposition." (Legislative Research Supplemental Note). Passed by the House 120-0. Set for Hearing in Senate Judiciary March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**HB 2738 (Changing criminal penalties for sexual conduct between minors)** - Criminal sentences for Romeo and Juliet instances of otherwise voluntary but underage sexual relations. This bill is exempt from the turn-around deadline and is still pending in House Corrections and Juvenile Justice Committee.

**HB 2739 (Changing the requirements for juvenile offenders required to register for sex offenses to match the requirement for adults)** - Amends juvenile offender registration provisions to mirror the requirements for adult offenders. Set for hearing in House Corrections and Juvenile Justice Committee Wednesday February 28<sup>th</sup>.

- Repeals registration exemption for juveniles committing sex offense wherein victim at least 14 years of age, defendant not more than 4 years older than victim and no force was used.
- Repeals limited registration or the registration exemption for juvenile sex offenders under the age of 14.
- Repeals limited registration or the registration exemption for juvenile sex offenders 14 years of age or older.

This bill is exempt from the turn-around deadline and has a Hearing in the House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice set for February 28<sup>th</sup>.

If you have specific questions regarding any of these bills you can contact Samir Arif at [Samir.Arif@ks.gov](mailto:Samir.Arif@ks.gov).