

## Kansas News

### KJCC Holds Graduation Ceremony

[Lawrence Gardner High School](#) (LGHS) at the [Kansas Juvenile Correctional Complex](#) (KJCC) held its semi-annual graduation ceremony on June 29, 2018 with 23 male juveniles participating in the ceremony in front of a gymnasium filled with family members of the graduates, juveniles at the facility, LGHS teachers/staff and KJCC staff.

One of the graduates, T.K. from Wichita, KS shared with all those in attendance some of his personal experiences and challenges. T.K. stated that the most important characteristic that he had as a successful student that helped him achieve graduation was "a desire to succeed and resilience". T.K. stated "no matter how many times you get knocked down, you need to get back up. You dictate your future. Choose your dreams. You have what it takes. Sleep, eat and drink success."

A commencement address was provided by Trey Walker, a motivational speaker who previously had played football at Kansas State University for Coach Bill Snyder. Walker started his address by having everyone stand and collectively sing "Lean on me". Walker congratulated the graduates for taking advantage of the second chance they have been given. He explained that everyone has obstacles they need to overcome and for him, one of his biggest obstacles was to learn to trust others. Walker told the assembly that although he was a very hard working football player that was blessed with talent, he lost his starting position at Kansas State. When he met individually with Coach Snyder in his office to find out why he lost his starting job, "Coach Snyder told me I needed to learn how to trust people". Walker stated that Coach Snyder told me "I didn't trust the coaches, I didn't trust my teammates, I didn't trust the system and I didn't even trust myself. It was the hardest lesson I ever had to learn". Snyder told Walker a story about a young man who fell into a hole and could not climb out. The young man asked an old man who was passing by for help to get out of the hole, and the old man jumped into the hole with him. The young man was surprised and asked the old man why he jumped into the hole, as now he could not help the young man get out of the hole. The old man replied "I've been here before . . . you can put your foot on that branch, then there's that hole, then grab that branch over there . . ." Walker told the juveniles they "need to learn to trust someone here . . . to ask for forgiveness and move on . . . trust someone and focus your energy on what matters the most in life." Walker finished by reciting the poem "If" by Richard Kipling.

### 2018 DOC-Juvenile Services Training Schedule

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

Salina	Tuesday	August 14 <sup>th</sup>
Topeka	Saturday	Sept. 15 <sup>th</sup>
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)

#### Effective Practices in Correctional Settings II (EPICS II):

Location – Topeka, KS

Date	Tuesday	August 14	9 am – 5 pm
Date	Wednesday	August 15	9 am – 5 pm

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Location – Olathe, KS

Date	Tuesday	Sept. 18	9 am – 5 pm
Date	Wednesday	Sept. 19	9 am – 5 pm

To Enroll Registrations are handled by the 4 Regional Trainers

#### Graduated Responses as an Evidenced Based Practice:

Location – To Be Determined

Date	Wednesday	August 22	9 am – 5 pm
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#### Juvenile Justice Basics:

Location – Reno Co. Sheriff's Office, 1800 S Severance, Hutchinson

Date	Tuesday	August 7	9 am – 5 pm
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To Enroll Email [michelle.montgomery@ks.gov](mailto:michelle.montgomery@ks.gov)  
Participants name, agency, position, phone #,  
email address and supervisor's name.

#### New Officer YLS/CMI Training:

Location – Topeka Workforce Ctr, 1430 SW Topeka Blvd, Topeka

Dates	Tuesday	Sept. 11	9 am – 5 pm
	Wednesday	Sept. 12	8 am – 5 pm
	Thursday	Sept. 13	8 am – 5 pm

To Enroll Email [michelle.montgomery@ks.gov](mailto:michelle.montgomery@ks.gov)  
Participants name, agency, position, phone #,  
email address and supervisor's name.

## The Juvenile Justice Corner

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[Washburn University Institute of Technology](#) (Washburn Tech) recently announced that they had awarded 45 program certificates in Building Technology and Electrical Technology to students at [Lawrence Gardner High School](#) (LGHS) at the [Kansas Juvenile Correctional Complex](#) (KJCC) during the 2017-18 school year. This is the largest number of juveniles who have completed a technology program within a school year in the history of Washburn Tech at KJCC.

With support from LGHS staff, [Smoky Hill Education Service Center](#), the [Kansas Department of Commerce](#) and the [Kansas Department of Corrections](#) (KDOC), Washburn Tech provided classes to 197 juveniles at KJCC. Those students completed 2,681 credit hours in Building Technology, Electrical Technology, Plumbing, Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning or AutoCAD. During the school year, the students earned 416 industry-recognized credentials. According to Don Williams, Virtual College Coordinator at Washburn Tech, "Industry recognized credentials were developed by industries to provide students the necessary skills to enter and advance in jobs. The earning of an industry recognized credential signifies the student has the knowledge and basic skill level needed to enter and be successful in the career they enter."

During the 2017-18 school year, Washburn Tech provided classes to 53 post-secondary students at no cost to the students through a payment agreement with KDOC. The funding of the post-secondary tuition and fees allowed the students to complete program certificates that they would not have been able to enroll in previously.

With a grant from the Kansas Department of Commerce, Washburn Tech was able to hire an additional instructor solely to provide an on-the-job training (OJT) experience for juveniles who had completed the post-secondary program. 14 juveniles who participated in this program worked on remodeling the Shawnee building on the KJCC campus. These juveniles also received job readiness training and job placement services from Kansas Department of Commerce staff. Many of the juveniles completing the OJT experience have exited KJCC and are now successfully employed in the construction industry. In addition to providing for the OJT program, the Kansas Department of Commerce provided stipends to post-secondary students to attend Washburn Tech classes. The stipends allowed students to continue their education and still meet their financial obligations.

In the process of taking classes and developing skills, the juveniles learn other life lessons. Williams emphasized "We try to treat the students who attend courses the same as we treat students on the traditional campus. We follow the same standards of attitude, discipline and attendance. We try and stress not only the importance of the skills necessary to succeed in the job, but the attitudes and professionalism necessary to succeed." *Continued next page . . .*

## Human Trafficking – Kansas

### Kansas AG Launches 'Demand an End' Campaign to Combat Sex Trafficking

Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt today announced a new statewide public awareness campaign targeting the demand for commercial sex in Kansas. Schmidt and representatives from partnering organizations across the state held a news conference this morning announcing the [Demand an End](#) initiative. The initial partners include more than 60 representatives from law enforcement, state government and organizations that serve human trafficking victims in Kansas. [Demand an End](#) is a sex trafficking-specific [Read more . . .](#)

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**THE TOPEKA CAPITAL-JOURNAL**

[Read article . . .](#)

**WBW TV – TOPEKA**

[Read and watch video . . .](#)

### Tough Talk - US Attorney: Let's End Sex Trafficking

Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt said Tuesday that demanding an end to human sex trafficking is just the start of solving the problem. Schmidt spoke on the first day of the Human Trafficking Conference at the Manhattan Conference Center. At least 200 people, including law enforcement officers and medical professionals, attended. U.S. Attorney Stephen McAllister opened the conference, saying that everyone came to Manhattan this week with the same hope in [Read more . . .](#)

### Soon, Thousands of Kansas Truckers will be Ready to Combat Human Trafficking

Jesse Pilant tries to avoid any unsavory places while driving, but that hasn't stopped him from seeing women and young girls going from truck to truck late at night. Human trafficking happens all over the country, Pilant says, and he's hopeful that more truck drivers will learn how to address the [Read more . . .](#)

## Kansas News

### Homelessness is New Reality for Thousands of Kansas City area Teens

Advocates in Kansas City are asking the community to look for the hidden homeless among us. The most recent Point In Time count, conducted in January of each year, shows thousands of homeless teenagers in the (Kansas City) 5-county metro. "Ninety-nine percent of the time, they didn't make a decision that led them to homelessness. There [Read more and watch video . . . .](#)

### Every Wichita High School has an Armed Police Officer. Should their Roles Change?

Wichita won't be pulling its police officers out of Wichita high schools, but plans to retool the program to make it less about security and more about mentoring and counseling, the city manager said Tuesday. City Manager Robert Layton told the Wichita City Council he's not going to recommend ending the program, an idea that had been floated in a series of possible cuts to close a \$1.7 million budget gap. The idea of eliminating school resource officers was not popular during a social media town hall last week, particularly amid [ongoing concerns over school shootings](#). "As a result [Read more and watch video . . . .](#)

### These Kids in Juvenile Detention are Making a Difference, One Stuffed Animal at a Time

Single file, a group of kids in the Sedgwick County Juvenile Delinquent Facility walked into a small classroom in the heart of the jail. Boxes of stuffing, children's books and empty plush animal shells awaited them. These books and stuffed animals aren't for them, though. Becky Springer, volunteer coordinator at United Way of the Plains, asked them if they have ever volunteered. A few said they've mowed neighbors' yards, or done community service as part of previous [Read more . . . .](#)

## Juvenile Justice Information Exchange

### OJJDP Is Simplifying Title II Work to Focus on DMC Reduction, Not Process

*By Caren Harp, OJJDP Administrator*

The [Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention](#) (OJJDP) is taking a new approach to Title II (the portion of the [Juvenile Justice Delinquency and Prevention Act](#) authorizing states to innovate efforts to improve juvenile justice systems and ensure the fair treatment of youth) that will facilitate better communication and increase trust between OJJDP [Read more . . . .](#)

*OJJDP's New Definition of DMC Raises Many Questions for Harp at Conference* [Read article . . . .](#)

### OJJDP Administrator's Words on Racial Disparities Shock Us

Standing before a room packed with youth, juvenile justice advocates, system practitioners, law enforcement officials and judges last week, Caren Harp, Administrator of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), made an announcement: OJJDP would be "[simplifying](#)" the implementation and compliance of the core protections of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJJPA). As her [remarks continued](#), it became clear that Harp's simplification prioritizes public safety over racial justice. [Read more . . . .](#)

### Sessions' Withdrawal of Justice Department Manuals on DMC Leaves States 'Directionless'

Seven documents juvenile justice agencies used to track disproportionate arrests of minority youth and compliance with other rules were among the two dozen federal guidance documents the Justice Department recently disavowed, sparking questions and concern across the field. [Read more . . . .](#)

### Large Gaps in Educational Opportunity Confirmed for Youth in Juvenile Justice Facilities

Access to courses is the first step toward meaningful educational opportunity for students who are removed from their homes and communities and placed in secure facilities. Under federal and state laws, students attending schools in juvenile justice facilities are entitled to educational opportunities comparable to those they would have if they were attending their neighborhood high schools. Now, a [first-of-its-kind review](#) of the available data reveals [Read more . . . .](#)

### New Zealand Shows Power of Limiting Arrests While Lowering Crime

Every day in the United States, nearly 53,000 youth are [confined in facilities](#) away from home by the juvenile or criminal justice system. Thousands of these youth have not even had their day in court and many are there for nonviolent, minor offenses — some for misbehavior like truancy that would not even be an offense if they were an adult. [Read more . . . .](#)

### Coalition Helps Push Big Reforms in Massachusetts

Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker, a Republican, signed into law a [criminal justice reform package](#) representing significant progress for our state, including many progressive youth justice reforms in April. Here's how we helped engineer that. [Read more . . . .](#)

## CJI – Crime and Justice Institute

### CJI Hosts Conference on Juvenile Justice Reforms Around the Country

Over the last six years, states across the country have implemented data-driven, evidence-based reforms that are sending fewer juveniles to secure facilities and working to reduce recidivism among young people involved in the juvenile justice system. Now those states are drawing on [their experience](#) to help others do the same. Stakeholders who helped develop and implement those reforms in Georgia, Hawaii, Kansas, Kentucky, South Dakota, [Read more . . . .](#)

## Annie E. Casey Foundation

### Improving Juvenile Probation for Girls in New Mexico

Motivated by data, the probation department in Bernalillo County, New Mexico, is embracing a fundamental culture change — looking to girls and young women as well as deeply rooted community organizations as the best sources for information about what they need. Although Bernalillo County, which is home to Albuquerque and is a longtime participant in the [Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative](#), created a girls' probation unit in 2003 with the express purpose [Read more . . . .](#)

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Steve Backman, Principal at LGHS, believes it is the shared commitment from the agencies and organizations that makes this program possible. Backman stated "The collaboration of Smoky Hill, Lawrence Gardner High school, Washburn Tech, KDOC, and the Kansas Department of Commerce was derived from one source...passion for our youth at KJCC. The work is extensive but our students have proven the benefits far outweigh the obstacles put in front of them. These numbers are a direct correlation to a system that believes in them." Williams agreed and added "The partnerships have many benefits for the students. High school students earn high school elective credits and college credit for completing courses through Washburn Tech. Post-secondary students earn college credit by completing courses. Both high school and post-secondary students earn industry recognized credentials. The partnership with the Department of Commerce provides for the OJT program, and job placement assistance for post-secondary students. The partnership with the Department of Corrections allows for a stable funding stream for post-secondary students. This partnership has allowed us to increase the number of post-secondary students we serve. Smoky Hill has been very accommodating by promoting the Washburn Tech program, and arranging high school student schedules so they can participate in the programs."

As a result, the impact on the juveniles can be life changing. According to Williams "One of the biggest impacts we provide students is the opportunity to change their situation and lives. We provide them with the opportunity to learn skills that will provide them with the means to support themselves and their families when they leave KJCC."

## National News

### Texas Juvenile Justice Department Publishes Strategic Plan

The Board of Directors of the Texas Juvenile Justice Department unanimously approved the agency's Strategic Plan for Fiscal Year 2019-2023. [Read strategic plan here . . . .](#)

### Colorado Launches Comprehensive Review of Juvenile Justice System

Gov. John Hickenlooper announced a comprehensive review of Colorado's juvenile justice system. The Governor was joined by Sen. Bob Gardner (R), Rep. Pete Lee (D), and Justice Brian Boatright of the Colorado Supreme Court in the effort to ensure that youth who find themselves in corrections at an early age can have a second chance to build successful futures. The task force furthers our efforts to keep youth out of the criminal justice system, bolster 2-Generation approaches, and get the best outcomes for Colorado youth. [Read more . . . .](#)

### What's a Shuttered Youth Prison Good For?

The number of youth incarcerated in the United States has been cut in half over the past two decades. The reasons for this are mixed and include a decline in youth committing crimes in the first place. But this reduction also reflects a fundamental shift in the way that juvenile justice systems manage youth who break the law. Bolstered by both research and public support, states and localities [are embracing community-based alternatives](#) that are often [Read more . . . .](#)

### Can Parents of Juvenile Offenders Still Dream?

Mothers want the best for their sons, but what happens to a mother's hopes and dreams when her son is charged as a juvenile offender? A new study from Michigan State University published in the *Journal of Research on Adolescence* reveals that mothers don't lose hope for their sons' futures [Read more . . . .](#)