

Kansas Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee

Reinvestment Subcommittee

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Program Updates

Mental Health First Aid: Two trainings have been conducted in FY25, one in July and one in November. 20 participants have attended these trainings; 14 have become certified and 6 have outstanding post-work to complete in order to become certified. Two additional trainings are scheduled for FY25.

Gender Responsivity Training: Two trainings have been held thus far in FY25, one in July/August and one in November. 14 participants have attended the training; 12 have become certified. Two additional trainings are scheduled for FY25.

Family Engagement: KDOC has completed its feedback on the Family Engagement Manual and PCG is in the final stages of their review and final edits to the manual. Also, OJA is continuing to work with KDOC and other stakeholders to get training scheduled for venues such as the Annual Judges Conference, Kansas Association of Court Services Officers, etc. Family Engagement booster session trainings and a sustainable e-learning training are currently being developed. The final signatures were obtained this week to move forward with the contract amendment regarding PCG training Kansas supervision staff to become Child and Family Team (CFT) facilitators.

Moral Recognition Therapy: (no new update) We do not have enough staff need in order to host this training. It is a very intense training but not enough new officers with the need. Virtual options for training have been relayed to staff.

Parent Project: (no new update) We currently do not have enough staff that are in need of this training to host another training. We are continuing to look at virtual options, but in order to host an in person training we would need more officers that have a need for the training.

Juvenile Defense: With approval from the Reinvestment subcommittee, The Gault Center (TGC) contract was extended to include two additional goals. With the work already being done to develop Kansas specific youth defense standard, under the extension TGC will provide specific education to courts on those developed standards. Second, TGC is developing and hosting a statewide workgroup in supporting the establishment of a statewide youth defense system. Work on these items have already begun and additional information is provided in the supplementals of today's meeting.

Stepping Up: Council of State Government (CSG) continues their work in establishing Stepping Up within Kansas juvenile justice. They held a meeting in November where they

approved 10 recommendations to the state to further the work of the committee. Those recommendations included early intervention, performance-based standards, behavioral health initiatives, trainings, and data and case management changes. Additional information and a list of those recommendations can be found on the KDOC website.

JJOC Vision Statement

Improve the lives and well-being of all youth in Kansas.

JJOC Mission Statement

The Kansas Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee (JJOC) is a statutorily defined, multidisciplinary team of stakeholders of youth-serving systems. The JJOC is responsible for regularly reviewing information and data on progress and outcomes across all parts of those systems. The JJOC provides policy and funding recommendations and influences stakeholders across agencies and branches of government, on sound, data-driven, evidence-based implementation, and sustainability of juvenile justice reforms.