

Kansas Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee

Reinvestment Subcommittee

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Program Updates

Mental Health First Aid: (no new update) Trainings are scheduled for FY25. One of the 4 quarterly trainings will be held on the weekend to allow for part-time and on-call staff participation.

Gender Responsivity Training: (no new update) Trainings are scheduled for FY25.

Family Engagement: KDOC has completed its feedback on the Family Engagement Manual and will send back to PCG and they will obtain a final round of stakeholder feedback. 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.

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: The Gault Center is wrapping up its work as the contract is set to end in December of this year. TGC is finishing up its completion of Kansas Specific Youth Standards, to be completed by the first of 2025. TGC will be presented at the 2024 Kansas Judges Conference. TGC began developing interview protocols and data collections tools for state-wide data collection on youth defense. A full update will be provided in the supplemental meeting materials.

Stepping Up: Stepping Up recently met with their Task Force and presented their key findings and recommendations. The full presentation can be found on the KDOC website. Those findings included topics of behavioral health, early intervention, and detention alternatives.

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.