

Kansas News

Clinical Associates Update on Juvenile Sex Offender Contract

The contract for juvenile sex offender assessment and treatment is up and running. The contract between Clinical Associates (CA) and the Kansas Department of Corrections (KDOC) went into effect on July 1, and since then CA has been in touch with community corrections and court services agencies throughout Kansas. CA has travelled to several locations to meet with representatives from at least 19 judicial districts thus far. On August 3, the first regional meeting/training was held in Olathe and included representatives from eight judicial districts in the northeastern part of the state. On August 10, the second regional meeting/training was held in Wichita and included officers from six judicial districts in southern Kansas. The regional meetings include: a summary of the CA/KDOC contract, an overview of research and statistics regarding adolescent sexual offenders, a review of evaluation protocols, and a discussion of best practices regarding juvenile sex offender treatment. Plans are underway to hold two additional regional meetings later this year; one in north-central Kansas and the other in the southwestern part of the state.

KDOC originally anticipated approximately 120 evaluations to be conducted during the first year. As of August 16, Clinical Associates has already received 24 referrals for psychosexual evaluations from 13 different judicial districts. We are pleased to report that the current rate of referrals is exceeding expectations. We are appreciative of those agencies who have provided office space to conduct evaluations, and we look forward to the continued implementation of this contract.

OJJDP Title II Grant Applications Due Sept. 30

Grant applications are currently being accepted by Juvenile Services (DOC), for the Kansas Advisory Group on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (KAG). Funding is available through Title II awards for grants for *Alternatives to Detention (ATD)* and/or *Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC)* programs. For general information on OJJDP formula grants [click here . . .](#) If you would like a copy of the Application packet, [click here . . .](#) And a presentation regarding these funds and the application can be found [here](#). Feel free to contact Brock Landwehr at brock.landwehr@doc.ks.gov with any questions.

2016 DOC-Juvenile Services Training Schedule

SB 367: Components and Impacts of the Bill

Save the Date – A half day presentation will be provided by the Crime and Justice Institute on Senate Bill 367 to inform staff and stakeholders on the Bill and how it may impact the juvenile justice system in Kansas. Topics to be covered:

- Summary of research that led to SB 367
- Smart on Juvenile Justice Initiative
- Policy changes due to SB 367
- Addressing frequently asked questions

Monday	October 10	Kansas City
Tuesday	October 11	Topeka
Wednesday	October 12	Pittsburg
Thursday	October 13	Wichita
Friday	October 14	Salina
Monday	October 17	Garden City

New Officer YLS/CMI Training:

The YLS/CMI New Officer Training previously scheduled for September 13 – 15th at KJCC has been rescheduled.

The new schedule & venue is:
 Location KJCC, 1800 12th Street, Great Bend, KS,
 Kansas State Extension's Conference Room
 Dates September 20 - 22, 2016

To Enroll - email michelle.montgomery@doc.ks.gov
 Name; Judicial District; Supervisor's name; Phone Number & Email address

Notes - All attendees should bring: ID badge, pen/pencil, highlighter and extra paper to take notes. Free parking is available in front of the building, & on the north & south sides.

Human Trafficking in Kansas

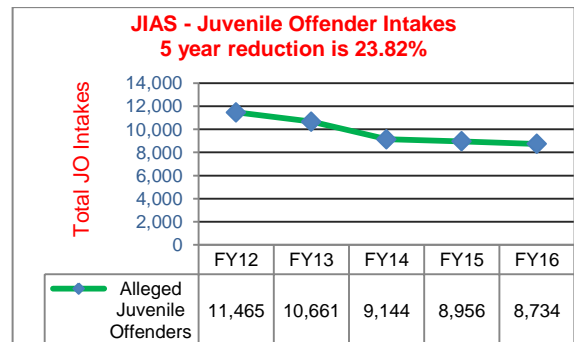
Via Christi Works to Combat Human Trafficking

Human trafficking in Southeast Kansas is on the rise. That's according to the United Nations agency, International Labour Organization. The agency says there are more than 471,000 human trafficking victims in the United States, and they are difficult to identify. "They're adults, they're kids, they can be anybody in the community and you might not have a clue that they're a victim of trafficking," said Tabitha Revise, Children's Advocacy Center. [Read and watch more . . .](#)

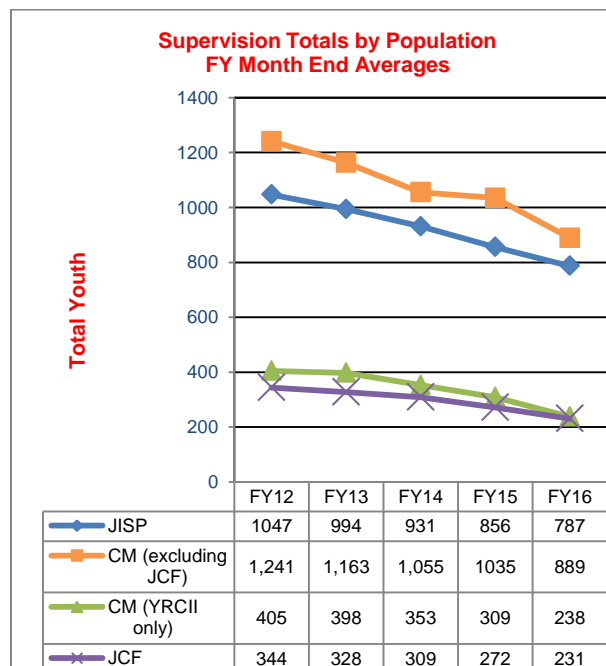
The Juvenile Justice Corner By Randy Bowman, Director DOC – Juvenile Community-Based Services

In the article last month, I wrote about the significance of the new fiscal year and the first effective dates of the policy changes of Senate Bill 367. The diversity of stakeholders who have voiced interest in these revised and new policies, and the energy many are contributing to the future makes this an important time in the Kansas juvenile justice system. While this interest and energy continues to propel us forward to improved outcomes for youth, families and communities, this month let us examine some of the data for the fiscal year which ended June 30, 2016.

- Fiscal year (FY) 2016 ended with 222 fewer alleged juvenile offenders brought to juvenile intake and assessment services (JIAS) by law enforcement when compared to FY15 (FY16 N = 8,734 and FY15 N = 8,956), a decline of 2.48%. This continues the trend for the five year period of FY12-16 where 2,731 (23.82%) less youth were alleged to have committed a juvenile offense.



- The month end average population of youth sentenced by courts to juvenile intensive supervision probation (JISP) for FY16 was 787 compared to FY15 at 856, a decline of 8.06%. For the five year period of FY12-16 an average of 260 fewer youth were on JISP, a 24.83% reduction.
- The month end average population of youth sentenced by courts to case management (CM) for an out of home placement in FY16 was 889 compared to FY15 at 1038, a decline of 14.11%. For the five year period of FY12-16 an average of 352 fewer youth were on CM, a 28.36% reduction.
- The subset of the CM population in YRCL in FY16 was 238 compared to FY15 at 309, a decline of 22.98%. For the five year period of FY12-16 an average of 167 fewer youth were placed at an YRCL, a 41.23% reduction.
- The month end average daily population of youth the court disposed to a secure juvenile correctional facility (JCF) for FY16 was 231 compared to FY15 at 272, a decline of 32.85%.



Data for arrest, juvenile offender filings, and court dispositions is equally important to review for trends in juvenile justice case activity, when published by law enforcement and the courts. However, the above data is consistent with the trends for the ten year period of 2004 - 2013 <http://www.doc.ks.gov/juvenile-services/workgroup/Presentations/system-assessment-1> studied last summer by the Juvenile Justice Workgroup and which helped to inform the subsequent policy recommendations. **Continued next page . . .**

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AG's Office Asks for Public Input on Security Training in Schools

Earlier this year, Governor Brownback signed into law a juvenile justice reform bill. Its purpose is for the state to move away from detention and work towards treatment for juvenile offenders. Now, the Attorney General's office is taking action that could translate into your child's school by early next year. The AG's office will hold a public meeting to gather input on new regulations for training law enforcement officers who work in schools. [Read and watch more](#)

Eleven Johnson County, KS, Cities to Partner a Mental Health Co-Responder with Law Enforcement

Following in the footsteps of two Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program (JMHC) grantees—Olathe and Overland Park, Kansas—11 other cities in Johnson County, Kansas, will partner with the Johnson County Mental Health Center to implement a mental health co-responder program this year. The program—which deploys a mental health professional on law enforcement calls for service involving people with mental illnesses—was first piloted by Olathe in 2010 following extensive data analysis conducted by The Council of State Governments Justice Center on how people with mental illnesses moved through the Johnson County justice system. [Read more](#)

KS Truckers trained to Fight Human Trafficking

Ryan Doyle has seen disturbing evidence of human trafficking as he logs thousands of hours on America's highways as an over-the-road trucker. On Monday morning, Doyle, of Goodland, attended the Kansas Corporation Commission motor carrier safety meeting in Topeka. It included information on "Truckers Against Trafficking," a national campaign encouraging truckers to call in tips when they see something that raises their concerns about human trafficking. [Read more](#)

Nine Arrested Following Prostitution – HT Sting in Overland Park

Acting on a tip, law enforcement authorities set up a sting operation to combat prostitution and human trafficking in Johnson County which resulted in nine arrests. [Read and watch more](#)

Feds in KC Join Human Trafficking Initiative

The federal prosecutor's office in Kansas City has been chosen as one of six nationwide to lead a new initiative to fight human trafficking. [Read more](#)

National Institute of Corrections

Aligning Leadership and Management Practices with Evidence-Based Practices

When we think of EBP (evidence-based practices), we often think of how probation officers are applying evidence based principles into their daily supervision practices. Much of the literature out there on EBP focuses on program outcomes and supervision. There is sparse literature when it comes to EBP and leadership and management practices. The following focuses on aligning management practices with EBP. Before we get into the meat of this article, let's take a brief walk down memory lane as to how we got here. [Read more](#)

Registration is Now Open for November 9, 2016 NIC Virtual Conference

The National Institute of Corrections' Virtual Conference 2016 is a convenient way to gain insight into the latest issues facing the field of corrections. This year's theme - *Leading with Innovation* - will focus on innovative correctional practices and leadership strategies touching on many areas throughout the field. [Read more and to register](#)

Females: Juvenile Justice Issues - updates

Girl's Court Addresses Needs of Young Women

Bexar County is getting high marks and national recognition for a program in the juvenile justice system that addresses the needs of young woman. A group of low level offenders are underserved according to Judge Laura Parker, who set up "The Crossroads Girls Mental Health Court" in 2009 using funding from a federal grant. "I felt that the girls were kind of underserved, because we did not have specific programs just for them," Parker said. She said Crossroads was set up to address what she says was a gap in the juvenile justice system. [Read and watch more](#)

2016 DOC-Juvenile Services Training Schedule

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

MHTC-JJ is a one-day; eight hour training provided by KDOC and Community Partners for Juvenile Justice staff and was developed by the Models for Change Mental Health/Juvenile Justice Action Network and the National Center for Mental Health and Juvenile Justice (NCMHJJ). MHTC-JJ includes eight modules encompassing information and practical application in the following areas:

- Understanding Adolescent Development
- Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders
- Child Trauma
- Family Engagement
- Working With Youth—What You Can Do
- Treatment of Youth with Mental Health Disorders
- Taking Care of You—The importance of Self-Care

To date, 49 % of the JIAS staff and 64 % of the JISP/CM staff have been trained. (This does not include the 10th or 18th JDs as they are providing their own MHTC-JJ training). As new staff are hired in your districts, contact Crystal Trout to schedule them for one of the trainings.

Saturday, August 6, Topeka
Tuesday, August 23, Wichita
Saturday, September 10, Fort Scott
Wednesday, October 12, Salina
Wednesday, October 19, Oakley

To Enroll – email Crystal Trout at crystal.trout@doc.ks.gov or call 785-296-5685

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As positive as this trend has been for more than a decade, both in terms of less youth engaged in juvenile crime and the resulting safety benefits in our communities, data also illustrates the need for our continued effort. On July 1, 2016, only 11.84% of youth disposed by Courts to an [intensive](#) supervision probation program were assessed as high risk to re-offend. Similarly, 15.46% of those case management youth removed from their family and community to a residential placement and 21.33% of youth sentenced to a secure juvenile correctional facility were assessed as high risk.

While our leadership in the Executive, Judicial and Legislative branches of our State government provided the policies in SB367 to guide improvement in practice and more effective use of resources, it is the many stakeholders and staff across our juvenile justice system who are investing tremendous amounts of effort ensure the policies are implemented, and then practiced on a day-to-day basis for our citizens. It is that effort which will yield the necessary improvements, measured by data, in the coming years.

From The Council of State Governments

Georgia Juvenile Justice Task Force Shows Commitment to Parental Engagement

In 2011, Georgia resident Jennifer DeWeese knew very little about the juvenile justice system in her state. She had never heard of a Regional Youth Detention Center, nor did she have reason to believe that she would one day end up being an influential voice of personal experience in Georgia's Department of Juvenile Justice. [Read more](#)

Three Things You Can Do To Prevent Bias in Risk Assessment

Recent stories in the media are raising important questions about whether risk and needs assessments are biased against people of color or women. As with all such tools, accuracy depends greatly on design, and proper implementation. If your agency is using a risk and needs assessment, you should take action to identify how the tool is performing and develop a plan to remediate any issues (e.g., scoring inconsistencies or low predictive accuracy) you may discover. [Read more](#)

Ongoing Pennsylvania Justice Department Review Focuses on High Incarceration, Recidivism

A nonpartisan group reviewing the Pennsylvania Justice System is releasing data on some of the biggest issues it has found — high rates of incarceration and recidivism. The group, from the Council of State Governments Justice Center, is working with lawmakers at the request of the commonwealth to make the system more efficient. [Read more](#)