

Kansas News

Juvenile Corrections Volunteer Races Away with Champion of Character Honor

Each month, for the past several years, Topeka City of Character and Safe Streets honor a Champion of Character. The award is given to a person or group who embodies character ideals through their actions. Noni Cremer leads the program. Their most recent honoree is Keith Fine. Keith was selected for the Running Free program he started at the Kansas Juvenile Correctional Complex. The young men detained at the facility train for 5k races, taking part in the community events by logging their own 3.1 mile runs on the KJCC grounds. Keith started the program for the youth after taking part in a similar program for women at Topeka Correctional Facility. [Read and watch video](#)

Supervision Officer's Library

KDOC-JS has created the Supervision Officer's Library and it is now available on the KDOC web site. The intent of this resource is to allow staff from across the state to quickly access to up to date guidance, information, and forms frequently used by supervision officers from across the state. The following items are now available through this link on the KDOC web site:

1. Juvenile Services Desk Reference – A list of areas of responsibility for Central Offices Staff – To help determine who to contact for a specific issue or concern
2. All Levels of Service – Word document forms for mandated residential provider forms to be used by providers
3. Health Care Enrollment & Information – KDHE list of acronyms, Medicaid (KanCare) information
4. Interstate Compact for Juveniles
5. JJFS Only Forms – Mandated JJFC forms to be used by foster care providers
6. Managed Care Organization (MCO) Desk Reference - Who to call, by topic, for the KanCare managed care providers
7. No Eject/No Reject – Mandated forms will be added soon. The forms are submitted from providers to KDOC Central Office to request an ejection or rejection for certain occurrences in residential placements.
8. Placement Referrals – Forms for referrals for placement of a youth for an Emergency Placements, Foster Care Placement, Residential Maternity Center, Transitional Living Placement, Youth Residence Center
9. Pre- and Post-Visit Documents – Interview forms for the Community Case Manager to use with the youth and parent before and after Mandated forms for the residential providers to use with the youth and parent before and after all home passes
10. Site Visits - Corrective Action Plan (CAP) Process (An outline of the corrective action plan process following a sub- standard score from a site visit)
11. Sex Offender Treatment – An overview by Clinical Associates of the referral process for juvenile sex offender evaluations and treatment
12. Training Documents: YRCII, RMC, ER, TLP – Forms used to document staff participation in required annual training

To access the Supervision Officer's Library, [click here](#)

YLS-CMI Recertification Training

Based on the positive feedback received, recertification training for the YLS-CMI has been reformatted. The "refresher training" will consist of a face-to-face interaction group activity designed to creatively review the risk and needs assessment, classification, case management and scoring the YLS-CMI. At the conclusion of the refresher training, participants will be provided a short (42 item) scoring "exam" (not a vignette) following the training. All assessors who wish to retain certification must attend the entire training and pass the "exam". (Officers who attended the 2 ½ day training in March, June, or September of 2016 should NOT attend this training.) All participants are asked to:

1. Bring your YLS/CMI Scoring Guide
2. Bring pencil/pen to complete the exam
3. You may bring snacks/drinks

As the recertification trainings are scheduled, participants will be notified of which trainings to attend. If you have any questions, contact Michelle Montgomery at Michelle.Montgomery@doc.ks.gov

OJJDP Title II Grant Applications Update

Applications for OJJDP Title II grants were due on September 30, and there were a total of 19 applications submitted for a total of \$4.2 million requested. There is \$1.05 million available to be awarded. The Kansas Advisory Group will meet in November to determine which grant requests will be approved and the amount awarded for each approval. Announcements of grants awarded will be made in December. Thank you for your response and interest.

The Juvenile Justice Corner

By Jim Johnson, Program Consultant
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SB 367: Components and Impacts of the Bill

Seven half day presentations were provided by the Crime and Justice Institute on Senate Bill 367 from October 10 – 17. Sessions were held in Kansas City, Pittsburg, Salina, Garden City, Wichita and Topeka. The focus of the presentations was to inform professionals in the Kansas juvenile justice system of the research and policy changes related to SB 367 intended to improve outcomes for the youth involved in the justice system. Over 450 attendees were informed of strategies to provide for effective intervention while focusing on evidenced based principles and practices that ultimately will result in reduced recidivism and attain the best outcomes for youth, families, and the community.



Jennifer Christie from CJI explains the Risk Principle in Garden City, KS on October 17, 2016

Jennifer Christie along with Randy Bowman visited all six locations to present to and engage stakeholders. Ms. Christie is an Associate with the Crime and Justice Institute at Community Resources for Justice and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) and Team Leader of the initiative to help Kansas become the sixth state to be part of Smart on Juvenile Justice: A Comprehensive Strategy to Juvenile Justice Reform. Mr. Bowman is KDOC's Director of Community-based Services. At the conclusion of the six city tour, I asked Ms. Christie about what she learned about Kansas.

Web-Line: You just completed a tour of Kansas, making presentations on the overview of SB 367 in Kansas City, Pittsburg, Garden City, Salina, Wichita, and Topeka. What have you learned over the past week and a half after meeting with over 450 professionals who work in the field of juvenile justice in Kansas?

Ms. Christie: I have learned that there is a broad range of professionals who will be touched by the changes in this Bill. The breadth of individuals who came to the presentations was really inspiring and helped me understand how much Kansans want to devote in this Bill to ensure the best results for youth. **Continued next page . . .**

CJI - The Crime and Justice Institute

Crime and Justice Institute Receives \$4.4 Million in Federal Grants

The Crime and Justice Institute (CJI) at Community Resources for Justice has received two federal grants totaling \$4.4 million to continue working with states to develop and implement data-driven policies to reduce juvenile and adult corrections costs, increase public safety, and get a better return on taxpayer investment. [Read more](#)

OJJDP

National Youth Justice Awareness Month

On September 30, President Obama proclaimed October 2016 to be National Youth Justice Awareness Month. This month-long observance is dedicated to preventing youth from entering the juvenile and criminal justice systems and encourages communities to participate in activities and programs that help youth fulfill their greatest potential. [Read more](#)

CJCA - Council of Juvenile Correctional Administrators

Using PbS Data and New Resources to Prevent and Monitor Sexual Victimization and Harassment

This issue brief looks at PbS data, tools developed in partnership with Greene County Detention Center in Missouri and the next steps for PbS in resource development connecting PbS data and processes with the requirements of the Prison Rape Elimination Act standards. [Read more](#)

Human Trafficking – Operation Cross Country X

Eight cities in Missouri and Kansas were involved in Operation Cross Country X, which was conducted by the FBI Kansas City Division along with local, state and federal partners. The operation, which focused on underage sex trafficking, ran from October 13-16. In Missouri the operation included Kansas City, North Kansas City and Independence. In Kansas, communities involved were Kansas City, Overland Park, Wichita, Topeka and Junction City.

FBI

Recovering Underage Victims of Sex Trafficking and Prostitution

[Read more and watch video](#)

KSNW –TV WICHITA

Sex Trafficking Sting Saves Three Children in Wichita

[Read more and watch video](#)

KSHB - KANSAS CITY

FBI: 4 Child Victims Recovered & 8 Pimps Arrested in Wichita & Kansas City After Trafficking Sting

[Read more](#)

Human Trafficking

Wichita Police Applaud Sex Trafficking Arrest

In major development in the fight against child sex trafficking, the leader of the classified ad site, Backpage.com, was arrested on Thursday. The arrest gives Wichita police hope in stopping the site that's known for selling kids for sex. The arrest of the CEO of Backpage.com in Dallas on charges of pimping is being hailed as a victory for everyone working to keep kids safe. For 18 months, Lieutenant Travis Rakestraw has worked to stop sex trafficking in Wichita. Many times, he finds the young victims on [Read more and watch video](#)

Survivor of Juvenile Sex Trafficking Shares Her Story

A woman who was a trafficked as a juvenile describes how she was tricked into the life, how she got out with the help of law enforcement, and how she is now pursuing her dreams of becoming a nurse and helping others. [Watch video](#)

U.S. Advisory Council on Human Trafficking Annual Report 2016

Human trafficking is a violation of basic human rights. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights states in Articles 4 and 5 that, "No one shall be held in slavery or servitude; slavery and the slave trade shall be prohibited in all their forms. No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment. [Read the report](#)

Human Trafficking Survivors Share 5 Ways to Help End Practice

A new report is ensuring human trafficking survivors' voices are heard. The U.S. government released its [first-ever report](#) on human trafficking written by survivors. In the document, 11 survivors of sex and labor trafficking, who were appointed by President Obama to the first [U.S. Advisory Council on Human Trafficking](#) in 2015, provide recommendations on how to improve federal trafficking policies — ranging from legislation to public awareness campaigns to victims' [Read more](#)

Juvenile Justice Information Exchange

Better Integrating Behavioral Health, Juvenile Justice Systems Will Rescue More Kids

It is now well-known that youth who come into contact with the juvenile justice system have high rates of mental health and substance abuse conditions — rates that far exceed those of the general youth population. A multisite [study](#) conducted by the [National Center for Mental Health and Juvenile Justice](#) reported that among youth involved in the [Read more](#)

States, Advocates Urge Caution as Federal Officials Consider New JJDPa Regulations

WASHINGTON — State officials, advocates and researchers are urging federal officials to tread carefully as they consider changes to how states demonstrate they are protecting juveniles in custody. They say that if the rules become too strict, cash-strapped states that find themselves out of compliance could abandon the federal program designed to help juveniles entirely. [Read more](#)

Training Opportunities

NIC's 2016 Online Virtual Conference Leading with Innovation -

NOVEMBER 9TH 8 AM TO 4 PM

The purpose of this year's conference will be to share current and emergent innovations in correctional practice through a keynote address, workshops, interactive Live Chat, networking, discussion forums, and virtual information booths. This year's conference includes a presentation "How to Make Evidence Based Programs Come to Life", co-presented by Joe Norwood, Kelly Pitocco, and Margie Phelps.

[To register, click here](#)

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

The last class of MHTC-JJ in 2016 is scheduled for Wednesday, November 9, 2016 in Salina, KS. 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 is required for all JIAS and JISP/CM, and supervisory staff. To enroll, email Crystal Trout at crystal.trout@doc.ks.gov or call 785-296-5685.

Trauma Training for Criminal Justice Professionals

The majority of people who have behavioral health issues and are involved with the justice system have significant histories of trauma and exposure to personal and community violence. Involvement with the justice system can further exacerbate trauma for these individuals. Traumatic events can include physical and sexual abuse, neglect, bullying, community-based violence, disaster, terrorism, and war. [Read more](#)

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Web-Line: What are you most optimistic about in Kansas?

Ms. Christie: I'm optimistic about everything in Kansas! Having grown up here, I know the strength and heart of Kansans and am positive that everyone involved will work hard on the implementation of this Bill.

Web-Line: Moving forward, what do you see as the more significant challenges we may face implementing SB 367?

Ms. Christie: There are rolling implementations that will occur over the next four years, so I think one of the challenges will be to remain patient and take the time needed to implement the changes well. There is so much enthusiasm across the state right now for the changes, it can be difficult to slow down and make sure all the steps are done before jumping in! I'm positive that we can harness this enthusiasm to implement these changes that will improve lives for youth in Kansas.

Due to large turnouts, two more sessions have been scheduled. There is no cost to attend these presentations, but pre-registration is strongly encouraged.

Tuesday	11/1	8am–12pm	Topeka	To register
Wednesday	11/2	8am–12pm	Salina	To register

National News

Nearly 90% of New Jersey children tried as adults since 2011 were black or Latino

When Jamal was 14, he wore the same outfit to school every day. One day in Union, New Jersey, he went looking for a way to get money. "I seen a guy and I had a gun on me so I robbed him," Jamal said. "I carjacked him for his car keys, and I robbed him for his wallet, phone and money." Jamal never shot the gun, but he did point it at the man he robbed. Tried as an adult, he got nine years in an adult prison. [Read more](#)

JJC Hosts 8th JDAI All-Sites Conference

Use of Juvenile Detention for Low-Level Offenders Down by Almost 65 Percent

The New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission hosted a two-day New Jersey Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) All-Sites Conference. The statewide conference included workshops focused on a variety of significant juvenile justice concerns including: creating a trauma-informed court system, recognizing and reducing unintentional bias, the school-to-prison pipeline, restorative justice practices, and community and youth engagement in juvenile justice. [Read more](#)

Sharply Limit Juvenile Fees

Many teenagers who find themselves in the juvenile court system are poor and face significant family dysfunction that makes it all the more difficult for them to resolve their problems. Yet across the country, court systems that are supposed to help troubled young people overcome those challenges saddle the juveniles and their [Read more](#)