

Kansas News

Oversight Committee Members Named

The following individuals were appointed to the newly-established Kansas Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee (JJOC). This committee was created in SB 367 for the purpose of overseeing the implementation of reform measures intended to improve the state's juvenile justice system.

Kathy Armstrong DCF; *Prevention & Protective Services*
Lara Blake Bors Defense Attorney; *Garden City, KS*
Randy Bowman KDOC; *Dir. Community-Based Services*
Kevin Emerson Chief Court Service Officer; *Salina, KS*
Gail Finney Representative; *District # 84; Wichita, KS*
Hon. Paula Hofaker 17th Judicial District; *Phillipsburg, KS*
Donald Hymer Assistant District Attorney; *Olathe, KS*
Joe Norwood KDOC; *Secretary of Corrections*
Melody Pappan 19th Judicial District; *Arkansas City, KS*
Pat Pettey Senator; *District # 6; Kansas City, KS*
Derrick Ploutz Haskell County Undersheriff; *Sublette, KS*
Randy Powell Representative; *District # 30; Olathe, KS*
Amy Raymond Office of Judicial Administration
Brandon Smith Policy Director; *Office of the Governor*
Greg Smith Senator; *District # 21; Overland Park, KS*
Janet Waugh Dist. 1; *State Board of Ed. Kansas City, KS*
Terri Williams KDOC; *Deputy Secretary of Juv. Services*
Hon. Delia York 29th Judicial District; *Kansas City, KS*

There is one additional appointment still pending. For more information on the JJOC, [click here](#)

SB 367: Components and Impacts of the Bill

Save the Date – Two additional half day presentations 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.

Tuesday	November 1	Topeka
Wednesday	November 2	Salina

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KJCC Deputy Superintendent Joins Board of Directors for Performance-based Standards

Kansas Juvenile Correctional Complex (KJCC) Deputy Superintendent Megan Milner recently was named to the board of directors for the Performance-based Standards (PbS) Learning Institute, an initiative of the Council of Juvenile Correctional Administrators that provides national standards for juvenile justice agencies, facilities and residential care providers. [Read more](#)

New Law Provides Opportunity for Change in Kansas Juvenile Justice, Speaker Says

How did the nation start spending more on punishing young offenders than on trying to give them opportunities that would have kept them from breaking the law in the first place? The Rev. Ruben Austria, a nationally recognized expert on community-based alternatives to incarceration, answered that question and others for an audience of about 30 people at a juvenile justice community forum Tuesday evening at the Salina South High School auditorium. [Read more](#)

Human Trafficking in Kansas

Coalition Aims to Rid Topeka, Shawnee County of Human Trafficking

Advocates fighting sexual slavery and labor trafficking in Topeka and Shawnee County want the message loud and clear to traffickers: not here, not now, not ever. "We want our services so tight that it sends the message not in our town, not in our community, this is not going to happen here," said Sharon L. Sullivan, a co-chairwoman of the newly formed Topeka Shawnee County Human Trafficking Coalition. [Read more](#)

The Juvenile Law Center

Court Costs Entrap Nonwhite, Poor Juvenile Offenders

When Dequan Jackson had his only brush with the law, at 13, he tried to do everything right. Charged with battery for banging into a teacher while horsing around in a hallway, he pleaded guilty with the promise that after one year of successful probation, the conviction would [Read more](#)

Criminology Study: Justice System Imposed Financial Penalties Increase the Likelihood of Recidivism
[Read more](#)

Debtors' Prison for Kids: The High Cost of Fines and Fees in the Juvenile Justice System
[Summary and map](#)
[Read full report](#)

Juvenile Justice Delinquency and Prevention Act

House Lawmakers Introduce JJDP A Reauthorization

WASHINGTON — A bipartisan group of House lawmakers introduced long-awaited legislation that would strengthen the key federal law protecting youth in the juvenile justice system. The [Supporting Youth Opportunity and Preventing Delinquency Act](#) (HR 5963) aims to help local and state officials better address the needs of youth by preventing their involvement with the juvenile system; protecting them in custody and helping them transition back into [Read more](#)

EDUCATION WEEK

House Education Committee Backs Bill to Overhaul Federal Juvenile-Justice Law

[Read more](#)

FIRST FIVE YEARS FUND

Bipartisan House Bill Leverages Early Learning Interventions to Reform Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act

[Read more](#)

The Juvenile Justice Corner By Joni Foster-Webster DOC – PREA Specialist

PREA Audit of the Youth Residential Centers

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) was established in 2003 by President George W. Bush. In 2012, the Justice Department established national PREA standards to eliminate sexual abuse in all confinement facilities. Youth Residential Centers (YRCII's) that contract with the Department of Corrections-Juvenile Services were audited during a three-year cycle from August 2013 to August 2016. The PREA audit process is very involved and takes dedication and commitment on the behalf of the YRCII staff and the juvenile population that YRCII's serve.

- The first part of the process is a pre-audit questionnaire completed by the YRCII. Facilities answered an array of questions that cover the forty-four standards they are accountable for. They provided their auditors with information on policies, procedures, training, and community partners in the questionnaire.
- Next, the facilities had an on-site portion to the PREA audit process. Auditors took tours of the YRCII's across the state. They interviewed a wide range of staff and youth living at the facilities. Auditors verified that PREA standards requested in the pre-questionnaire were part of the culture and practice of the youth residential centers, not just part of policy and procedure.; auditors looked to see that were

The final step in the audit process is to issue a final report on PREA compliance to each facility audited.

After what was no doubt a grueling and often times challenging audit for the YRCII's; all Kansas YRCII's have passed their PREA audits and are in compliance! The PREA team at KDOC is happy to say that our YRCII's are ROCKSTARS! The work that they do as part of the juvenile justice system is important. The efforts that YRCII's do to prevent, detect, and respond to PREA concerns is outstanding.

Both juvenile correctional facilities have passed their initial PREA audits; 1) LJCF's audit report was published 9/17/2014, 2) KJCC's audit report was published 6/29/2015. All final PREA audit reports are available at [click here](#)

Prison Rape Elimination Act

Jails, Prisons Still Trying to Meet Federal Anti-Rape Rules

HOUSTON — Miguel Moll knew the risk of rape when he was thrown into a Texas jail in 1989 after joyriding in a stolen car. Then 17, he was placed in a holding pen in Houston, and an older inmate said of the teenager, "I got this one." The comment sparked the first of many fights Moll had while behind bars. "The mentality you have to [Read more](#)

Unjust: How the Broken Juvenile and Criminal Justice Systems Fail LGBTQ Youth

This report offers a snapshot of how the U.S. criminal justice fails lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queera (LGBTQ) youth. LGBTQ youth are overrepresented in juvenile detention centers: the percentage of LGBT and gender nonconforming youth in juvenile detention is double that of LGBTQ youth in the general population. LGBTQ youth, particularly LGBTQ youth of color, face discrimination and stigma that lead to criminalization and increased interactions with law enforcement and the criminal justice system. [Read more](#)

Juvenile Justice Information Exchange

Researchers Say Metaphors Can Help Public Better Understand Juvenile Justice

Juvenile justice reform advocates can spread their message further if they carefully guide their audience to an understanding of adolescent development and the justice system, researchers say. The key is to reframe the issue of reform so that the public does not leap to conclusions about a broken system but instead thinks about how it [Read more](#)

The PEW Charitable Trusts

Use of Electronic Offender-Tracking Devices Expands Sharply

The number of accused and convicted criminal offenders in the United States who are monitored with ankle bracelets and other electronic tracking devices rose nearly 140 percent over 10 years, according to a survey conducted in December 2015 by The Pew Charitable Trusts. More than 125,000 people were supervised with the devices in 2015, up from [Read more](#)

From The Council of State Governments

School Discipline Consensus Report

The School Discipline Consensus Report presents a comprehensive set of consensus-based and field-driven recommendations to improve conditions for learning for all students and educators. [Read more and watch video](#)

UTEC and Roca Uplifted as Model Programs for Young Adults in the Justice System

[UTEC](#) and [Roca](#), two [Second Chance Act](#) (SCA) grantees based in Massachusetts, were highlighted in a recent report by the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) for their innovative approaches to working with young adults. The report, [Environmental Scan of Developmentally Appropriate Criminal Justice Responses to Justice-Involved Young Adults](#), identifies programs and legislation that address the developmental needs of young adults in the justice system. Research shows that young adults (aged 18–24) are overrepresented in arrests and prison [Read more](#)

Human Trafficking

Advocates: Shortage of Shelters for Human Trafficking Victims

Right now, the South Carolina HT Task Force is experiencing a shortage in funding and shelters for victims. Advocates from all across the state got together in West Columbia to collaborate and network. There's just one shelter in the Midlands that houses human [Read and watch video](#)

Salvation Army Program Aims to Fight Human Trafficking in Nebraska

A newly launched program aims to fight both sex trafficking and labor trafficking by organizing existing services across Nebraska. SAFE-T, or Salvation Army Fight to End Human Trafficking. It offers a 24-hour hotline for trafficking victims and improved case management services. [Read more](#)

LGBT Youth at Risk for Human Trafficking

LGBT youth are more likely to become homeless and involved in human trafficking, according to experts and the Dept. of Health of Human Services. Social service agencies in Cincinnati are working to help those young people and get them off the street. [Read more and watch video](#)

Former FBI Agent Challenges Midland Students to Help End Human Trafficking

The girls were just 13 and 15, out for a Friday night football game. They met a good-looking older boy who invited them to come home to party with him. Fed up with their parents, the girls decided to go. By the time the party was over, they were being sold to have sex with men. It was Anna Brewer's first cases after arriving in Omaha FBI field office [Read more](#)

Local Sex Trafficking Victim Hopes to Help Others

Marion resident Kristina Glackin was 18 years old and living alone in Las Vegas when her life changed forever. A guy who befriended the vulnerable teen with a troubled past at a mall forced her into sex trafficking. [Read more and watch video](#)

The Emotional Physical Toll of Human Trafficking

TEMPLE — The average age of a sex trafficking victim is between 12 and 14. "The life expectancy for these people is seven years," Thresa Lawson, Waco family practitioner, said. Sex trafficking is often mistaken as a third-world country issue. But it is happening here. "This is actually surprisingly common in our communities," Lawson said. [Read more](#)

Juvenile National Institute of Justice

Does Cognitive Behavioral Therapy Work in Criminal Justice?

Perhaps no other intervention has attracted more attention across the criminal justice system than cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT). First widely used in the latter half of the 20th century, as large numbers of people with mental illness were deinstitutionalized and treated in community settings, CBT has since found its way into nearly every aspect of the justice system, often supplementing or displacing other programs and interventions. Practitioners today use CBT to reduce recidivism among adults and juveniles; help victims deal [Read more](#)

SAMHSA

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) Youth Engagement Guidance

This manual provides guidance, strategies and tips on how to engage youth in order to: help ensure a positive, supportive, and meaningful experience for youth; gain valuable input and perspectives from youth; and demonstrate/role model best practices for engaging youth. It includes resources regarding a youth services approach, youth development, youth leadership, civic engagement, and youth organizing. [To access the manual](#)

Training Opportunities

Multi-System Collaboration Training and Technical Assistance Program

The Center for Juvenile Justice Reform (CJJR), in partnership with the Center for Coordinated Assistance to the States, has issued a request for applications from jurisdictions seeking to engage in multi-system improvement efforts. The Multi-System Collaboration Training and Technical Assistance Program supports jurisdictions that are interested in developing a sound infrastructure to promote multi-system approaches to serving at-risk, justice-involved youth and their families. [Read more and for registration information](#)

Engaging Parents, Developing Leaders A Self-Assessment and Planning Tool for Nonprofits and Schools

Parents have the greatest stake in their children's well-being and are invaluable partners for organizations striving to improve the lives of kids and families. This webinar highlights a new organizational assessment tool to help nonprofits and schools form true partnerships with parents, encouraging greater parent participation and involvement in programming — and equipping parents and caregivers to advocate for themselves, their families and their communities. The session features the tool's designers, as well as representatives from nonprofits who tested [Read more and watch video](#)

Females: Juvenile Justice Issues - updates . . .

Thousands of Girls Are Locked Up for Talking Back or Staying Out Late

It was late on a weekend night and Kara was bored. Her adopted mother, Dotty—nearly 70, arthritic, and having recently recovered from heart surgery—was asleep upstairs. Talking with her cousin on the phone wasn't easing Kara's restlessness. She wanted a snack from the corner store a few blocks away, so the 12-year-old told her cousin she was going to drive her mom's car. [Read more](#)

National News

Indiana to Begin Evening Reporting Program for Juvenile Offenders

In recent years, Kokomo attorney Erik May has worked to alter the philosophies and complications surrounding secure detention for juvenile offenders, a goal which is set to soon see major progress. Since 2012, in eight JDAI counties, admissions to detention has dropped by an average of 44.7 percent and average daily populations in detention reduced by 40.7 percent by the end of 2012, according to the Indiana's Division of Youth Services. [Read more](#)

Virginia Detention Centers See Significant Decrease in Juvenile Intakes

Police in the Commonwealth want to prevent more juveniles from becoming prisoners. It was a discussion topic at the Virginia Association of Police Chiefs Conference in Roanoke. Educators and law enforcement agents from across Virginia are examining alternative approaches to discipline students. [Read more and watch video](#)