

Kansas News

Megan Milner Named Director of Community Based Services for Juvenile Division

Kansas Department of Corrections Deputy Secretary of Juvenile Services Randy Bowman announced that Megan Milner will become the agency's new Director of Community Based Services. [Read more . . .](#)

Kansas Detention Assessment Instrument Update

Work on the Kansas Detention Assessment Instrument (KDAI) has been finalized by the Kansas Office of Judicial Administration and the Kansas Department of Corrections-Juvenile Services. Beginning July 1, the KDAI will be required to be used statewide as part of the juvenile intake process to determine eligibility of youth for placement in a juvenile detention center.

Nine training sessions have been scheduled, the first was held in Topeka on May 25. The remaining training sessions are listed below and will run through June 30. Each session will be from 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM. All Juvenile Intake staff that conduct intakes and Intake supervisory staff who review and/or approve intakes are required to attend the training. At this time, these training events are limited specifically to JIAS staff involved in the intake process. Additional trainings and/or guidance on the KDAI will be announced at a future date. For more information on KDAI training contact Crystal Trout at Crystal.Trout@ks.gov.

Garden City	Wednesday	May 31
Junction City	Saturday	June 3
Wichita	Tuesday	June 6
Salina	Thursday	June 15
Emporia	Tuesday	June 20
Pittsburg	Saturday	June 24
Kansas City	Wednesday	June 28
Olathe	Friday	June 30

Graduated Sanctions and Grids Published

The KDOC-JS Graduated Sanctions, Graduated Sanctions Administrative Regulations (KAR 123-17-101), KDOC-JS Community Supervision Standard (CSS 04-139), KDOC-JS Incentives Grid, KDOC-JS Response Grid, and KDOC-JS Violations Levels Report have all been finalized. The Kansas Administrative Regulation on the graduated response and reward grids (K.A.R. 123-17-101) was published in the Kansas Register on 4-27-2017 with the effective date being 5-12-2017.

Graduated Responses training started the last two weeks of May and will continue through the month of June. If you have questions regarding training for the Graduated Responses, contact your Regional Trainer or Michelle Montgomery at michelle.montgomery@ks.gov. If you have technical questions regarding Graduated Sanctions you can contact Laura Parker at laura.parker@ks.gov or Megan Bradshaw at megan.bradshaw@ks.gov.

Kansas Register on 4-27-2017	Click here . . .
KS Administrative Regulations (KAR 123-17-101)	Click here . . .
KDOC-JS Supervision Standard (CSS 04-139)	Click here . . .
Incentives Grid	Click here . . .
Response Grid	Click here . . .
Violations Levels Report	Click here . . .

FFT Expands Target Population in SE Kansas

KDOC-JS has announced that the Functional Family Therapy (FFT) program in south east Kansas, administered by Eckerd Kids, Inc., has recently expanded the target population. FFT in SE Kansas is now accepting referrals for post adjudicated youth who are placed on probation and are high risk (based on YLS-CMI scores) but are not at immediate risk to be removed from their home. Originally, the target population was juvenile offenders, ages 11 through 18, reporting moderate or high risk levels with a recommended disposition of out-of-home placement by either the court or probation (Community Corrections or Court Services). Moderate-risk youth must still have a court-ordered disposition for a residential-placement outside the home to be eligible for FFT Services.

Ongoing monitoring of the number of FFT referrals and youth/families served indicated underutilization of the program in SE Kansas. By expanding the target population and providing FFT services to post-adjudicated high-risk juveniles placed on probation, the long-term projection is that this intervention will result in fewer juveniles removed from their homes. The goal is to keep the family intact while the youth begins a process of making positive behavioral changes and both the family unit and larger community can be strengthened.

Community Supervision Standards – Update

Two new Community Supervision Standards have been finalized and are available on the KDOC-JS web-site.

Graduated Responses (CSS 04-139)	Click here . . .
Moral Reconciliation Therapy Group Facilitation (CSS 04-140)	Click here . . .

The Juvenile Justice Corner

By Megan Milner, Director
DOC – Juvenile Community-Based Services

It has been a while since we have updated our community partners on recent developments at KJCC. It has been a busy year or so for us, as it has been for many of you.

Over the past year, we spent time really examining our facility, specifically those values that are fundamental to who we are and where we are going. We developed a new set of core values for our facility: Respect, Excellence, Accountability, and Leadership (REAL). We are trying to let these values seep into our KJCC bloodstream and become who we are: REAL.

KJCC has undergone several changes to our physical plant over the last year, with several more on the horizon. We reduced our facility entries from two down to one. All staff now enter in through the same door. This improves our security posture by only have 1 entry point. We just finished renovating the Pawnee building (from the older campus), which now holds almost all of our behavioral health professionals and provides some additional space for treatment groups. There are plans to also renovate other buildings on the campus to provide reentry and programming services, a spiritual life center for the offenders, and a spacious training center.

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KS Among States Leading Juvenile Justice Reform

Jake Horowitz, Director of Research and Policy for PEW's Public Safety Performance Project, appeared before the US Senate Judiciary Committee and testified that in six states ([Georgia](#), [Hawaii](#), [Kansas](#), [Kentucky](#), [South Dakota](#), and [West Virginia](#)) leaders from all three branches of government engaged in multiyear efforts to improve their juvenile justice systems, with support from [Read more and watch video . . .](#)

Mitigating Juvenile Exposure to the Criminal Justice System: Training for Senate Bill 367

The Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center (KLETC), in partnership with the Kansas Attorney General and the Kansas State Board of Education, is pleased to announce a course of training titled, **Mitigating Juvenile Exposure to the Criminal Justice System: Training for SB 367**. This course fulfills the training requirements established in this bill by the 2016 Kansas Legislature for law enforcement officers primarily assigned to a school and school superintendents or their designees. All classes are 8 AM – 5 PM. [Read more . . .](#)

Hutchinson	Tuesday	July 11	Register here . . .
Hutchinson	Wednesday	July 12	Register here . . .
Hutchinson	Thursday	July 13	Register here . . .
Hutchinson	Friday	July 14	Register here . . .
Dodge City	Monday	July 17	Register here . . .
Hays	Tuesday	July 18	Register here . . .
Salina	Wednesday	July 19	Register here . . .
Pittsburg	Friday	July 21	Register here . . .
Topeka	Tuesday	July 25	Register here . . .
Overland Park	Wednesday	July 26	Register here . . .
Overland Park	Thursday	July 27	Register here . . .

Human Trafficking in Kansas

Kansas Lawmakers Increase Penalties for Human Trafficking

A measure that would strengthen state laws against human trafficking cleared the Kansas Legislature without a single vote against it. The bill, which the House approved unanimously before the Senate's action, creates new crimes related to human trafficking, toughens some existing laws and requires truck drivers to take training on spotting the practice. The bill, proposed by Attorney General Derek Schmidt, would prohibit using communication devices to facilitate human trafficking or knowingly selling travel services connected with human trafficking. It would also create the crime of internet trading child pornography and increase penalties for sexual exploitation of a child. [Read more . . .](#)

Wichita Man Sentenced for Human Trafficking

A Wichita man was sentenced to 24 years in federal prison for human trafficking, U.S. Attorney Tom Beall said in a news release. The 26 year old defendant, was found guilty in a jury trial in February on one count of sex trafficking of a minor, one count of sex trafficking of an adult by force, and fraud or coercion, Beall said. He was also found guilty of one count of interstate transportation of a minor in the interest of prostitution.

During the trial, prosecutors presented evidence that three female victims – a 16-year-old, a 17-year-old and an adult – were trafficked for sex. [Read more . . .](#)

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Youth Leadership Network

Kansas Appleseed is working to create a network of youth leaders from across the state who have been involved in the juvenile justice system. The purpose of this group is to listen to the individual experiences and perspectives of the youth and utilize their insights to help make the youth justice system better.

Kansas Appleseed is interested in learning about youth in Kansas who might have an interest in participating in this network. If you know of any young people who have first-hand knowledge of the justice system in Kansas that might involve community-based programs or youth incarceration and might be a good candidate, please contact Matt Conklin by email at MConklin@KansasAppleseed.org.

Juvenile Justice Information Exchange

Gault at 50: Conference to Offer Tips for 'Front-line' Juvenile Lawyers

You could call it the obscene phone call heard 'round the world. The May 1967 Supreme Court ruling that threw out Gerald Gault's six-year commitment for lewd remarks over the telephone has led to half a century of juvenile justice reform. And how to keep that momentum going for another half-century will be the focus when lawyers and other advocates for children facing lockup convene in Atlanta June 2 and 3.

[Read more](#)

Report Finds Many States Still Deny Juveniles Access to Counsel, 50 Years after Gault Ruling

Fifty years after the Supreme Court ruling that recognized children's right to due process and legal representation, the National Juvenile Defense Council has issued a [report](#) that takes a granular look at the juvenile justice system across the states.

"Defense representation for youth is indispensable. Unfortunately, state laws and practices largely tell a different story," the NJDC concludes. [Read more](#)

Don't Be Traumatized by Trauma

In today's world, academics, practitioners and even lay people throw around terms or buzzwords such as "best practices" or "evidence-based practices" or "transformation efforts" when discussing juvenile justice practices and needs. These phrases are embedded in every conversation, training session and publication specific to juvenile justice. Yet too often these terms remain vague and disconnected from our daily work with juveniles.

One of these buzzwords is the term "trauma." I openly admit that our court service unit until recent years only addressed trauma issues as it related to female offenders and only after the girls penetrated into the deep end of the system.

[Read more](#)

We Need to Address Mental, Behavioral Health in Kids Who Land in Justice System

The juvenile justice system as originally conceived was based on the idea that young people who came into conflict with the law should be given the opportunity for reflection and reform. The earliest places of juvenile confinement were intended to rehabilitate young people, and help them become productive members of society. [Read more](#)

Adolescent Brain Science: Proceed With Caution

The renewed focus on adolescent development in juvenile justice is welcome and overdue. Adolescence is potentially the best opportunity to intervene effectively with youth to help them develop empathy, impulse control and good decision-making skills. [Read more](#)

JDAI Helped Preserve the Massachusetts Experiment through the '90s

By Judge Steven Teske (Part 6 of 7)

If we see delinquent kids as bad kids, we will treat them like bad kids, and punish their behavior. If we see delinquent kids as good kids with bad behaviors, we will see the behavior as a symptom, and treat its cause. [Read more](#)

Tight Budgets Accomplish for Juvenile Justice What Fighting Fear Could Not

By Judge Steven Teske (Part 7 of 7)

Fear begets lies that suppress truth. We Americans take pride in our democracy. Abraham Lincoln aptly described it as "government of the people, by the people, for the people." At the core of democracy is the power of persuasion. [Read more](#)

National News

CRJ Hosts Panel of Experts to Discuss Fairness in Criminal Justice

"All I care about is that my officers are out there treating people fairly," Boston Police Commissioner William Evans said. "We're not all about numbers anymore and getting these kids into the criminal justice system. It's about getting them jobs. It's about having eight social workers, like we do, in the stations." More than 50 guests attended CRJ's community conversation, the latest in an occasional series of panel discussions on topics around criminal justice reform, at the offices of Choate, Hall & Stewart in Boston. [Read more](#)

Teen Crime Diversion Program Succeeds

A new program that diverts teenagers away from a criminal record following brushes with the law "has shown to be a success," Cumberland County officials said Monday in a news release.

The Cumberland County Misdemeanor Diversion Program allows some teens ages 16 and 17 to avoid a North Carolina law that otherwise automatically puts anyone age 16 or older into adult court when they are charged with a crime. Without this program, adult court charges would follow the teens for the rest of their lives, even if they aren't convicted, unless they spend thousands of dollars to obtain an expungement.

[Read more](#)

Ex-Inmates Visit Drexel University Class on Crime and Justice

How should juveniles be punished for their crimes? Does the criminal justice system devote adequate attention to rehabilitation? How should societal circumstances affect the treatment of a criminal defendant? [Read more](#)

Webinar - Council of State Governments

Reentry Mentoring: Conversations from the Field on Working with System-Involved Youth

Thousands of youth are arrested each year, beginning a gateway for many into the juvenile justice system. Throughout the country, mentoring programs are providing system-involved youth with the opportunity to be connected to a mentor in their own community to stop the cycle. In this webinar participants learn how to engage system-involved youth through mentoring and how they are expanding.

[Read more and watch webinar](#)

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Several staff/departments at KJCC have been recognized over the past one-to-two years for their outstanding work. Richard Buttery (now a Corrections Counselor II) was honored to receive the Uniformed Employee of the Year award for the Kansas Department of Corrections. Our teachers at Lawrence-Gardner High School were awarded the Pauline J. Barker School award, which is awarded to schools who "exemplify the value and power of Dr. Martin Luther King's message". KJCC was awarded the Kansas Corizon Site of the Year award out of all KDOC facilities. One of our female offenders also won the national Performance-based Standards (PbS) Kids Got Talent Contest in 2016, out of 85 total entries!

Other KJCC highlights include:

- An agreement between KJCC, Washburn Institute of Technology and the Kansas Department of Commerce to provide work-study opportunities in specific vocational areas;
- Getting our family therapy program off the ground and running, with a full-time family therapist available to provide services on evenings and weekends;
- Family intervention groups as part of sexual offender treatment program;
- Agreement between KJCC, Corizon and Washburn University to provide internship opportunities for nursing degree candidates;
- Football clinic held by the Washburn University Football team and an upcoming volleyball clinic by the WU women's team;
- Creation of a Peer Support Team, to provide "support through knowledge and experience, as well as emotional, social and practical help, in order to promote personal and professional resiliency, growth and success"; and
- Reaching 286 matches through Mentoring4Success.

There is so much more we would love to share with you all about what is going on inside these walls. Like our partners in the community, we strive every day to improve what we are doing for the kids and families that we serve. We are always open for questions and frequently give tours, so do not hesitate to contact us if you would like to visit. Please contact Nancee Torkelson by phone 785-354-9800 (Ext. 510) or email Nancee.Torkelson@ks.gov for more information.