

## Kansas News

### Former Larned Juvenile Superintendent to Head Kansas Juvenile Correctional Complex

Corrections Secretary Joe Norwood announced the appointment of Wendy Leiker as superintendent of the Kansas Juvenile Correctional Complex (KJCC). Leiker assumed her role as superintendent effective September 24. Leiker is returning to the Kansas Department of Corrections (KDOC) in the same role she had held at the Larned Juvenile Correctional Facility (LJCF) until its closure in March 2017. [Read more . . . .](#)

### Available Funding Opportunities

The Kansas Department of Corrections (KDOC) announces the release of a new grant opportunity for Alternatives to Detention. Boards of County Commissioners may apply for one or both purposes defined in the application as Emergency Shelter or Attendant Care alternatives to detention.

To learn more, [please click here](#) for the application packet. The application period is open ended and will be reviewed based upon the criteria established in the application document, date of receipt and availability of funds.

Written questions regarding this grant may be directed to Chris Reece, Program Consultant, KDOC-JS at [chris.reece@ks.gov](mailto:chris.reece@ks.gov).

## 2018 DOC-Juvenile Services Training Schedule

### New Employee Kansas Detention Assessment Instrument (KDAI) Training:

Salina	Wednesday	Oct. 10 <sup>th</sup>
Topeka	Wednesday	Nov. 14 <sup>th</sup>
Times	10 am – 4:00 pm	

All intake workers, supervisors and anyone who approves intakes and placement decisions must be trained in administering the KDAI. These trainings are reserved for intake workers and supervisors. For more information on KDAI training or to register contact Crystal Trout at [crystal.trout@ks.gov](mailto:crystal.trout@ks.gov)

### Graduated Responses as an Evidenced Based Practice:

Location - Sedgwick Co. Juv. Field Services, 3803 E Harry, Wichita		
Date	Tuesday	October 2 9 am – 5 pm
To Enroll	Registrations are handled by the 4 Regional Trainers	

### Juvenile Justice Basics:

Location - KHP 2025 E Iron, Salina		
Date	Wednesday	November 14 9 am – 5 pm
To Enroll	Email	<a href="mailto:michelle.montgomery@ks.gov">michelle.montgomery@ks.gov</a>
	Participants name, agency, position, phone #, email address and supervisor's name.	

**Mental Health Training Curriculum – Juvenile Justice (MHTC-JJ) KJCC** - The Mental Health Training Curriculum – Juvenile Justice (MHTC-JJ) will be available for new employees from Judicial Districts to attend at Kansas Juvenile Correction Complex as a part of their new employee orientation.

To inquire about upcoming trainings or if you have questions please contact Lt. Johnathon Ashley at [johnathon.ashley@ks.gov](mailto:johnathon.ashley@ks.gov) or 785-354-9820. KJCC will have MHTC-JJ training as a part of their basic training for new employees approximately every four weeks and it will take place on Thursdays.

**Sedgwick County DOC** does not have MHTC-JJ training scheduled at this time. But if you are interested in attending a future training at their location please contact Karla Seymore at [karla.seymore@sedgwick.gov](mailto:karla.seymore@sedgwick.gov).

## Human Trafficking – Kansas

### Suspects Identified in Wichita Child Sex Trafficking Investigation

Police say four people are in custody in connection to an alleged child sex trafficking case after serving a warrant in southwest Wichita. Wichita police and federal officials executed the search warrant at around 7:30 a.m. Friday at an apartment in the 2400 block of South St. Clair, near Pawnee and Meridian. "The investigation led investigators to make contact with a 15-year-old female victim," Officer Charley Davidson said. "The contact [Read more and watch video . . . .](#)

## National News

### OJJDP Dismantles Protections for Youth of Color in the Justice System

Caren Harp, Administrator of the federal Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), [recently announced](#) plans to reduce requirements for state reporting on youth involvement in the justice system. Harp says her plan will simplify data management and shift the focus from process to outcomes. She asserts, "This will give OJJDP more time to focus on compliance and [Read more . . . .](#)

### For Youthful Offenders, Incarceration doesn't always Equal Accountability

Though one wouldn't necessarily know it from reading or watching the local news, the overwhelming majority of crimes committed by children are relatively minor, non-violent, offenses. In fact, only about five percent of young people in the juvenile justice system are even accused of committing a violent crime. Despite this low number, these young people [Read more . . . .](#)

## The Juvenile Justice Corner

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

I recently had the privilege of speaking at the Kansas Juvenile Correctional Complex (KJCC) in honor of their Barbara-Allen Hagen award. **Performance-based Standards** (PbS) awards this honor to one correctional facility every year who best demonstrates PbS' commitment to treating all youths in custody as one of our own by developing and implementing practices and strategies that produce positive outcomes for kids. If you have not yet checked out the incredible video about KJCC, you can [view it here](#). KJCC received this award based on their monumental improvements in working with females who display self-harm and suicidal behaviors. This includes prevention and intervention strategies to reduce these behaviors and respond quickly and effectively when they do occur.



**KDOC Secretary Joe Norwood addresses KJCC staff and Lawrence Gardner High School teachers at a recent gathering in recognition of KJCC winning the Barbara Allen-Hagen Award.**

The juvenile correctional facilities have participated in PbS for over a decade. Hopefully most of you are aware of what this means. This is a data collection process that give us the opportunity to identify strengths and challenges in our facility. Things we do very well – so that we can build on them. And areas where we can make some improvements. We are also able to see where we stack up compared to other facilities around the country.

The accomplishments of KJCC are nothing but incredible. In my mind, this award really represents a huge milestone in KJCC's efforts to move away from an adult correctional model to one that embraces adolescent development, trauma-informed services, and gender-responsivity. As I was thinking about this accomplishment, I thought about how the girls ended up here in the first place. And really, KJCC was built for males. KJCC was not built for the female population and I don't think we ever intended for the females to reside there. Then the Beloit facility closed and the females transferred to KJCC. It was in a rush, maybe felt like there wasn't much time to plan, and we didn't really provide training and information to staff on how to care for and work with adolescent females. So, for this facility to now be the recipient of this national award for how staff work with female youth is a really big deal.

This award represents:

- ✓ Hard Work
- ✓ Creativity and Innovation
- ✓ Progress
- ✓ Collaboration and Teamwork

Ten years ago, who would have thought that KJCC would be recognized on a national platform for their work with girls? I don't think I did. But because of persistence and determination by a group of individuals who decided to band together as a team, we are able to join with them in their accomplishments. Success is not always realized in the time frame we want or expect. And while the process can be so slow, painfully such, each step forward is progress.

I want to close with this last thought on the idea of synergy. I actually really struggle sometimes with the word synergy – I think it's been way over used, but what this word means is very important for our system in the months and years ahead. There are many ways to define synergy, depending on the field in which one works. This definition is actually my favorite: **"Synergy is the creation of a whole that is greater than the simple sum of its parts"**. In its original form of Greek, it simply means **"working together"**.

Synergy happens when **teams and people unite for one common goal**. When multiple "parts" come together and start to see themselves as more than just "parts" but as a **critical member** of the WHOLE, **part of something bigger**. And when we see ourselves as a part of something bigger than just ourselves (or just our department, agency, team, insert whatever you want here!), it produces performance and outcomes far beyond what we could have fashioned on our own.

Even if I don't like the word, the concept is really important for the work you are doing every day. And as we continue to come together and build the bigger picture, Kansas will continue to do great things for young men and women and families.

## PEW Charitable Trusts

### Steep Drop since 2000 in Number of Facilities Confining Juveniles

The number of residential facilities holding youth in custody within the juvenile justice system fell 42 percent nationwide between 2000 and 2016, according to newly released data from the [Juvenile Residential Facility Census Databook](#). A biennial census of the sites holding youth as well as the number of youth in custody found that the total number of facilities dropped from 3,047 to 1,772 in that [Read more . . . .](#)

## Council of State Governments – Justice Center

### Reentry: Reducing Recidivism and Improving Other Outcomes for Youth and Young Adults

Recent efforts among state and local leaders to reduce the number of youth who are incarcerated have yielded impressive results: the national juvenile incarceration rate has been cut in half over the past two decades, while juvenile arrest rates remain at historic lows. Yet policymakers, practitioners, and advocates alike recognize that improving the juvenile justice system requires more than incarcerating less youth. [Read more . . . .](#)

## Council of Juvenile Correctional Administrators

### Impact of Trauma and Healing on Facility Environments

As most of you are aware, our annual Leadership Institute Meeting, which is sponsored by the Annie E. Casey Foundation (EACF), will be held on October 22-24, 2018 in Greensboro, NC. This year's session will again focus on trauma and the work that AECF, New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission and others have done recently to create trauma informed care environments. [Read more . . . .](#)

### CJCA Summer 2018 Meeting

The Council of Juvenile Correctional Administrators (CJCA) Summer Business Meeting was held Aug. 3-5, 2018 at the Hilton Minneapolis with 45 CJCA directors and designees participating. CJCA's signature program, the New Directors Seminar was held immediately preceding the meeting on Aug. 3-5 and was attended by seven new directors [Read more . . . .](#)

## Human Trafficking – National

### Want to Help Survivors of Child Sex Trafficking? Stop Using these Terms

When it comes to modern slavery, nearly everyone agrees it's important to treat those exploited or preyed on, with care and respect. In recent years, that's meant a shift in how those in the media, law enforcement and advocacy fields refer to people impacted by slavery -- referring to them as survivors, instead of victims or slaves. [Read more and watch video . . . .](#)

### Programs Serve Child Sex-Trafficking Victims

Not long after the last time Cecilia Roberts was sent to an Atlanta, GA hotel to be sold for sex, the then-17-year-old was in a residential facility for girls like her, recovering from the trauma of trafficking as she helped prosecutors convict two adults she had turned to when she needed a place to stay. Roberts spent about a year in a 15-bed residential facility for girls at Wellspring Living in Georgia, one of a number of places [Read more . . . .](#)

### Community Round Table Addresses Human Trafficking In the Region

Human trafficking continues to be a big concern here in the Northland in Minnesota. St. Louis county officials and several local agencies participated in a roundtable centered on that topic. They discussed an initiative called the "Blue Campaign." A program created by the U.S. [Read more and watch video . . . .](#)

## National News

### County to Focus on Reducing Racial Disparity in Juvenile Justice

Contra Costa County (California) has partnered with Georgetown University's Center for [Juvenile Justice Reform](#) as well as the [Center for Children's Law and Policy](#) for a program aimed at reducing ethnic and racial disparities in the juvenile justice system. According to county staff, white people make up around 46 percent of the county's general population, yet they represent just 9 percent of detained youth in the county's justice system. While minorities actually make up [Read more . . . .](#)

### Why Do We Keep Jailing Runaway Kids?

Earlier this summer, a young female was arrested and ushered into our criminal justice system. The cause? According to local [reporting](#), she was charged with being "Beyond Parental Control." The young girl had run away from home the previous day and, rather than escorting her home, law enforcement arrested her and took her to Idaho's Kootenai County Juvenile Detention Center. [Read more . . . .](#)

## Restorative Justice

### Restorative Justice Programs that Work

This past July, two men were brutally beaten while heading back to their hotel in New Orleans' French Quarter. Four men were charged with the attack, but instead of pushing for a harsh jail sentence, the two victims proposed something else: a face-to-face meeting with the perpetrators. The idea is based on a process called restorative justice. In a country [Read more . . . .](#)

### Empathy & Justice: Restorative Justice Initiatives

#### [Successes with Crime Prevention while Promoting Understanding](#)

About 90 % of juvenile offenders who participate in (North Dakota's) [Lutheran Social Services' restorative justice program](#) never commit a crime again, Director of [Youth Interventions](#) Joel Friesz said. The success, he said, is due in large part to the program's way of "getting to the root of the problem." Restorative justice is a timeless philosophy of [Read more . . . .](#)

### Back-to-School Show: Youth Court and Restorative Justice in Schools

On today's back-to-school episode, Carousel takes a look at youth court and restorative justice work in Madison, Wisconsin public schools. She is joined in the studio by [Listen to report . . . .](#)

## National News

### Effectively Addressing the Needs of Girls

National Girls Initiative uses a collaborative approach to catalyzing system change for girls in, and at risk of entering, the juvenile justice system through the delivery of training and technical assistance—from webinars and customized state support, to toolkits and other resources. [Read more . . . .](#)

### Our Turn: Mai Fernandez and Patrick McCarthy: Stop Trapping Young in Prisons

For decades, fueled by fear-mongering labels like "a generation of super-predators," the United States turned to an ever-increasing reliance on adult-like prisons as the go-to response when young people break the law. This over reliance on incarceration resulted in an explosion in the number of youth behind bars. And we know that black and [Read more . . . .](#)

### Juvenile Justice Ministry Aids Troubled Youths

When Herb Miller began visiting teens in the Sandusky County (Ohio) Juvenile Detention Center as a Youth for Christ (YFC) volunteer, he was saddened to find that many of the kids had been sent to the center over and over. [Read more . . . .](#)

### Can New Zealand Provide the US with a Model for Juvenile Justice Reform?

Skyrocketing incarceration rates, over-representation of ethnic minorities, a fixation on punishment rather than rehabilitation—this isn't describing the modern criminal justice system in the United States. It's New Zealand's in the 1980s. After watching its criminal justice system devour six times more indigenous Maori youth than their white counterparts, New Zealand passed the [Children's and Young People's Well-Being Act](#) in 1989. The legislation, which limited [Read more . . . .](#)

### New DOJ Screening Effort Keeps Juveniles Out of Justice System

Since June, dozens of juveniles have been kept from going to court for low-level misdemeanor offenses as part of a new Delaware Department of Justice effort to keep kids from being exposed to the delinquency court system. Designed by the DOJ Family Division, the new DOJ Juvenile Misdemeanor Screening Process has identified approximately 25 % of the state's charged juvenile misdemeanor cases as cases that could potentially be resolved without a court [Read more . . . .](#)

### How the Court Side of Juvenile Justice Works

The path to the Sununu Youth Detention Center for children, regardless of whether they have a behavioral health disorder or not, begins in the criminal justice system. The Sununu Center is the most restrictive placement option for juveniles and is supposed to be used only as a "last resort," for serious and/or chronic juvenile offenders, according to a Department of Health and Human Services report on the adequacy of New Hampshire's child welfare system released in [Read more . . . .](#)

### Mental Health Issues Common among Youth

New Hampshire was rocked this May when a federal investigative group [reported](#) a child with emotional disabilities suffered a fractured shoulder due to illegal physical restraint at the Sununu Youth Detention Center. Yet the issues surrounding children with behavioral health disabilities and the juvenile justice system have long been a struggle in the [Read more . . . .](#)

### New Harris County Collective to Benefit Kids in CPS and Juvenile Justice Systems

On Monday, the newly-formed Harris County (Texas) Youth Collective officially rolled out its plans to help kids who are in both the child protective and juvenile justice systems. Dieter Cantu is project manager for the new [Read more and listen . . . .](#)