

KS Juvenile Justice Web-Line

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Kansas News

2019 Annual Reports Released

The 2019 Annual Reports for the [Kansas Department of Corrections](#) (KDOC) and the [Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee](#) (JJOC) have been finalized and published. They are both now available online at:

To access the KDOC Annual Report [click here . . .](#)

To access the JJOC Annual Report [click here . . .](#)

Central Office Phone Numbers Changing in December

On Tuesday, December 10th, KDOC-JS staff that work in Central Office (CO) will have new phone numbers as part of KDOC switching to the CenturyLink phone system. By December 10th, all other KDOC locations will have switched already, leaving CO as the last to do so.

With the exception of the KDOC main line (785-296-3317) CO will be getting new phone numbers for ALL phone lines. This change does not include cell phones for CO staff or Regional Program Consultants as those numbers will remain unchanged.

Below is a listing of the new phone numbers to be active Dec. 10th. (All area codes are 785 unless listed otherwise).

Begaye, Justin	Compliance Monitor	746-7566
Bonner, Steve	Program Consultant II	746-7531
Bradshaw, Megan	Program Consultant II	746-7604
Butrick, Jeff	Contract Services Mgr.	746-7607
Byrd, Candice	Community Support Mgr.	746-7554
Cooper, Hope	Deputy Sec.-JS & CFS	746-7485
Haake, Leah	Project Manager	746-7471
Johnson, James	Program Consultant II	746-7555
Juarez, Andrea	Program Consultant II	746-7510
Landwehr, Brock	Juvenile Justice Spec.	746-7526
Maxwell, Jennifer	Reg. Prog. Cons. II-Salina	207-8089
Milner, Megan	CBS Dir.-JS	746-7589
Montgomery, Michelle	Public Service Executive	746-7496
Parker, Laura	Program Consultant II	746-7503
Payne, Crystal	Reg. Prog. Cons. II -KC	250-8647
Reece, Chris	Program Consultant II	746-7540
Rodriguez, Kelly	Reg. Prog. Cons. II-Garden City	338-0015
Schumacher, Teressa	Reg. Prog. Cons. II-Winfield	620-660-1514
Snider, Libby	Legal Counsel	746-7499

2019 DOC-Juvenile Services Training Schedule

New Employee Kansas Detention Assessment Instrument (KDAI) Training

Salina Tuesday December 10th
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 Steve Bonner at steven.bonner@ks.gov

2020 DOC-Juvenile Services Training Schedule

New Employee Kansas Detention Assessment Instrument (KDAI) Training

Topeka (KJCC) Wednesday January 15th
Times 10 am – 4:00 pm

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 KJCC's new employee orientation.

To inquire about upcoming trainings or if you have questions please contact Lt. Johnathon Ashley at 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.

Effective Practices in Correctional Settings II/Graduated Responses (EPICS II/GR)

Location - Youth & Family Services Center; 920 W Spruce, Olathe, KS
Dates - Tuesday Jan. 28 9 am – 5 pm
 Wednesday Jan. 29 9 am – 5 pm
 Thursday Jan. 30 9 am – 1 pm

To Enroll - Email KDOC_JS_Training@ks.gov
Participants name, agency, position, phone #,
email address and supervisor's name.

For more information contact KDOC_JS_Training@ks.gov

Human Trafficking - Kansas

Kansas Laws Maintain "A" Grade in Combating Human Trafficking

Kansas is one of fifteen states whose laws receive an "A" ranking from an international human trafficking victim advocacy group, Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt said today. Shared Hope International, a victim advocacy group that seeks to end sex trafficking and exploitation of women and children worldwide, issues annual report cards on state laws through its Protected Innocence Challenge. For the third year in a row, [Kansas has received an "A" grade](#) from Shared Hope International for its statutes combating human trafficking, scoring 93.5 [Read more . . .](#)

Thank You

On this Thanksgiving Holiday we would like to express our appreciation to all of our partners and stakeholders across the state for your commitment, the services you provide and what you do to help meet our mission . . .

To lead the nation in juvenile justice by strengthening families, empowering youth, and making communities safer

THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS – JUVENILE SERVICES
COMMUNITY PROGRAMS STAFF

The Juvenile Justice Corner

**Jim Johnson, Program Consultant
DOC - Juvenile Community Based Services**

November is [National Youth Homelessness Awareness Month](#). One of the factors that can lead to youth homelessness is when youth [transition out of the juvenile justice system](#), especially from incarceration back into the community. Once the cycle of living on the streets starts, it can lead to chronic adult homelessness. At the [Kansas Juvenile Correctional Complex](#) (KJCC), Ken Davis, Mentoring-4-Success Coordinator is keenly aware of the risks and vulnerabilities. For Davis, getting a good start, the youth having confidence in themselves and their re-entry plan, and having the supports in place are all absolutely critical. According to Davis, "Sometimes a successful transition back into the community is greatly influenced by the details, so we have got to get it right and cover all our bases".



The Kids Closet at KJCC is an office converted into a small clothing/hygiene distribution center for youth preparing to return to their home community.

So to help address some of those "details" that may sometimes be overlooked, Davis spearheaded the creation of **The Kids Closet**. **The Kids Closet** is an office within the KJCC facility that is converted into a small clothing store for KJCC youth. Prior to release youth can attain clothing and personal hygiene items at no cost. Through his work with mentors, youth being released and KJCC re-entry program staff Davis saw the need to help released youth reduce the number of barriers they face to have a better chance to seamlessly transition from the facility to the community.

There are three components to **The Kids Closet**:

- The first items were **fresh-start to your new-start hygiene bags** as youth being released did not have the personal hygiene supplies they needed. As adolescents develop, their need for good hygiene practices and products increases. The bag of products the youth receives helps them to meet their basic physical needs while reducing their anxiety.
- Next came **basic clothing** as youth often experience growth spurts and physical changes that may result in the clothing youth wore prior to incarceration not fitting upon release. These items are casual clothing and underwear for every-day use.
- The last category added was **dress for success clothing** which allows youth to attain business-casual and dress clothing as they return home and prepare for their next steps which often includes job interviews. By providing youth the more formal attire a youth can go into those first job interviews with more confidence knowing that they won't look out-of-place and ready to make a much better impression.

By accessing the products available through **The Kids Closet**, the youth preparing to return to their local community has one less thing to worry about while creating an opportunity for more confidence. All the clothing and other items available through the closet are donated by mentors, KJCC staff and local businesses. Anyone wanting to contribute to **The Kids Closet** or contact Davis can reach him at kenneth.davis@ks.gov or 785-249-6341.

Girls in the Juvenile Justice System

Abuse-to-Prison Pipeline, Federal Policy, and Education Reform

"They were invisible to the very people who were supposed to protect them...they were children who were punished for being vulnerable."

A HuffPost investigation into domestic sex trafficking features interviews with survivors of child sex trafficking, including [15-year-old Lici](#) who was sentenced to twenty years in prison in Texas where there are no laws "that protect sex trafficking victims who commit crimes related to their exploitation." In a piece highlighting the abuse-to-prison pipeline that so many trafficking victims face, Cherice Hopkins says that "...to effectively confront racial disparities in our justice system, we must have an [Read more . . .](#)

Youth Homelessness – JJIE

Courts, Social Services Can Work Together on Housing Instability

Public health experts recognize that as little as [10-20% of our individual health](#) may be attributed to treatments received from the health care system. Meanwhile, the contexts in which we live and our health behaviors have the greatest influence over our health outcomes. These factors are commonly referred to as [social determinants of health](#), and they have a tremendous impact on the short- and long-term health of individuals, families, and communities. The U.S. criminal justice system [Read more . . .](#)

To Ease Reentry, Help the Hosts Who Offer Couch Hopping

When Carlos first came to live with us he was about 16. A friend of my son's, he had a long history of family and housing instability and had been recently kicked out by his mom. As his informal host, I thought I did everything "right." We already had a strong relationship; I met with his mom, laid out house rules and talked about his plans for the future. What I didn't take into account was the influence of all the systemic factors he battled on a daily basis. As a black woman, I understood the impact of [Read more . . .](#)

How Homelessness, Mental Illness, Substance Use and the Criminal Justice System Collided in Little Five Points

Torch has been on the street 11 years, he says. With no fixed address, he is a permanent resident of Little Five Points, a robust business district of mom and pop entrepreneurs in east Atlanta. Born Kyle Latrell, he was a homeless 17-year-old from Illinois. Now he is a homeless 28-year-old. [Read more . . .](#)

For Homeless Youth, Surviving Is a Crime

Youth homelessness is a tragedy, not a crime. But in cities across the country, homeless youth face civil and even criminal penalties for unavoidable human activities like standing, sitting and sleeping in the very streets where they're trying to survive. "I always worried, 'Is today the day the cops are going to get me? Is today the day that someone's going to take what little I have?'" This is how Zak Franet, a government relations and public affairs professional, describes his struggle with homelessness at 22 [Read more . . .](#)

Abusive Childhood, Then Foster Care Led to Young Man's Homelessness

Matthew "Fire" Mishefski was days away from completing his makeshift encampment. After years of homelessness, the 24-year-old knew what he needed to successfully make it on the streets. It consisted of a bike, trailer, hammock, cooler, electric stove, solar panel — he was fully equipped to survive frigid Northeastern temperatures. "I stopped begging [Read more . . .](#)

Youth Homelessness – National

Preventing Youth Homelessness: Partnerships between Homelessness Services & Juvenile Justice Systems

The U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) recently spoke with staff leading this work at The Link in Minneapolis, MN, and both Larkin Street Youth Services and Collaborative Courts for Superior Courts in San Francisco, CA, who shared how they are leveraging partnerships between the homelessness services and justice systems to disrupt and end the cycle of homelessness among youth and young adults. [Read more . . .](#)

Overview of Rural Homeless Youth

Homelessness is often perceived to be a problem only for large cities, and youth homelessness is no different. However, the reality is [rural youth experience homelessness at nearly the same rate](#) as their urban peers. Rural homeless youth also contend with unique barriers to social services, including a lack of transportation and shelters and, for parenting youth, fewer childcare options. For service providers and funders, this means that rural homeless youth present [Read more . . .](#)

Human Trafficking - National

Crawford to push for HT Prevention Legislation

A Fort Smith (AR) legislator hopes to take a three-pronged approach to addressing human trafficking in Arkansas, starting with prevention. District 76 state Rep. Cindy Crawford, R-Fort Smith, at a meeting between advocacy workers and law enforcement Wednesday afternoon adopted Central Christian Church Pastor Tim Beasley's "prevention, prosecution, restoration" approach to human trafficking in [Read more . . .](#)

Teen Strapped with Meth was HT Victim

The 15-year-old girl [found with 5 1/2 pounds of meth strapped to her stomach](#) during a traffic stop last week was a human trafficking victim, the Missouri State Highway Patrol said. A trooper pulled over a 2019 Jeep Compass with Oregon tags for following too close on Interstate 70 near Missouri 13 in Lafayette County, Missouri. The trooper smelled marijuana, and after finding the drug and paraphernalia in the car, took both the 22-year-old driver and the teenager to a nearby police department for [Read more and watch video . . .](#)

National News

Officials Weigh Massive Changes in Juvenile Justice

In what would be a seismic shift in how Connecticut deals with children who run afoul of the law, lawmakers and officials spearheading juvenile justice reform will consider the creation of a new state agency solely for minors in the criminal justice system. The potential restructuring is in the earliest stages of study but, as conceived, the plan would create a new entity to handle minors accused and convicted of crimes in both the juvenile [Read more . . .](#)

Juvenile Justice Reform Bill Expected To Be Reintroduced

The Maryland General Assembly is expected to redraft a bill to address violent offenders in the juvenile justice system. A bill to shield the names and pictures of teens charged as adults gained traction in the last session, but a Harford County senator told C4 on Monday he thinks the proposal is a bad idea. "I think the public needs to know who the police went after, what the [Read more . . .](#)

Iowa Researchers Help Study Literacy Skills in Juvenile-Justice Schools

After years of funding and regulation delays, the University of Iowa and peer institutions are beginning an unmatched efficacy study for a literacy-skills intervention program targeted toward adolescents in juvenile-justice schools. Deborah Reed, former high-school teacher and director of the Iowa Reading Research Center, said this project aims to establish a body of evidence for how educational interventions can help students [Read more . . .](#)

State would Expand Juvenile Courts, Halls to 18- and 19-year-olds under proposal

California would expand its juvenile-justice system to include 18- and 19-year-olds under a proposal from the state's probation chiefs, a move they said would allow a more restorative approach for those teenagers but one that experts warned could be difficult to implement. The plan from the Chief Probation Officers of California lobbying group, or CPOC, would let 18- and 19-year-olds receive rehabilitative services provided by juvenile courts and detention centers and allow more young people to [Read more . . .](#)

Does U.S. Juvenile Justice System Fall Short on Basic Human Rights?

As the world marks the 30th anniversary of the United Nations' Convention on the Rights of the Child, local leaders and experts in Illinois are pausing to examine human rights in the juvenile justice system. The first-ever ["Global Study on Children Deprived of Liberty"](#), being released formally today at the U.N., notes that the United States' innovation in creating the world's first juvenile court in Cook County more than 120 years ago. However, Brian Evans, state campaign director for the [Campaign for Youth Justice](#), said the report also reveals that the U.S. has the world's [Read more . . .](#)

Juvenile Justice Information Exchange

Why Did North Carolina Raise the Age in 2017?

With Raise the Age taking effect in less than a month, North Carolina is preparing to receive new 16- and 17-year-old offenders into the juvenile system. The state has not increased its juvenile age since 1919. Revamping juvenile justice has been in discussion since the 1990s, but the legislature sidestepped raising the age. [The reform passed](#) two years ago [Read more . . .](#)

Here's How Reentry Can Be More Successful

The [Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention](#) reports that an average of 55% of youth released from incarceration are rearrested within one year of release while reincarceration and reconfinement rates during the same time frame averaged 24%. Juvenile reentry, which is also referred to as aftercare, is defined as the reintegrative services that prepare youth in out-of-home placements for their return home by establishing the necessary collaboration with the community and its resources to ensure the delivery of needed services and supervision. [Read more . . .](#)

How I Changed How Young People Saw Community Service

While serving as a juvenile diversion officer, I had the opportunity to see how we use community service in the juvenile justice system. When I stepped into this juvenile justice role, the county attorney instructed me of some basic requirements he wanted included in the diversion contract. One of these requirements was the completion of community service hours. Community service is widely used as a punishment throughout our judicial system. This practice [began in 1966](#) in a program in California [Read more . . .](#)

Conference Nourishes Florida Restorative Justice

Formed in 2013 and established as a 501(c)3 nonprofit in 2014, the [Florida Restorative Justice Association](#) (FRJA) is the only entity in the state dedicated to supporting, strengthening and expanding Florida's restorative justice practices (RJPs). In the last few years, the primary strategy to accomplish this task has been the creation of statewide conferences — one in Sarasota in September 2018 and [one coming up in Broward County](#) on 1/31/2020. [Read more . . .](#)