

Kansas News

Community Based Services Welcomes New Staff

David Womack joined the Juvenile Services team in July as a Program Consultant II (PC). David will be providing technical assistance to the 8th, 9th, 12th, 18th, 20th and 27th JDs to support the agencies implementation of evidence-based practices. David's office is located within the Salina Parole Office. David worked at Cowley County Youth Services (19th JD) for eight years first as a Community Supervision Officer and then in Juvenile Intake and Assessment. David is a veteran of the US Army Military Police Corps and is a three-time Operation Iraqi Freedom Veteran. David stated "I am really looking forward to helping the judicial districts in any way that I can as much as I can". David can be reached by email at david.womack@ks.gov or by phone at (785) 940-1397.

Mentoring Program Hits Milestone

Ken Davis, Director of the Kansas Department of Corrections-Juvenile Services Mentoring-4-Success (M4S) program announced that the M4S program recently achieved 500 matches made. When asked about the program Davis stated he was extremely pleased with the continued growth of the program and investment that community members are willing to make in justice involved youth, especially with limitations due to COVID. "The best part of this is knowing that behind every match a success story is being created." Davis added that he is seeing an increase in interest and involvement on the part of parents and grandparents of the youth being served, wanting their kids to play a more active role in creating successful opportunities for themselves. For more information on the M4S program or to contact Ken Davis call 785-249-6341 or email Kenneth.Davis@ks.gov.

Pandemic Act: Funding & Programs Available to Support Foster Care/Juvenile Justice Youth and their Families

The Consolidated Appropriations Act (PL 116-260) was signed into law on December 27, 2020. The Supporting Foster Youth and Families through the Pandemic Act (H.R. 7947) was included in the Consolidated Appropriations Act and provides funding to every state to support youth and young adults during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF) has developed the Independent Living (IL) Pandemic Relief Program to provide financial assistance to eligible individuals. [Read more](#)

DCF – Family First Updates

To access the June/July 2021 edition of the DCF [Family First Prevention](#) Services newsletter [Click here](#)

Supreme Court Denies Appeal of Juvenile Nearly 20 Years After Conviction

The Supreme Court has denied the appeal of a juvenile offender almost two decades after his conviction was made final. The Kansas Supreme Court says in the case of [Appeal No. 118,802: In the Matter of I.A.](#), it held that it lacked jurisdiction to hear the appeal of a juvenile offender that challenged his conviction almost 20 years after the conviction was made final. According to the Court, the juvenile argued that due to the failure of the juvenile court to inform him of his right to appeal [Read more](#)

2021 DOC-Juvenile Services Training Schedule

New Employee Kansas Detention Assessment Instrument (KDAI) Training

Zoom	Wednesday	August 18 th , 2021
Zoom	Saturday	September 25 th , 2021
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. Due to COVID-19 precautions, KDAI trainings are being provided via the zoom platform. For more information on KDAI training or to register contact Steve Bonner at steven.bonner@ks.gov

The Juvenile Justice Corner

Jim Johnson, Program Consultant
DOC - Juvenile Community Based Services

Late last month KDOC notified local Judicial Districts (JD's) of awards made for the Fiscal Year 2022 JCAB Grant Applications (Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board Grants) made available using the funds from the [Evidence-based Programs Account](#). With these grants, local JD's through their Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board could identify a specific area of need or a gap in services that needed to be addressed. JCAB grant funds could be used to help provide an [evidence-based program](#) to address that targeted area. In many cases Judicial District staff identified resources within the community and collaborated with community partners to address a shared area of concern.

For FY'22, 22 Judicial Districts submitted a total of 41 program or service proposals. Of the 41 proposals received, 39 were approved. (In FY'21, 18 JDs submitted a total of 53 proposals, and of those 38 were approved).

The Crossover Youth Practice Model - Update Daniel Olson, CYPM Coordinator Office of Judicial Administration

The State Policy Team (SPT) continues to work towards fully establishing the Crossover Youth Practice Model (CYPM) in 3 counties, Montgomery, Shawnee, and Sedgwick.

SPT is working to identify barriers that the youth and families face. This is important to implementation of the CYPM because the process will be more fluid. It will create a uniform process across the state for agencies to follow that will benefit youth and families.

Shawnee (SNCO) and Montgomery (MGCO) Counties are developing focus groups for their area. These focus groups will be made up of past youth and parents who have been involved in either the foster care system, juvenile justice system, or both. Questions are about barriers and what was helpful to families when they were involved with the system are being developed in order to help guide the team.

They are also working on developing a Guiding Coalition. The Guiding Coalition will be made of community members or organizations who will identify resources in their local communities and to help overcome obstacles that are discovered.

The third county, Sedgwick County (SGCO), is working on an inventory of their assessment's tools used at the multiple agencies involved with the families. They are working to determine what assessments could be streamlined and decrease redundancy. SGCO has started the process of developing a "101" cross systems training for their county, so stakeholders have a better understanding of how each agency operates.

To learn more about the CCYPM and information regarding past and upcoming meetings of the State Policy Team [click here](#)

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- 1st JD **Youth Justice Resource Center (YJRC) ****
Provides evidence-based programs/services (i.e. Strengthening Families, Aggression Replacement Training (ART), Moral Reconation Therapy (MRT), Crossroads and Parent Project) for justice involved youth (and/or families) that have been through Juvenile Intake and Assessment, or youth in Immediate Intervention Programs, or youth supervised by Court Services or Community Corrections and/or crossover youth.
- 2nd JD **Coordinated & Individualized Community-Based Services***
Provide mental health or substance abuse treatment &/or assessments, mentoring, tutoring, transportation, childcare, cell service, internet access, sport participation fees or equipment and/or clothing and housing assistance for justice involved youth (families) or youth exhibiting offender behaviors but not charged.
- 3rd JD **KCSL Oasis**
Provide in-home case management to youth and family to improve family functioning and prevent out of home placement.
- 3rd JD **Boys & Girls Club of Topeka**
Career preparation, education assistance, financial literacy & leisure/recreation activities for justice involved or other at-risk youth.
- 3rd JD **One Heart Project Kansas ***
Provides social & emotional intelligence education, mentoring, tutoring, gap skill training, employment and reentry services for justice involved and at-risk youth at an alternative school and middle school.
- 4th JD **Behavioral Health Services ****
Provides behavioral health services that include care coordination, mental health & substance abuse treatment and cognitive behavioral programming for youth accused and adjudicated as Juvenile Offenders.
- 9th JD **Mirror, Inc. ***
Provides Parent Project training for parents of justice involved youth and Teens Intervene for youth experiencing problems associated with alcohol &/or drug use.
- 10th JD **Mental Health for IIP Youth ***
Provides psychological evaluations, individual therapy, adjunctive family therapy, medication management and case consultation for youth referred from Court Services going through diversion process.
- 10th JD **Intensive Outpatient Program ***
Provides treatment to target conduct issues, substance use/abuse, compliance issues, poor decision making, anger control and school issues for IIP referred youth and/or youth whose charges are also in the juvenile court system.
- 10th JD **Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Support ***
Provides treatment and accountability to juvenile offenders on court ordered probation for drug related crimes and drug use impacting their lives and communities.
- 10th JD **IIP Support ****
Help provide staffing to support pre and post file IIP youth for first or second-time offender youth identified by DA's Office as IIP eligible.
- 10th JD **Parent Management Training ***
Provides in-home Parent Management Training-Oregon Model (Generation PMTO) and Parenting Through Change (PTC)-Reunification for youth experiencing impaired functioning at home, in the community or at school.
- 11th CR JD **Program Advocate**
*Provides mentoring, employment services, the Giving Back Community Service Work (personal responsibility) program and life skills programming for justice involved youth. **Continued next page . . .***

Human Trafficking – National

Supreme Court Decision Could Mean Increase in Labor Trafficking of Farmworkers

In June of 2018, two Monterey County (CA) site inspectors visited a Salinas cannabis farm, where they encountered a small group of farmworkers who they suspected had been trafficked. The farm workers, who spoke no English, took off running when Monterey County Resource Management Agency officials approached them. They couldn't go far, though the cultivation site was fenced in. The farmworkers seemed terrified, the county's prosecuting [Read more . . .](#)

DMC – Disproportionate Minority Contact

Black Kids Can Get Caught Up in a Juvenile Justice System That Often Fails, Though Some Programs Work

Black juveniles in Florida are arrested at higher rates compared to all other ethnic groups and struggle to get into diversion programs aimed to prevent kids from entering the criminal justice system, according to the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice. The situation is problematic in part because legislation to expand the pool of youth offenders eligible for various prevention programs was vetoed by Gov. Ron DeSantis last week, because of concerns about allowing felony cases in the diversion programs. [Read more . . .](#)

Hamilton Co. Juvenile Court Looks to Change How Juvenile Justice System Operates

Each year, more than 3,000 young people are referred to the Hamilton County (OH) Juvenile Court. A new initiative looks to see how those youth could be better served. For a number of years, the court has engaged in efforts to divert as many young people as possible away from detention facilities and eventual intake into the adult justice system. But challenges remain. A disproportionate number of those taken into the local juvenile justice system are people of color. A concerning number of young people are facing serious charges related to guns or violence. And many are facing trauma and mental health struggles. [Read more and listen . . .](#)

CJI – Crime and Justice Institute

Pennsylvania Task Force Announces New Policy Recommendations to Improve Juvenile Justice

Recommendations highlight data-driven policies and practices to protect community safety and create better paths for youth and families

The inter-branch and bipartisan [Pennsylvania Juvenile Justice Task Force](#) released a comprehensive [final report](#) with policy recommendations that protect public safety, increase accountability, achieve savings for reinvestment, and improve outcomes for youth, families, and communities. [Read more . . .](#)

Council of State Governments – Justice Center

Michigan Launches Task Force to Improve Youth Outcomes in Juvenile Justice System

A new bipartisan task force [announced](#) this month by Governor Gretchen Whitmer will develop data-driven recommendations to reform Michigan's juvenile justice system. Although Michigan has made recent strides in juvenile justice reform, including raising the age of criminal responsibility from 17 to 18 years old in 2019, it still has one of the highest rates of detained youth in the country, especially for low-level, noncriminal behavior. A 2017 ProPublica [study](#) found that 30 percent of detained youth in Michigan were there for noncriminal offenses, compared to 17 % [Read more . . .](#)

National News

Missouri Lawmakers Passed a Host of Reforms Aimed at Keeping Kids Out of Jail

Retired St. Louis (MO) Judge Evelyn Baker once sentenced a 16-year-old Black boy to 241 years in prison for two armed robberies. No one was seriously injured in the robberies, but the boy "didn't express any remorse," Baker said, remembering the sentencing hearing. Now, when she thinks back, Baker deeply regrets the sentence she gave Bobby Bostic in 1997, who at 42 is still imprisoned in Jefferson City Correctional Center. "I now realize what I was dealing with was a 16-year-old child, trying to pretend that he was really, really tough," Baker said. "It was adolescent bravado." [Read more . . .](#)

Research: Electronic Surveillance has Failed to Reduce Girl Recidivism in the Juvenile Justice System

In recent years, many juvenile courts have adopted house arrest with electronic surveillance tethers instead of institutional imprisonment. A new study looked at whether this approach would reduce recidivism in girls involved in the juvenile justice system. The study found that tether was unable to reduce recidivism in girls. In fact, home arrest limits access to girls' treatment programs, so they can be harmful. This study by researchers at the University of Cincinnati (UC) and Michigan State University *Justice Evaluation Journal*, A publication of the Academy of Criminal Justice. [Read more . . .](#)

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11th LB/CK JD **CMHC Contract**

Provides life skills, cognitive groups (Crossroads Curriculum) and mental health services for juveniles with IIP's or supervised by Court Services or Community Corrections.

12th JD **JAG-K**

Expands the Jobs for America's Graduates-Kansas (JAG-K) program to serve justice-involved youth in additional schools within the JD.

13th JD **Empowered, Engaged, and Peaceful Families**

Provides services to youth (families) at risk of removal from the home and placement into the foster care of juvenile justice systems.

14th JD **Program Specialist**

Provides services to youth (families) to include Moral Reconation Therapy (MRT), Parent Project, Forward Thinking and other cognitive groups.

14th JD **Four County Mental Health Center**

Provide individual and family therapy to justice involved youth (families) for low-risk youth, who do not meet criteria for FFT.

15th/17th/23rd JD **Resilient Youth, Resilient Homes, Resilient Schools**

Provide services to justice involved youth (families) through after school groups, coaching for parents and training for school personnel using River of Cruelty Model from Family Peace Initiative.

18th JD **Administrative Services**

Administrative Costs for 18th JD.

18th JD **Sedgwick County CYPM**

Provide continued funding for a Crossover Youth Practice Model facilitator for Sedgwick County.

18th JD **Training for JCAB Members ***

Provide training for new Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board members on gender specific programing, substance abuse, mental health, and reduced racial and ethnic disparities.

18th JD **Untamed Athletes Inc. ***

Provide services to justice involved youth (families) through sports programming, academic tutoring, mentoring and life skills training.

18th JD **Coordination of Services Program - JIAC**

Provide services to youth (families) referred through the Juvenile Intake and Assessment Center (JIAC) to teach conflict resolution, asset building, adolescent development, decision-making and communication skills.

18th JD **Multisystemic Therapy ***

Provide services to justice involved youth (families) by empowering parents with the skills and resources needed to address difficulties of raising an adolescent.

18th JD **ERC Programming Enhancements**

Expand Evening Reporting Center to include tutoring & other programs for youth expelled from school & gender-specific programming.

18th JD **Continuing Legal Education ***

Provide Juvenile Justice system training to judges and attorneys to include SB 367, juvenile defense for juveniles with high profile cases and ethics.

19th JD **Adolescent Co-occurring Treatment Program**

Provide services to justice involved youth (families) through individual/group/family therapy, peer support services & educational activities.

19th JD **Home-based Services Program**

Provide justice involved youth (families) Juvenile Detention Alternatives & Case Management services to oversee JO's referred for prosecution.

20th JD **Program Advocate ***

Provide services to justice involved youth by delivering evidence-based curriculum and assessments while helping youth connect with community resources to reduce barriers

21st JD **Parent Project**

Provides Parent Project training for parents of justice involved youth that come through Juvenile Intake and Assessment as an alleged JO or are under supervision as a JO.

24th JD **Interventions & IIP ***

Provide services to justice involved youth (families) through Forward Thinking (cognitive based) and Parent Project programing and IIP referrals.

25th JD **Big Brothers Big Sisters**

Provide services to justice involved youth, at-risk youth, and/or their siblings school-based, community-based, and job mentoring.

25th JD **LiveWell**

Provide training for 25th JD staff, schools & community partners who work with justice-involved youth on Mental Health 1st Aid, Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) & trauma.

28th JD **Grief Counseling**

Provides grief and trauma counseling for youth who have experienced some kind of loss, paired with Moral Reconation Therapy (MRT) to address criminogenic needs.

28th JD **CAPS Family Mentoring Program**

Provides family mentoring services for Spanish speaking families.

29th JD **Girls Circle (Court Services)**

Covers training costs for Court Services staff to become facilitators.

29th JD **Warriors4Wyandotte**

Provide community-based mentoring, life skills, job preparation & tutoring for justice involved youth.

30th JD **Sumner County MH**

Provide youth at risk to enter the juvenile justice system behavioral health services by providing wraparound case management using the School Responder Model

* New program in FY22

** Adjusted program from FY21