

SENATE BILL 367

Improve the lives and well-being of all youth in Kansas.



Kansas Juvenile Justice Program Spotlight Series

Parent Engagement Program

Area Served: Cowley

“Be patient and never give up, sometimes it gets worse before it gets better.”



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Awarded: \$80,210

Mission:



The Parent Engagement Program's purpose is to involve the families in the juvenile justice process and reduce barriers to ensure the successful rehabilitation of youth in the system and sustain reintegration into the community.

Youth Served:
250 youth yearly



- ✓ Serves youth justice involved
- ✓ Families are involved in the program
- ✓ Works to eliminate barriers to increase youth success

Impact:



A mother and grandmother attended Parent Project together and learned to support each other. They stopped allowing their teenage son and grandson to manipulate them.

They made a great team, for example, when the mom had to work long hours in Wichita, the grandmother was able to take her grandson to mental health appointments and groups and kept an eye on his "comings and goings."

He got involved in sports, was brought up to speed on attendance and grades and completed all of his mental health treatment programs. Grandma and mom were empowered and held him accountable, he was no longer able to manipulate them and he stopped sneaking out and hanging out with negative influences.

Statistics:



- ✓ Reduction in responsivity rates for youth.
- ✓ Increase in parent involvement and engagement with youth

This funding was possible through the passing of Senate Bill 367 which reallocated funds originally used to maintain children's correctional facilities and now is used to keep kids in their communities and offer support.

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