

Kansas News – SB 367

Governor Brownback Signs SB 367 into Law

Kansas Governor Sam Brownback today signed into law [Senate Bill 367](#), a comprehensive set of data-driven policy recommendations that will increase public safety, effectively hold juvenile offenders accountable and reduce juvenile justice costs. When fully implemented, SB 367 is [Read more](#)

Pew Applauds Kansas Leaders for Comprehensive Juvenile Justice Reform

WASHINGTON—Kansas Governor Sam Brownback signed into law today comprehensive juvenile justice legislation that will increase public safety, improve outcomes for young offenders, protect public safety, and reduce costs for taxpayers. The legislation, Senate Bill 367, [Read more](#)



On April 11, 2016, Gov. Sam Brownback signed Senate Bill 367 into law. The signed ceremony took place under a gazebo on the grounds of the Johnson County courthouse in Olathe, KS.

KMBC TV-9, KANSAS CITY

New Kansas Juvenile Justice Bill Signed into Law

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KSN TV-3, WICHITA

Juvenile Justice Reform Stirs Conversation

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THE WICHITA EAGLE

Gov. Sam Brownback Signs Bill to Overhaul Kansas Juvenile Justice System

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TOPEKA CAPITAL JOURNAL

Former Shawnee County Judge Speaks Bluntly for Juvenile Justice Reform

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KANSAS CITY STAR

New Juvenile Justice Law Will Benefit the State, Young Offenders

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SB 367 – Implementation updates . . .

Passage of Senate Bill 367 and being signed into law by Gov. Brownback is the most significant milestone to date towards improved outcomes for children and public safety in Kansas. KDOC-JS will strive to share information on progress and completion of additional milestones as the Kansas juvenile justice system moves forward. By adding this feature in the Juvenile Justice Web-Line we hope to keep you informed of developments and progress towards implementation.

The following have been initiated in 2016 in support of SB367:

- Expansion of Multi-systemic Therapy (MST) pilot into Johnson county
- Functional Family Therapy (FFT) contract awarded by KDOC to serve 7 SE Kansas JDs as alternative to out of home placement. Statewide expansion is next.
- KDOC released updated JIAS standards for MAYSI-2 implementation statewide. JDs are currently training JIAS staff and integrating MAYSI software - to implement 6/1/16.
- Bidding closed for a contract to provide Courts with Sex Offender specific assessments and community based treatment on a statewide basis. Contract award is anticipated within a few weeks.
- KDOC, DCF and Child Welfare contractors are developing a Human Trafficking screening tool for use by JIAS, piloting will begin this summer
- The Kansas detention risk assessment instrument (DRAI) workgroup will reconvene in May to review results of the DRAI pilot & develop a plan for statewide implementation
- A training schedule for Mental Health Training Curriculum for Juvenile Justice (MHTC-JJ) has been developed and will be completed by all JIAS and JISP/CM staff by 1/1/17

2016 DOC-Juvenile Services Training Schedule

New Officer YLS/CMI Training:

Location KJCC, 1430 NW 25th Street, Topeka, KS,
 Dates June 14-16, 2016
 To Enroll Email michelle.montgomery@doc.ks.gov
 Name; Judicial District; Supervisor's name; Phone Number & Email address
 Note To attend a tour of KJCC prior to the training, arrive by 12:30 pm on 6/14/2016

Other Kansas News

Gov. Sam Brownback Names Joseph Norwood New Corrections Secretary

Gov. Sam Brownback named Joseph “Joe” Norwood as corrections secretary Monday, ending a search process that began after the last secretary left in December. Norwood currently serves as the northeast regional director for the Federal Bureau of Prisons and has been in [Read more](#)

New Juvenile Offenders Program Aims to Keep Them Home Rather than in Jail

A new program aimed at keeping juvenile offenders at home rather than incarcerating them has already proven to be successful in Cowley County. Youth Services Director Melody Pappan told the county commission at its Tuesday meeting the Functional Family Therapy (FFT) program has enrolled five juvenile offenders since her department was [Read more](#)

The Juvenile Justice Corner By Terri Williams, Deputy Secretary DOC - Juvenile Services

Spring is time of rebirth, new beginnings and promise. Of course, in the Midwest there is also the occasional tornado siren, but there is a lushness of spring filled with green fields, lilacs, and daffodils that signifies a time of change and growth. That springtime atmosphere was fitting for the recent signing of the juvenile justice legislation.

As most know, there have been discussions, meetings, debates and recommendations over the last few years about how the Kansas Juvenile Justice System should operate. As with any significant change, we should expect some bumps in the road with implementation of SB367, but I continue to be encouraged by the level of interest and commitment for system improvement demonstrated by our leaders, practitioners and stakeholders.

During the aforementioned discussions, many opinions were stated. The one theme that was voiced by virtually every stakeholder group from prosecutors to judges to corrections professionals to the youth and families we serve was a need to re-invest in more evidence based community programs and to expect positive outcomes to be produced. In the last few years we have invested in pilot programs (Multi-systemic Therapy – MST in Wyandotte/Johnson Counties and the Functional Family Therapy - FFT Regional Pilot in Southeast Kansas). While these are steps in the right direction, we need the ability to provide more consistent and comprehensive services to youth across the state. There will never be exact social services available in every community. However, it is our goal (and our plan) to reduce “justice by geography” and offer statewide or regional contracts in quality, model programs in the near future.

Human Trafficking in Kansas

Human Trafficking a Problem that Exists in Wichita

WICHITA – Human trafficking is a nationwide problem and Wichita is no exception. This week, an investigation led authorities to make an arrest in a human trafficking case involving a 15-year-old victim [Read more and watch video](#)

Wichita Woman Pleads Guilty in Sex Trafficking of 17-Year-Old Girl

WICHITA — A 33-year-old Wichita woman charged in the sex trafficking of a 17-year-old girl has pleaded [Read more](#)

Human Trafficking Topic of Summit; Emporia

The seventh annual SOS Child Abuse Prevention Summit was held at Flint Hills Technical College on Friday. Over 70 community members attended the summit, [Read more](#)

Below are four articles that were in the Topeka Capital Journal April 3, 4, and 5, 2016; the series of articles was titled [Sex, Hope and Prosecution](#)

A Soul-Stripping Life Takes a Toll on One Victim Seduced in Topeka

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Agencies Fight Sex Trafficking in Shawnee County

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Topeka Rescue Mission Restores Hope for Victims of Sex Trafficking

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Prosecutors Target Sex Traffickers, Johns

[Read more](#)

National News

U.S. States Should Ban Solitary Confinement for Kids, Doctors Say

Too many incarcerated U.S. children serve time in solitary confinement even though the United Nations and many physician groups believe this form of punishment amounts to torture and should be banned, some doctors argue.

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GLP Helps Youths Survive Justice System

"No matter what you do, you will always have me as another Grandmother." This is what one Louisville resident in her 90s said to a young man who several months earlier had stolen her purse., which contained her Christmas money and mementos of her two deceased sons. She would never get those mementos back. Crime, breaking rules, or wrongdoing harms relationships in our communities. [Read more . . .](#)

Ohio Proves It: Rehabilitation Works

You might not guess it from the Republican governor or GOP-dominated legislature, but Ohio is proving itself the most progressive state in the union when it comes to youth prison reform. The Buckeye State has [shifted away from punishing](#) kids who get ensnared in the juvenile justice system to rehabilitating them, and it's saved money doing so.

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Juvenile Justice Legislation Fails, but Further Study is Required

Legislation that sought to overhaul strip-search and shackling policies and to improve education in the Maryland's juvenile justice system stalled in the General Assembly this year. But officials will spend the rest of the year studying the matters.

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Experts in Psychology, Law Discuss Juvenile Sentencing

At Harvard Law School, experts in forensic psychology, law, and juvenile justice policy discussed the Supreme Court's decision to retroactively apply a recent ruling to ban mandatory life without possibility of parole for some 2,000 incarcerated juvenile homicides. [Read more . . .](#)

Solitary Confinement Is What Destroyed My Son, Grieving Mom Says

This week, an unusual coalition of corrections officers and policy experts will come together in Washington, D.C., with one common goal in mind — to limit the use of solitary confinement for juveniles. The campaign has enlisted some powerful voices to warn about the harms of isolation for young people. [Read more . . .](#)

OJJDP: Journal of Juvenile Justice, Spring 2016

The 9th *Journal of Juvenile Justice (JOJJ)* explores the impact trauma has on children and adolescents, as well as the importance of a trauma-informed juvenile justice system. The authors discuss collaborative efforts among those working on the front lines in juvenile justice, child welfare, schools, and mental health to help at-risk youth who are experiencing trauma-related behavioral and psychological problems. The authors also identify tools, such as cross-system, specialized trauma training, that have resulted in positive outcomes in the rehabilitation of traumatized youth. [Read more . . .](#)

Disproportionate Minority Contact Eliminating Racial and Ethnic Disparities

Racial, Ethnic Disparities Stubbornly Endure in Juvenile Justice System, Expert Says

This video should not have come as a shock to this audience. If anyone is sensitive to the subject matter — how race and racial bias subtly and expressly influence people's decision-making — it is this group of probation officers, administrators and experts gathered at a symposium on probation reform hosted by the Robert F. Kennedy Children's Action Corps in Boston. [Read more and watch video . . .](#)

Juvenile Justice Information Exchange

Case Now Strong for Ending Probation's Place As Default Disposition in Juvenile Justice

Forty-plus years after sociologist Robert Martinson rocked the worlds of juvenile and criminal justice by declaring that "nothing works" in offender rehabilitation, Jens Ludwig and his colleagues at the Chicago Crime Lab have gone on a remarkable roll. [Read more . . .](#)

Information Technology Update By Denise Herrman, Business Analyst DOC - Information Technology

The IT and Juvenile Services Business teams have been working diligently on the new Juvenile Services Online systems application. They have been meeting regularly to make sure you have a user friendly system that will suit your business needs.

At this time, the implementation plan is as follows: All system users will begin training in June with a system roll out in July. Training will be completed via the online training application TRAIN and users will have to complete pertinent/duty specific courses prior to gaining access to the application. Therefore, it is imperative that everyone verify their access to TRAIN. More training information will follow.

Although the basic concept and business flow remains as it was in previous training sessions, there have been some modifications which we believe displays a cleaner, more user-friendly product.

Please know that current Supervision Plans and Placements will not be migrated to the new application. As a result, it will be the responsibility of the end users to close these programs out at the end of June. You will then be responsible for opening these programs electronically once the application goes live in July.

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True leaders (regardless of placement on the organizational chart) create opportunities and capitalize on the seeds of change. It has been rewarding to see the level of enthusiasm and energy demonstrated by staff and communities when talking about local plans and ideas for implementation of SB367. We have seen examples of existing and emerging leaders reducing compartmentalization and increasing communication among peer groups to learn from one another and/or plan to share resources.

The upcoming year presents us all with challenges and opportunities to make changes, to recommit to the work we do, and to collaborate with our partners (local, regional, and state) to make system improvements.

You have been, and will continue to be, incredibly influential and instrumental in the success of the upcoming changes. I encourage each of you to challenge yourselves and your teams to search for how best you can positively contribute to the elevation of our system outcomes. My staff and I remain committed to the process and look forward to the work and the successes ahead.

Happy Corrections Professionals Week and Happy Spring!

Training Opportunities - Webinars

Tools for School-Based Diversion Success

The final webinar in a 4-part series on school-based juvenile diversion models for youth with behavioral health needs. The series provides guidance on the essential components of effective school-based diversion programs that identify & address behavioral health needs through providing community-based services instead of to the justice system. [To register . . .](#)

Corrections Stress: Peaks and Valleys

A live-streaming internet broadcast on the impact of operational stress and traumatic experiences on corrections professionals. [To register . . .](#)

Annie E Casey Foundation

A Shared Sentence: The Devastating Toll of Parental Incarceration on Kids, Families and Communities

More than 5 million U.S. children have had a parent in jail or prison at some point in their lives. The incarceration of a parent can have as much impact on a child's well-being as abuse or domestic violence. But while states spend heavily on corrections, few resources exist to support those left behind. A *Shared Sentence* offers commonsense proposals to address the increased poverty and stress that children [Read more . . .](#)

National News – Diversion Programing

Youth Diversion Program is Seeing Results

Over the last year, Johnson County has made advances in addressing racial injustice among youth. One of our greatest successes was from our work with the local committee and with the Johnson County Georgetown Team efforts to create pre-arrest diversion programs for youth. [Read more . . .](#)

Drug Court Helps Arkansas Teen

CONWAY -- When the boy broke a window at his home, his mother reached out to the criminal justice system for help. "I was angry," recalled the son, now 16, adding that he was using and selling marijuana at the time. [Read more . . .](#)