

Kansas News

Functional Family Therapy Provides Therapy and Supervision Services for First Year in SE Kansas

Editor's note – On Friday, Feb. 24, a ceremony and reception was held in Pittsburg, KS to recognize Eckerd Kids for providing a year of FFT programing in southeastern Kansas.

THE PITTSBURG MORNING SUN

Eckerd Kids Celebrates First Full Year

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THE CHANUTE TRIBUNE

KDOC Celebrates First Year, Expansion of New Juvenile Justice Program

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THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

KDOC Celebrates One Year of Therapy Program for Juvenile Offenders in Southeast Kansas

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KJCC Medical Unit Excels During ACA Audit

On February 22 and 23, 2017, the Health Services Department at Kansas Juvenile Correctional Complex (KJCC) hosted two auditors from the Commission on Accreditation for Corrections for a voluntary accreditation audit through the American Correctional Association. The Health Services Department offered a facility tour and documentation for review demonstrating compliance with the agency's 101 nationally established Health Care Standards of practice and care of incarcerated juveniles. KJCC received 100% compliance with all standards and as the chair of the audit stated, this was a "home run" and shared that KJCC will be nominated for ACA Facility of the Year. Congratulations to the medical staff at KJCC.

Moral Recognition Therapy Training

Moral Recognition Therapy (MRT) training, facilitated by the Correctional Counseling, Inc. will be presented in two four-day sessions. The first session will be in Topeka (April 11 – 14) and the second session will be in Ellsworth (April 15 – 28). As staff become trained in MRT, they can begin to provide the program. The plan will be to provide a Train-the-Trainer for MRT later 2018. To register for MRT training or if you have questions, contact Megan Bradshaw by email at Megan.Bradshaw@ks.gov or by phone at 785-296-0897.

Technical Violations and Graduated Responses

On January 30, 2017, the State Board of Regulations heard testimony from KDOC on temporary rules and regulations concerning community-based graduated responses for technical violations of probation, violations of conditional release, and violations of a condition of sentence by juvenile offenders. The outcome of possible temporary rules and regulations is ongoing.

The Secretary of State has issued a public notice for a hearing on proposed permanent rules and regulations for April 11, 2017, 2 PM, at KDOC in Topeka. The public hearing will be to consider adopting a proposed permanent rule and regulation concerning community-based graduated responses for technical violations of probation, violations of conditional release, and violations of a condition of sentence by juvenile offenders.

- Interested parties may submit written comments, prior to the hearing to KDOC Secretary Joe Norwood.
- Interested parties will be given an opportunity to present their views orally at the hearing. Speakers will be asked to limit any oral presentation to five minutes.

To view **123-17-101**, [click here](#)

For Secretary of State's **notice of hearing**, [click here](#)

DOC-Juvenile Services Standards

Editor's note – The Department of Corrections - Juvenile Services is publishing a number of standards that reflect statutory changes from SB 367. Below are lists of standards for Immediate Intervention Programs, Community Supervision, and Juvenile Intake and Assessment. All these standards will be available online with the links provided, although some may still be updated in the next week or so.

Immediate Intervention Program Standards Available

KDOC-JS has released 44 new standards for the Immediate Intervention Program. The standards are divided into the five following chapters: administration; staff; documentation, reporting & records; and operations. The new IIP standards can be accessed on the KDOC website at: [this link](#) These standards are the result of a joint workgroup involving Office of Judicial Administration and KDOC-JS.

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Editor's note – The House Corrections and Juvenile Justice Committee has had several hearings concerning the juvenile justice reform legislation passed last session (SB 367).

Several amendments have been proposed and any changes to current statute may be added to HB 2264. The committee has scheduled a hearing and final action for HB 2264 on Thursday, March 9, 1:30 PM, in room 152-S of the statehouse.

Juvenile Justice Reforms Move Forward With Repeal off the Table

Virginia Hoft spent Thursday driving from her office in Johnson County to Geary County to set up a youth advocate program — part of an ambitious slate of juvenile justice reforms passed last year. As she drove back through Topeka, legislators on the House Corrections and Juvenile Justice Committee were having a roundtable discussion about how much they want to change last year's bill. The general consensus: Hoft and others like her should keep doing what they're doing. [Read more](#)

Children in Need of Care: Getting Juvenile Justice Reform Back on Track

A large-scale program aimed at diverting children from juvenile correctional facilities toward in-home services better suited to address their needs has faced delays, but officials say it's nearly back on track. [Read more](#)

Barry Grissom: A Better Path for Kansas Kids

Law enforcement's No. 1 priority is always public safety. As the former U.S. Attorney for the District of Kansas, it was my job to ensure that those who threatened the safety of our communities were taken off our streets and put behind bars. But much has been learned during my tenure in law enforcement; effective criminal justice policies do not simply rely on locking everyone up, but rather targeting resources to punishing the most serious offenders. [Read more](#)

Promise seen in new juvenile justice approach

February marks the first year of the implementation for a new approach to juvenile justice in Southeast Kansas, and state and local officials say it will now be expanded to address juvenile offenders statewide. [Read more](#)

CJI – The Crime and Justice Institute

Getting “Smart” on Juvenile Justice: Implementing Statewide Reforms

Since 2014, six states have participated in the federal Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's (OJJDP) *Smart on Juvenile Justice: A Comprehensive Strategy to Juvenile Justice Reform Initiative* to reduce out-of-home placement for juveniles, increase community-based treatment, and improving outcomes for youth. The Crime and Justice Institute has worked with all six states -- Georgia, Hawaii, Kentucky, South Dakota, West Virginia, and Kansas -- to implement legislative reforms and achieve those goals. [To read report](#)

The Juvenile Justice Corner

**By Michelle Montgomery, Training Director
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SB 367 is about improving the outcomes for our youth, families, and communities who are impacted by the juvenile justice system in Kansas. One major area of focus is a concentrated effort to upgrade training requirements for professionals who come into contact with at risk youth. In section five of SB 367 (KSA 38-2394), the Kansas Department of Corrections (KDOC) in conjunction with the Office of Judicial Administration (OJA) is to provide at least semi-annual training in evidenced-based programs and practices. The training is mandatory for all individuals who work with juveniles adjudicated or participating in immediate intervention, to include: community supervision officers, juvenile intake and assessment workers, juvenile corrections officers, and any individuals who work with juveniles through a contracted organization providing services to juveniles.

To accomplish this, KDOC-JS has added five training positions, one supervisor and four Regional Trainers.

- Michelle Montgomery (office in Topeka) will direct and supervise the training unit.
- Shannon Cavender, Regional Trainer (office in Pittsburg) will cover the 11th, 13th, 14th, 18th, 19th, 27th, 30th & 31st Judicial Districts.
- Crystal Payne, Regional Trainer (office in Kansas City, KS) will cover the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 10th, 22nd, & 29th Judicial Districts.
- Kelly Rodriguez, Regional Trainer (office in Garden City) will cover the 15th/17th/23rd, 16th, 24th, 25th & 26th Judicial Districts.
- Dan Winston, Regional Trainer (office in Salina) will cover the 8th, 9th, 12th, 20th, 21st & 28th Judicial Districts.

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Program Aims to End Criminal Careers Before They Start

Years before he became a district attorney, Suffolk District Attorney Dan Conley spent just over a year prosecuting juveniles. Some of that experience has stayed with him. "A lot of kids are scared to death when they walk in and that's enough punishment," Conley said last week. "You never see them again." And then there are those whose entanglement with the criminal justice system is only beginning. [Read more . . .](#)

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Juvenile Intake and Assessment System Standards Available

KDOC-JS is releasing 15 amended and four new JIAS standards along with two amended and six new JIAS forms. Many of the changes that are a part of the amended and new standards/forms are the result of statutory changes from the 2016 legislative session. A Standards Committee consisting of nine JIAS Directors and three KDOC-JS staff worked together to draft the proposed changes.

Amended & New JIAS Standards		
01-103	Memorandums of Understanding	Amended
01-107	Juv. Jus. & Del. Guidance Manual	Amended
01-111	Safety and Emergency Procedures	Amended
02-103	Orientation for Employees	Amended
02-104	Training	Amended
03-103	Mandatory Reporting	Amended
03-104	Safeguarding Records and Disclosure	Amended
04-100	24 Hour Service Availability	Amended
04-101	Reaction and Response Time	Amended
04-103	Assessment Interviews	Amended
04-104	Screening Instrument(s)	Amended
04-105	Walk-In Intakes	Amended
04-106	Interstate Compact on Juveniles	Amended
04-108	Weapons	Amended
04-109	Release from Intake and Assessment	Amended
04-112	Notice to Appear	New
04-113	Referrals from Intake and Assessment	New
04-114	Detention Risk Assessment Instrument	PENDING
04-115	Immediate Intervention Program	New

Amended & New JIAS Forms		
JIAS-001	Standardized Orientation Checklist	Amended
JIAS-003	Acknowledge - Voluntary Completion of MAYSI-2 Screening Instrument	Amended
JIAS-004	Release/Placement Form	New
JIAS-005	Conditions of Release	New
JIAS-006	Safety Plan	New
JIAS-007	Referrals for Services	New
JIAS-008	Notice/Agreement to Appear Template	New
JIAS-009	Notice of Recommendation for Immediate Intervention	New

The updated JIAS standards and forms are being placed on the KDOC website and can be accessed at [this link . . .](#)

Community Supervision Standards Available

KDOC-JS is releasing 19 amended and three new Community Supervision standards along with two new forms. Many of the changes that are a part of the amended and new standards/forms are the result of statutory changes from the 2016 legislative session. A Standards Committee consisting of 10 CSA staff and two KDOC-JS staff worked together to draft the proposed changes. A TAT call will be held later in March to provide guidance to local judicial districts on the standard changes.

Amended & New Community Supervision Standards		
01-112	Safety Procedure	Amended
02-100	Agency Director Qualifications	Amended
02-101	Agency Supervisor Qualifications	Amended
02-102	Agency Supervision Officer Qualifications	Amended
02-105	Training	Amended
02-107	Weekly Work Schedules	Amended
03-106	Critical Incident Reporting	Amended
04-102	YLS/CM	Amended
04-103	JISP Contact Requirements	Amended
04-104	Case Management Contact Requirements	Amended
04-105	JCF Contact Requirements	Amended
04-106	CR Contact Requirements	Amended
04-107	ICJ Contact Requirements	Amended
04-109	Law Enforcement Involvement & Collaboration	Amended
04-113	ICJ Process and Supervision	Amended
04-115	Transportation of Youth	Amended
04-120	Referrals	Amended
04-121	Supervision Plan	Amended
04-130	Supervision Termination	Amended
04-134	Polycom and Webcam Usage	New
04-135	Placement Length of Stay Limit	New
04-138	Juvenile Sex Offender Evaluations & Treatment	New

New Community Supervision Forms		
KDOC-0180	Program Hours Tracking Worksheet	New
KDOC-0181	Interview Observation Checklist	New

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Juvenile Justice Information Exchange

New Poll Shows Widespread Support for Rehabilitation Over-Incarceration

A large majority of Americans say the juvenile justice system must place more emphasis on rehabilitating youthful offenders and focus far less on punishment and prison, according to a survey released recently. The **poll of 1,001 adults** showed agreement across racial and political lines, with all demographics saying kids who commit crimes deserve a second chance, and that society is better off helping the teens than tossing them into prison. [Read more . . .](#)

Meet the 'Monsters:' Documentary Looks at California Juvenile Debate

One's kicking himself over an unrequited lifelong crush. One dreams of being a Navy SEAL. Another leads you on a mocking tour of his new home. They'd seem like typical teenage boys — if they weren't awaiting trial for violent crimes. Juan Gamez, Antonio Hernandez and Jarad Nava are the youthful offenders at the heart of "[They Call Us Monsters](#)," a new documentary that follows their lives in a Los Angeles juvenile detention center. They're held in a [Read more . . .](#)

The Justice System Continues to Fail Black Boys

As we begin another Black History Month, it is time to celebrate the contributions and history of African Americans in this country. Along with the celebration of progress, it's also a time to reflect on areas for improvement. How young black boys are treated in the criminal justice system is one of those areas. [Read more . . .](#)

How Our Roller-Coaster Juvenile Justice System Began *By Judge Steven Teske (Part 1 of 6)*

Juvenile justice in America is akin to a roller coaster ride — when it goes up, it always goes down, and with kids screaming. Just when we learn how to better the system that will make kids better, something comes to tear it down. [Read more . . .](#)

Juvenile Justice Reforms Went Backwards in the '90s *By Judge Steven Teske (Part 2 of 6)*

Building a juvenile justice system that works is like a jigsaw puzzle, it takes time to put it together. [Read more . . .](#)

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To achieve the task of ensuring all community supervision officers receive training in evidence-based programs and practices, Montgomery has been working with the Crime and Justice Institute (CJI) to develop a statewide master training plan comprised of three phases.

- Phase 1, the Regional Trainers and selected staff from Sedgwick and Johnson Counties, will attend training facilitated by CJI to learn specific program curriculum.
- Phase 2, the Regional Trainers will attend Train the Trainer sessions, where they will practice and perfect their skills for delivering the curriculum.
- Phase 3, the Regional Trainers will deliver the curriculum throughout the state ensuring all officers/staff are trained in specific programs and practices.

Training topics facilitated by CJI that include all three Phases are:

- Principles of Effective Intervention (PEI),
- Graduated Responses, and
- Case Management.

Training Topic	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3
PEI	March 21–22	May 15–19	TBD
Graduated Responses	April 4	May 2–4	TBD
Case Management	Nov. 2017	Dec. 2017	TBD

As officers/staff complete their training and begin implementing what they have learned in specific programs, the regional trainers will conduct quality assurance/fidelity site visits, to ensure youth are receiving programs and practices as they are intended. The regional trainers are teaming up with Risk, Reduction, and Re-Entry staff (from adult community corrections) to observe and learn techniques for conducting these site-visits, providing feedback and coaching effectively.

The ultimate goal of the training plan is to provide officers/staff the skills, tools and support they need to help achieve successful outcomes to reduce delinquent behavior. By focusing on learning curriculums that are evidenced-based and effective along with instructional techniques that provide for consistency and program fidelity, improving public safety while strengthening Kansas families becomes achievable.

For more information regarding a specific topic or to contact a regional trainer, contact Michelle Montgomery at Michelle.Montgomery@ks.gov or 785-296-1965.