

Kansas News

KJCC/Washburn Tech Students Make Toys for Tots

Through a collaborative effort with Washburn Tech, KJCC students contributed to the production of 1251 toys built for the Toys for Tots program to be distributed by the US Marines for Christmas. KJCC had nine female students, 84 male students and six instructors and staff participate in the toy build. Altogether they volunteered 456 hours to the project. The KJCC participants built 312 total toys and produced 95 horse's manes. This has been an annual event for Washburn Tech for several years, but KJCC's first year to participate. According to Don Williams, Washburn Tech's Supervisor or Instructors at KJCC, "By all reports, they really enjoyed the project, and it's a particularly nice way for them to be able to give back, to participate in a project that is bigger than themselves and have the opportunity to make an impact on others."

[Read more and watch video](#)

KJCC Holds Graduation Ceremony

[Lawrence Gardner High School](#) (LGHS) at the [Kansas Juvenile Correctional Complex](#) (KJCC) held its semi-annual graduation ceremony on December 22, 2017 with 26 male juveniles participating in the ceremony

During the graduation, Clark Coco, Dean of the Washburn Institute of Technology told the gym full of KJCC juveniles, family members of the graduates, and LGHS/KJCC staff that by attending Washburn Tech classes, being a serious student which means going to class, paying attention, getting your work done and getting a certificate, you will greatly enhance your ability to get a job and be productive when you return to the community. The Washburn Tech classes are provided at no cost to the KJCC juveniles.

A commencement address was provided by Josh Sharp, dressed in a tuxedo. Sharp stated that although many may think he was overdressed for the occasion, he thought it was very appropriate, as he wanted to honor the graduates for "setting yourselves free from the past". Sharp told them "You deserve the best". Sharp offered a simple formula for the graduates to follow (E+R=O) (EVENT + RESPONSE = OUTCOME) Sharp advised we most often do not determine the events in our lives, but by controlling our responses we can often determine our outcomes. He advised the graduates to focus on the response and not the outcome; because "you cannot erase an outcome, but you can erase a response."

Kansas' Juvenile Justice Reforms are Working Editorial by: Josiah Neeley and Arthur Rizer

If you want to measure a law's worth, you should look not to the glowing speeches given when it is passed, but to how it has worked in practice over the following years. By that standard, Senate Bill 367 — a major reform of Kansas' juvenile justice system passed in April 2016 — is something of which Kansans should be proud. [Read more](#)

Human Trafficking – Kansas

January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month

Kansas Governor Sam Brownback proclaimed January to be Human Trafficking Awareness Month. Gov. Brownback was joined by Attorney General Derek Schmidt; Secretary Lana Gordon, Kansas Department of Labor; Secretary Gina Meier-Hummel, Kansas Department for Children and Families; Secretary Susan Mosier, M.D., MBA, FACS, Kansas Department of Health and Environment; and Secretary Joe Norwood, Kansas Department of Corrections in issuing today's proclamation. [Read the KDOC press release](#)

KSNW – WICHITA

[Read more and watch video](#)

WIBW – TOPEKA

[Read more and watch video](#)

2018 DOC-Juvenile Services Training Schedule

New Employee Kansas Detention Assessment Instrument (KDAI) Training:

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| Topeka | Wednesday | January 17th |
| Salina | Saturday | February 17th |
| Times | 9 am – 3:00 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 Crystal Trout at crystal.trout@ks.gov

NIJ - National Institute of Justice

Program Profile: Functional Family Parole

This is a supervision program that incorporates family-focused, strengths-based principles of Functional Family Therapy. The goal of the program is to reduce re-arrests and increase employment rates. The program is rated Promising. Participants in the intervention were less likely to be re-arrested, more likely to be employed, and earned more per quarter, compared with the comparison group. These findings were statistically significant. [Access program profile](#)

The Juvenile Justice Corner

By Megan Milner, Director
DOC – Juvenile Community-Based Services

The first application cycle of the KDOC Reinvestment Grant is nearing a close. For everyone involved, it has been quite an undertaking! I want to extend my gratitude to the agencies who assisted in the review process: Kansas Appleseed, Office of Judicial Administration, Kansas Association of Counties, KEYS for Networking, Kansas State University, and the Kansas Advisory Group. The individuals who assisted were extremely helpful and provided valuable input in this process.

As of December 28th, we have approved 26 of the grant applications for a total of \$2.9 million! (Note: there are a few applications that have not yet been approved, pending additional follow up.) The projected number of youth to be served in Kansas exceeds 2,000; ranging from those in Immediate Intervention Programs, under Court Services Supervision, ISP and Case Management, and youth on Conditional Release from KJCC.

While reading every single application was quite an undertaking, I am so glad I took the time to read them all. There are some very exciting ideas emerging in Kansas communities. Due to space, I cannot list every service or program provided through the grant, but here are just a few of the exciting ideas circulating across the state:

- Partnerships with local school districts to provide more intensive services for juvenile offenders, including engagement, behavioral strategies, STEM activities, tutoring, and access to mental health and counseling services;
- Mentoring services;
- Enhancement of cognitive-behavioral programming;
- Gender-specific services and trauma-informed treatments/programs;
- Vocational scholarships for juvenile offenders;
- Wraparound case management services for juvenile offenders and families; and
- Financial assistance for families, to include transportation, substance abuse evaluations and treatment, and mental health evaluations and treatment.

I have had great discussions with individuals who feel re-energized with the opportunity to provide additional services for our kids and families and excitement with the chance to do something new. I am looking forward to hearing about the great work being done with these funds across the state!

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Statute Changes: Temporary Custody & Placement Options

On July 1, 2017, changes made to **K.S.A. 38-2343** (*Detention hearing; waiver; notice; attorney for juvenile; procedure; removal from custody of parent; audio-video communications*) took effect eliminating the court's authority to place a youth in the temporary custody of the Secretary of Corrections. There is nothing in current statutes granting the court authority to place a youth in temporary custody.

- KDOC-JS staff have been in contact with officers who have youth placed in temporary custody and will continue following up on those cases.
- Officers should notify the courts that temp custody is no longer a statutory option and that youth will be returned home
- KDOC-JS staff will be reminding placement providers that they cannot accept referrals on temp custody youth.

As of January 1, 2018, changes made to **K.S.A. 38-2361** (*Sentencing alternatives*) were amended to remove the authority of a court to place youth in the custody of the KDOC Secretary.

- As of January 1, 2018, the only new youth that can be placed in custody are those youth sentenced to a correctional facility or youth residential facility in lieu of a juvenile correctional facility.

If you have questions regarding these changes or have feedback regarding how your local courts are making these decisions, please direct them to laura.parker@ks.gov.

CJI – The Crime and Justice Institute

Juvenile Justice Legislation Improving Outcomes for Youth in Utah, Kansas, and South Dakota

Improvements to the juvenile justice systems in Utah, Kansas, and South Dakota are leading to better outcomes for youth, families, and communities, according to recently published annual reports tracking progress in the 3 states. [Read more](#)

National News

South Dakota Juvenile Justice Revisions Successful

Governor Dennis Daugaard says a **report** released by the Juvenile Justice Public Safety Improvement Act Oversight Council shows reforms implemented in 2015 are getting the state on the right track. [Read more and watch video](#)

Training Updates DOC-Juvenile Services

Trainings Provided in 2017

One of the requirements of SB 367 was that all staff from KDOC-JS, juvenile intake and community corrections receive training in evidence-based practices that reduce reoffending. KDOC-JS has provided the following training sessions in 2017:

| Training Session | Class Hours | Total Staff |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| Aggression Replacement Training® (ART®) | 40 | 9 |
| Case Coordinator Training | 6 | 18 |
| Graduated Responses | 8 | 220 |
| Kansas Detention Assessment Instrument (KDAI) | 7 | 328 |
| Legal Issues: Senate Bills 367 & 42 | 4 | 240 |
| Moral Reconciliation Training (MRT) | 32 | 90 |
| Principles of Effective Intervention (PEI) | 8 | 24 |
| YLS/CMI (New Staff) | 24 | 33 |
| YLS/CMI (Refresher & Recertification) | 4 | 156 |

New for 2018: Inquiry's regarding the YLS/CMI

Starting January 1 2018, all questions regarding the YLS/CMI interview, and/or scoring the assessment should be emailed to KDOC_JS_YLSCMI@ks.gov. Utilizing this email distribution list will allow juvenile services staff to respond to questions more efficiently in addition to enhancing the YLS/CMI training process to address specific domains and/or items that receive the most questions. If you need to contact someone by phone, you can still call Michelle Montgomery at (785) 296-1965.

3 New Training Curricula for 2018

Juvenile Justice Basic – This course will provide a basic overview of the juvenile justice system in Kansas and Principles of Effective Intervention. The curriculum for this course is under development, and may serve as a prerequisite for other KDOC curricula.

EPICS II - Participants will learn a system of skills that can be used when working with youth to increase prosocial choices and decrease antisocial choices.

Case Planning – Participants will learn skills and processes for developing individualized, targeted case plans for improving youth outcomes.

Training Catalog Coming Soon

KDOC-JS is in the process of developing a Training Catalog for 2018 to provide staff who work in the juvenile justice field with a schedule of training offerings. The catalog will include information for each training available to include a brief description, the target audience, delivery method, the dates/times/locations and any required prerequisites. There will be more information coming soon.

Graduated Responses

The four Regional Program Consultants are currently working with KDOC-JS to pilot a tool to determine how consistently graduated responses are being implemented across the state and to use for general data collection. More information will be made available as progress is made.

Human Trafficking – National

Online Sex Trafficking

A US House Energy and Commerce subcommittee held a hearing on combating online sex trafficking and reviewing the legislation that would allow states and victims to sue websites. Witnesses included the founder and CEO of [End Slavery Tennessee](#) and the assistant special agent in charge of the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation. Earlier in November 2017, 22 people were indicted in Brentwood [To watch video](#)

Concerns Remain Over Internet Freedoms as Senate Continues Push to End Online Trafficking

Lawmakers in Washington are looking for ways to stop online sex trafficking. Senator John Thune (R-SD) is pushing legislation that would hold certain websites accountable if their site hosts trafficking ads. An anti-trafficking advocate says this legislation needs to pass soon before the problem worsens. [Read more and watch video](#)

Cops Peered into an Illegally Parked Car – Then Uncovered a Plot to Pimp a 14-Year-Old

Police were driving down Winter Street in Fort Wayne, Ind. in March 2016 when they spotted an illegally parked car on the side of the road. The officers [pulled over to investigate](#), the Fort Wayne Journal Gazette reports, and looked [Read more](#)

How Addicts Are Lured into Sex-trafficking by Florida's Fraudulent Treatment Centers

Insurance fraud, body-brokering and sex trafficking -- these are the schemes that have emerged in Florida's substance abuse treatment industry. Addicts who are lured in from around the country seeking treatment are getting caught in a vicious cycle of predatory scams and violent abuse. A multi-million dollar industry has emerged in the Sunshine state, funneling in victims to exploit for insurance fraud - many of whom are then sold for sex [Read more and watch video](#)

National News

California Teens Commit Fewer Crimes than their Parents did

California's teenagers can no longer be considered a high crime demographic, following a decades-long slide in youth crime and arrest rates, according to a new study. The Center for Juvenile and Criminal Justice has released a [report](#) looking at California's youth arrest rates and rates for various types of crime and found 2016 continued a decades-long decline in both. [Read more and listen to audio](#)

Building a School Responder Model

The School Responder Model is a strategy for meeting behavioral health needs to keep kids in school and an alternative to exclusionary discipline policies. This animated [video](#) was prepared by the [National Center for Mental Health and Juvenile Justice](#) with support from the University of [Read more or create a school responder model](#)

Trump to Appoint Liberty University Law School Associate Professor to Lead OJJDP

President Donald Trump announced Tuesday his intent to appoint Liberty University School of Law associate professor Caren Harp to the Department of Justice. Harp will be the administrator of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention in the Department of Justice. [Read more](#)

Juvenile Justice Information Exchange

Harp's Nomination to OJJDP Leaves Juvenile Justice Advocates Relieved, Pleased

Juvenile justice reform advocates have met President Donald Trump's [nominee](#) for a critical Department of Justice position with sighs of relief. [Read more](#)

Editor's Note – The following was posted in the May 2017 Web-Line; the author is [Caren Harp](#), President Trump's nominee to be the next administrator of the OJJDP.

Adolescent Brain Science: Proceed With Caution

The renewed focus on adolescent development in juvenile justice is welcome and overdue. Adolescence is potentially the best opportunity to intervene effectively with youth to help them develop empathy, impulse control and good decision-making skills. [Read more](#)

Teen Brain Science Doesn't Explain Serious Crimes, but It Covers Most Dumb 'Offenses'

By Judge Steven Teske

I don't need adolescent brain research to inform me that teenagers are neurologically wired to do stupid things. I was a teenager. I did stupid things, and many involved breaking the law. And yes, I am one of those keynoters during a conference who ask for a show of hands if they committed a crime when a teenager. And yes, I am one of [Read more](#)

Ripe for Juvenile Justice Reform in Arkansas

The number of delinquent youth remanded to the Arkansas Division of Youth Services during the fiscal year that ended in July was the lowest in at least two decades, according to figures recently released by the DYS. [Read more](#)

We Can & Should Hold Kids on Probation Accountable in Developmentally Appropriate Way

In 2015, the most recent year for which we have comprehensive data, there were approximately 48,000 youth in residential placement facilities across the country. That's down 55 percent from 1999, when our juvenile justice systems housed more than 100,000 young people. This significant decline suggests that the push for decarceration of youth is working. [Read more](#)

Sen. Cotton Blocking Juvenile Justice Update Bill from Conference Committee

Legislation that would update and overhaul the nation's juvenile justice system has stalled over a single Republican senator's concern over whether youths should be jailed for violating certain court orders. Sen. Tom Cotton, R-Arkansas, has long [opposed](#) measures that would keep youth offenders from being locked up for violating court orders over such issues as curfew and school attendance. [Read more](#)

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Michigan Shelter Helps HT Survivors

Some were picked up as teenage runaways looking for a way out of volatile homes. Others got hooked on drugs and did whatever it took to finance their addictions, even if it meant selling their bodies. Still others fled their native countries seeking opportunity in the land of the free, only to find themselves trapped in jobs filled with false promises and little pay, threatened with deportation if they complained [Read more](#)