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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 Tots to 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. Additionally, 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 Instructor at KJCC, “By all reports, they really enjoyed the project, and it’s a particularly rewarding way for them to be able to give back and 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 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 and showing up 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 graduation is the end of the road, 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 a happy future.” Sharp offered a simple formula for graduates to follow (E+R=O (EVENT + RESPONSE = OUTCOME) Sharp advised we must often do different 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 Neely 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 Kansas 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; Sen. 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.

2018 DOC-Juvenile Services Training Schedule
New Employee Kansas Detention Assessment Instrument (KDAI) Training:
Topeka: Wednesday January 17th
Salina: Saturday February 17th
Times: 9 a.m – 3:00 p.m
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 or KDAI training or to register contact Crystal Trout at crystal.trout@ks.gov.

NJIS – 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 with 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 are extremely helpful and provided valuable input in this process.
As of December 28, 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 In-Home Intervention Programs, under Case Management Services; ICM Services; ISP and Case Management, and youth on Conditional Release from KJCC.
While reading every single application was quite an undertaking, I am so glad changes made to 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 education, behavioral strategies, STEM activities, tutoring, and access to mental health and counseling services;
• Mentor services;
• Enhancement of cognitive-behavioral programming;
• Gender-specific services and trauma-informed treatments/programs;
• Educational 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!

Kansas News

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-visual 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, change 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.

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 recidivism. KDOC-JS has provided the following training sessions in 2017:

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New for 2018: Inquiry’s regarding the YLS/CMIC interview, and/or scoring the assessment should be emailed to KDOC_JS_YLSCMIC@ks.gov. Utilizing this email distribution list will allow juvenile services staff to respond to questions more efficiently in addition to enhancing the YLS/CMIC training packages. Staff are looking for ways to stop sex offenders from being locked up for violating court orders over such technicalities.

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 online training. The goal is to provide staff 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. More information will be available as the catalog is updated.

Graduated Responses
The four Regional Program Consultants are currently working with KDOC-JS to pilot a tool to determine how consistently juvenile justice is welcome and overdue. Adolescence is potentially the best opportunity to implement effective strategies with youth to help them develop empathy, impulse control and good decision-making skills.

Human Trafficking – National
Online Sex Trafficking
A bipartisan Sex 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 sites host 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 2017 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-

Human Trafficking – National
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 . . . .