

Kansas News

Kansas Supreme Court Seeks Public Comment

Court Accepting Comments on Proposed Rule 1801: Earned Discharge Credit for Juvenile Probationers

The Kansas Supreme Court is accepting public comment on proposed **Supreme Court Rule 1801** regarding earned discharge credit for juvenile probationers. Comments may be made by email to publiccomments@kscourts.org until 5 p.m. on November 25, 2017. The subject line must read Rule 1801. The proposed rule is available using this link, [Click here](#) K.S.A. 38-2398 requires the Supreme Court to establish rules for earned discharge credit for juvenile probationers. If adopted, the rule would allow juvenile probationers to earn seven days of credit for each full month of substantial compliance with probation.

Legal Issues Training on SB 367 and SB 42 for Juvenile Intake & Community Corrections Staff

KDOC-JS Attorney Jeff Cowger provided six half-day training sessions to inform staff and stakeholders on the Kansas Juvenile Justice Code and statutory changes from the 2016 and 2017 Legislative Sessions. Presentations were held from October 16 – 26 in Garden City, Salina, Wichita, Pittsburg, Kansas City and Topeka and were attended primarily by juvenile intake and community corrections staff. Topics covered included:

- ✓ A juveniles first contact with the system
- ✓ Arrest – Release – Juvenile Intake – IIP
- ✓ Pretrial matters
- ✓ Trial matters
- ✓ Sentencing
- ✓ Post sentencing (sentence modifications, registrations etc.)

Sedgwick County Pursuing Grant to Fund Programs to Help Troubled Youth

Last year, 54 minors in Sedgwick County ended up in juvenile correctional facilities. A new grant from the Kansas Department of Corrections (KDOC) would keep youths in the community and out of a correctional facility. Sedgwick County Commissioners approved the reinvestment grant application on Wednesday for nearly \$615,000. The money comes from funds that were saved when the state defunded a program that had placed juvenile offenders in out-of-home facilities. [Read more](#)

County Ends Youth Group Home for JO's

Sedgwick County will discontinue a group home program for young male offenders next month. It's a result of juvenile justice reform at the state level that has shifted the focus from detention to treatment for many young offenders. The Sedgwick County Youth Program is a residential re-entry group home program for male juvenile offenders ages 16-and-a-half to 22 years old. The primary goal is to [Read more](#)

2017 DOC-Juvenile Services Training Schedule

New Employee Kansas Detention Assessment Instrument (KDAI) Training:

Topeka	Friday	November 17
Salina	Tuesday	December 19
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

New Officer YLS/CMI Training:

Location - Topeka Parole Office, 2029 SW Western, Topeka, KS

Dates	Tuesday	December 5	9 am – 5 pm
	Wednesday	December 6	8 am – 5 pm
	Thursday	December 7	8 am – 5 pm

To Enroll Email michelle.montgomery@ks.gov
Participants Name; Judicial District; Phone Number and email address; and Supervisor's name;

Note Exam will be at approximately 1 pm Thursday, Participants may leave once they submit their exam.

Mental Health Training Curriculum – Juvenile Justice (MHTC-JJ)

KJCC - The Mental Health Training Curriculum – Juvenile Justice (MHTC-JJ) will be available for new employees from Judicial Districts to attend at Kansas Juvenile Correction Complex on the following dates:

Thursday	December 7	7:30 am – 4:00 pm
Thursday	December 28	7:30 am – 4:00 pm

If you have questions or want to register for the training please contact Lt. Johnathon Ashley at johnathon.ashley@ks.gov or 785-354-9820. KJCC will have MHTC-JJ training as a part of their basic training for new employees approximately every four weeks and it will take place on Thursdays.

Sedgwick County DOC and **Johnson County DOC** currently do not have MHTC-JJ trainings scheduled at this time. But if you are interested in attending a future training at their location please contact:

- o For Sedgwick County DOC – contact Steve Stonehouse at Steven.Stonehouse@sedgwick.gov
- o For Johnson County DOC – contact Rachel Mestad at Rachel.mestad@jocogov.org

The Juvenile Justice Corner

By Audrey Cress, Director of Victim Services
Kansas Department of Corrections

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM), a month filled with purple ribbons, domestic violence trainings, fundraisers, marches and rallies. As I wind down from my fifth DVAM as Director of Victim Services for KDOC, I can't help but reflect on my days doing prevention work with a community domestic violence agency. In that role, I provided teen dating violence information to middle school students, high school students, juvenile detention centers, Girl Scout troops, youth groups, and any other group of teens that I could get in front of. In addition to that, I worked closely with teachers, parents, school counselors, school social workers, school administrators, student resource officers and juvenile corrections officers to provide context and resources for preventing or intervening in teen dating violence and sexual assault.

This time of year always reminds me of a mantra I live by and firmly believe, "teen dating violence is domestic violence that hasn't grown up yet." Domestic violence is a profound issue affecting our communities and it doesn't start after folks grow into adulthood. The seeds for domestic violence are firmly planted in youth and many young people are juggling overwhelming abuses. We tend to minimize teen relationships and their impact for young people. These relationships are meaningful and, when abusive, can be incredibly dangerous or lethal.

In my current role, I oversee KDOC's Batterer Intervention Program (BIP) where we work with domestic violence offenders to intervene in their abusive behaviors and work toward developing healthier relationships. The participants in our groups, when asked about the roots of their controlling behavior – when it first showed up in their relationships – often point to their teen years. In these conversations, I wonder how their paths would have been impacted if someone had intervened during their teenage relationships and provided more direction and support, modeling healthy relationships and non-controlling behaviors.

As you are reading this newsletter, and I assume you are in a position of influence with young people, I challenge you to honor DVAM this year by learning more about domestic violence and teen dating violence in order to open conversations with youth about healthy relationships. There are several impactful resources that can assist in growing your knowledge.

- <http://www.loveisrespect.org> is a site dedicated primarily to reaching young people, particularly teenagers, who experience dating violence. Their hotline (which includes a chat and text function, making them very accessible to young people) is staffed by trained peer advocates. Their website is full of quizzes, articles and other great resources relevant to teens.
- <http://www.breakthecycle.org/loveisnotabuse> in addition to great info for teens, this site has wonderful resources for parents, educators and other adults to support teens in developing healthy dating relationships and friendships.
- Additionally, the Kansas Crisis Hotline, 1-888-END-ABUSE (1-888-363-2287), provides assistance to victims and makes referrals to local programs and resources available throughout the state.

[Thank you for your commitment to youth and support of DVAM this year!](#) Audrey Cress

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Teen Dating Violence is a Growing Concern

Dating violence is intimate partner violence that occurs between two people in a close relationship. The abuse can be physical, emotional, or sexual, and it's a growing concern among teens. The Yates Center in Kansas City, Kansas, a domestic violence agency, works one-on-one with teens to help them identify and escape teen domestic violence. [Read more and watch video](#)

National Institute of Justice

Setting the Teen Dating Violence Research Agenda

Teen dating violence — also called intimate relationship violence, intimate partner violence among adolescents, or adolescent relationship abuse — includes physical, psychological or sexual abuse; harassment; and/or stalking of any person ages 12 to 18 in the context of a past or present romantic or consensual relationship. Research into teen dating violence remains a relatively new field of study. As with all emerging areas of research, the development of a valid research agenda is necessary to ensure a more systematic and comprehensive approach to the funding and execution of research and evaluation projects. [Read more](#)

Human Trafficking: Operation Cross Country XI

Recovering Underage Victims of Sex Trafficking and Prostitution

Operation Cross Country, the FBI's annual law enforcement action focused on recovering underage victims of prostitution and drawing the public's attention to the problem of sex trafficking at home and abroad, has concluded with the recovery of 84 sexually exploited juveniles and the arrests of 120 traffickers.

Now in its 11th iteration, Operation Cross Country has expanded beyond the United States, with Canada, the United Kingdom, Cambodia, the Philippines, and Thailand undertaking similar operations. Their efforts were coordinated with the FBI and its local, state, and federal law enforcement partners—along with the [National Center for Missing & Exploited Children](#) (NCMEC)—during the four-day law enforcement action that ended October 15. [Read more](#)

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FBI VIDEO [Click here](#)

84 CHILDREN RESCUED IN HT SWEEP: MSN.COM [Click here](#)

Among the agencies that worked with the FBI in Kansas were:

- Overland Park, Kansas Police Department
- Olathe, Kansas Police Department
- Homeland Security Investigations
- Junction City, Kansas Police Department
- Geary County, Kansas Sheriff's Department
- Topeka, Kansas Police Department
- Riley County, Kansas Police Department
- Wichita, Kansas Police Department
- Sedgwick County Sheriff's Department
- Exploited and Missing Child Unit – EMCU

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Human Trafficking – Kansas

Child Sex Trafficking Growing Concern in KC

A local sex trafficking victim is sharing her story after years of sexual abuse in hopes of helping other vulnerable teens. Christine McDonald left home at the age of 15 after several stints in the foster care system. [Read more and watch video](#)

National News

National Crime Isn't the Epidemic the FBI Would Have Us Believe

[Preliminary reports](#) suggest the FBI's annual crime report, expected to come out at the end of the month, will show an uptick in violent crimes for the second year in a row. Before various law-and-order pundits have a collective panic attack and declare a national emergency to combat a "violent crime wave," it's necessary to dig deeper into the numbers to understand what they mean. [Read more](#)

Justice Cabinet Creates Incentive Fund to Provide Alternatives to Out-Of-Home Placement for Youth

The Kentucky Justice and Public Safety Cabinet and the Department of Juvenile Justice are launching a new incentive fund for local programs that supervise youth in the community, cutting taxpayer costs and reserving secure facilities for only the most serious offenders. [Read more](#)

Juvenile Justice Population Drops by 60%, State Closes Several Detention Centers

Fewer youths are ending up locked in detention centers around Kentucky as a result of legislation passed in 2014 reforming the juvenile justice system in Kentucky. The Department of Juvenile Justice reports a 60 percent drop in the population of youth from the fall of 2013 through May of 2017. There have been three [Read more and watch video](#)

Youth Incarceration Policy in the United States, Explained

After passing legislation through both the United States House and Senate with overwhelming bipartisan support, Congress is now closer than it has been in 15 years to reauthorizing the [Juvenile Justice and Delinquency & Prevention Act](#), a bill that would ensure the safe and equitable treatment of nearly 1 million kids who come into contact with the juvenile [Read more](#)

From Detention to Graduation: Examining Role of Education in U.S. Juvenile Justice System

At 7 a.m., teenagers are scurrying to dress and head to class. There are no parents or older siblings nearby to push them out of bed and out the door. And the commute isn't long — just a short walk from prison bed to classroom. But these young men at the MacLaren Juvenile Detention Facility in [Read more](#)

DOC-JS Standards

Immediate Intervention Standards & JIAS Form

KDOC-JS is releasing one new and four amended Immediate Intervention Program (IIP) standards along with one amended JIAS form. The changes will go into effect November 1 and will be accessible on the KDOC website at that time at [this link](#)

Amended & New IIP Standards		
01-115	Request for Exception	New
04-100	Eligibility	Amended
04-106	Restitution	Amended
04-110	Graduated Responses	Amended
04-112	Referral to MDT	Amended

Amended JIAS Form		
JIAS-009	Notice of Recommendation for IIP	Amended

Council of Juvenile Justice Administrators

PbS Kids Got Talent Finalist from KS: Derrius

[Read about Derrius and watch video](#)

PbS Kids Got Talent Finalist from KS: Paul

[Read about Paul and watch video](#)

PbS Kids Got Talent Winner: Inspired Youth from IYC Chicago Shares His Journey

[Read about the winner and watch video](#)

Annie E. Casey Foundation

Funding Effective Implementation of Evidence-Based Programs in Child Welfare

Annie E. Casey Foundation - This brief shares eight strategies to help child welfare agency administrators and partners fund and sustain evidence-based programs that benefit children and families. These strategies — presented in the context of a stage-based framework — consider the costs, funding streams, partnerships and allocation of resources that are both specific to child welfare systems and necessary for effective implementation. Readers will also gain insights from agency leaders interviewed in nine jurisdictions across the United States, where evidence-based programs have been successfully implemented and sustained. These interviews reveal real-world challenges and the methods that the leaders used to address these challenges. [Read the brief](#)

Juvenile Justice Information Exchange

California Tries Attempting to Implement 2 Major New Laws to Help Sex-Trafficked Kids

California is attempting to switch to a victim-centered approach for its sexually trafficked youngsters. But despite the passage of two important and well-intentioned new laws in the last two years, both of which affect youth who have been sexually exploited, change has not come easily or quickly. [Read more](#)

Plummeting Youth Crime Demands New Solutions, Thinking

In 1990, in California's 15 largest cities, 373 youths (in a population ages 10 to 17 of 850,000) were [arrested](#) for homicide. In 2015, in those same cities (now with 1.1 million youth), 21 youths were arrested for homicide — a rate decline of 94 percent. [Read more](#)

Getting Restorative Justice Approved By Your State Political Body Is Worth the Trouble

It is becoming increasingly clear that diverting individuals from the juvenile justice system, which is consistent with public safety and still holds offenders accountable, is generally a best-practice concept. This can have a significant impact on public safety by increasing successful life outcomes for young people. A crime prevented is far better than a crime successfully adjudicated. [Read more](#)

U.S. Child Maltreatment Statistics Show Slight Decline From Year to Year

Nearly 700,000 American kids were found to be victims of abuse or neglect in fiscal 2015, and the public ought to be just as worried that kids who haven't been abused are being victimized by a heavy-handed bureaucracy, a veteran child rights advocate says. Child welfare officials found evidence of "maltreatment" in more than 683,000 cases in fiscal 2015, [data](#) newly released by nonprofit research group [Read more](#)

Arts Seen As Crucial to Healing Youth, Changing the Juvenile Justice System

For Jordan, growing up in Jamaica, Queens in New York City left much to be desired. One of the few places he could go after school were the youth arts programs in his neighborhood. "It was the thing to do after school instead of being outside or doing something that could possibly get you in [Read more](#)