

## Kansas News

### Kansas Continues to See Success of Juv. Justice Reforms

Following two years of vigorous study and debate, Kansas passed comprehensive juvenile justice reforms in 2016. More than two years later, state officials examining performance measures see indicators of success across the system, as the narrower use of out-of-home placements allows cost savings from bed reduction to be redirected toward evidence-based programs that reduce recidivism, promote accountability, and demonstrate better outcomes. [Read more . . .](#)

### Kansas Foster Care Agency Has New Rules for Dealing with Child-On-Child Sexual Assault

A [new law](#) standardizing Kansas' response to child-on-child sexual assault could cost \$126,000 and result in more than 3,200 treatment referrals a year. Gov. Laura Kelly signed legislation Friday that directs the Department for Children and Families to immediately refer a minor to treatment if the agency receives a report that the child sexually abused another child. [Read more . . .](#)

### The Parent Project®: Mark Your Calendars

The Parent Project® is a parent-training program specifically designed for parents raising children with difficult or out-of-control behaviors. Parent Project® Certification is obtained by attending a 5 day, 40-hour Parent Project® Facilitator Training. Trainers from the Parent Project® will be in Kansas to provide two training sessions in 2019. The first session will be in Topeka on August 5 – 9 and the second session will be in Salina September 9 – 13. To become a certified facilitator, participants must attend the entire 40-hours of training. There will be more information coming soon.

### New Members Join the Kansas Advisory Group

The Kansas Advisory Group on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (KAG) has its next meeting on May 22, 2019 from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm at the Department of Corrections in Topeka. Terri Williams is the new Chairperson for the KAG, and several new members were recently appointed.

Current KAG members are: Terri Williams (Chair), Max Mendoza, Lazone Grays, Susan Humphries, Beth Esrey, Dave McKune, Beryl New, Melody Pappan, Greg Smith, Janie Yannacito, Bruce Johnson, Preston Thomas, Elaine Johannes, Bethany Roberts, Peggy Pratt, Rachel Beech, Kellie Hogan, Angela McHardie, and Traci Dotson.

The mission of the KAG is to review juvenile justice policy, advise policymakers on issues affecting the juvenile justice system and to help keep Kansas in compliance with the federal JJDP Act. For more information on the KAG contact Brock Landwehr at [brock.landwehr@ks.gov](mailto:brock.landwehr@ks.gov).

### 'Enough is Enough' Video Hopes to Reach Youth Before they Commit Crimes

Several members of the Wichita community coming together to help prevent crime and target our youth from participating in it. A website, [endviolence316.com](http://endviolence316.com), was designed to provide resources utilizing contacts from the city's Youth Coalition. The links can help benefit youth, parents, teachers, coaches and mentors in our community. [Read more and watch video . . .](#)

## Dual Systems: Justice/Welfare System Youth

### Our New Data on Dual System Youth Show Deep Collaboration, More Info Is Crucial

Across the country, child welfare and juvenile justice systems now recognize that youth involved in both systems (i.e., dual system youth) are a vulnerable population who go unrecognized because of challenges in information-sharing and cross-system collaboration. These challenges currently prevent estimating the number of dual system youth nationally and limit our understanding of best practices for dual system youth. [Read more . . .](#)

### Connection to the Crossover Youth Practice Model

The Center for Juvenile Justice Reform has created a variety of mechanisms to develop how jurisdictions can improve outcomes for youth through policy, practice, and enhancements in leadership capacity. Two of these programs are the [Crossover Youth Practice Model](#) and the [Certificate Programs](#). CJJR developed the Crossover Youth Practice Model (CYPM) to assist jurisdictions in improving practices and policies related to youth known to both the child welfare and juvenile justice systems [crossover youth](#). [Read more . . .](#)

### Locking Up Juvenile Truants, Runaways Called 'State-Sanctioned Trauma'

Tabitha was on the run from her foster family when she celebrated her 17th birthday. She had been on the streets for four weeks when she finally turned herself in to Child Protective Services in Aberdeen, Washington. "I had nowhere else to go," she said in an interview with *The Appeal*. Instead of being immediately placed in a new foster home, Tabitha was put in the back of a police car. Since she was in violation of a court order, the consequence for running away was juvenile detention. [Read more . . .](#)

## Kansans United for Youth Justice

### Racial Disparities in the Kansas Juvenile Justice System

Racial inequity is unfortunately a pervasive problem in the United States' criminal justice system. In 2016, African American and Latinx persons represented 56% of the total inmate population in our country while representing only 28% of the United States' adult population. Racial disparity is particularly present in the juvenile justice system. While the total population of youth committed to detention facilities fell by 47% between 2003 and 2013, the gap between white youth and youth of color in these facilities increased by 15%. The rates of disparity are much higher in Kansas than the national average. [Read the publication . . .](#)

### The Juvenile Justice Corner

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Finally, it feels like spring! We knew it was coming, we just needed to work through the winter. Along with the spring comes a sense of new opportunities as we work towards potential improvements in our Kansas juvenile justice system.

The Kansas Advisory Group (KAG) has awarded two grants to support improvements in juvenile justice services through increased community collaboration and engagement in Kansas.

- [Our Town Our Kids](#) (OTOK) is a pilot project with the goal of reducing the number of youth at risk to become involved in the juvenile justice system. OTOK will be piloted in the 25<sup>th</sup> and the 15<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> judicial districts. The OTOK is being led by the [K-State Juvenile Justice Collaborative](#) (KJJC) which is a multi-disciplinary team from Kansas State University, Fort Hays State University and K-State Extension.
- [Together Helping Youth Reduce Youth Violence for Equality](#) (ThryVe) operates the [ThryVe Youth Justice Community Engagement Initiative](#) (YJCEI) in the 29<sup>th</sup> judicial district (Wyandotte County). Their goal is to "improve outcomes for youth involved in the juvenile justice system by collaborating to enhance community capacity to access, plan and support systems change and improvements in the juvenile justice and related systems". ThryVe is affiliated with the KCK Youth Violence Prevention Project and the [University of Kansas Center for Community Health and Development](#).

The [Parenting Project](#) will be brought to Kansas for community facilitators to attend a week-long training. Training participants will become certified to provide the program to families in their local community that should benefit from this program.

The KDOC is working with [National Crittenton](#) to bring the [National Girls Initiative](#) to Kansas. [Advancing a Continuum of Care: Engagement, Supports, and Services for Girls](#) (ACCESS) is designed to reduce reliance on incarceration for girls while building, expanding and supporting a continuum of community-based supports and services. National Crittenton collaborates with states that have demonstrated a commitment to improve systems for girls in and at risk of entering the juvenile justice system.

The [Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee](#) (JJOC) is evaluating a program designed to address the needs of youth who become involved in both the [child welfare and juvenile justice systems](#). The JJOC is in communications with the [Center for Juvenile Justice Reform](#) at Georgetown University to explore utilizing the [Crossover Youth Practice Model](#) in Kansas. Details still need to be worked out and the JJOC will make a decision regarding this effort, but having this program in Kansas provides new opportunities to improve the lives of youth and families involved in both systems while reducing the demand for out of home care placements for both child welfare and juvenile justice.

The [National Juvenile Defense Center](#) continues to work in Kansas in support of enhancing the abilities of juvenile defense attorneys to assist youth and their families by improving "the quality of juvenile defense by simultaneously building the capacity of the juvenile defense bar and engaging in concrete systemic reform—striking at both the practice and policy levels".

There will be more details to come on each of these initiatives. As revenues are saved from avoidable incarcerations of youth, investments can be made in programs like those listed above creating opportunities for improvements in the Kansas juvenile justice system. By staying the course we can achieve a more effective justice system that promotes public safety, holds juvenile offenders accountable and improves outcomes for youth, families and communities across Kansas.

## Girls in the Juvenile Justice System

### Understanding Girls and the Juvenile Justice System – A Review of Recent National Data

OJJDP, in collaboration with the National Girls Initiative, presented "Understanding Girls and the Juvenile Justice System – A Review of Recent National Data." In this 90-minute webinar, participants learned about available data resources relating to victimization and offending of girls, and the juvenile justice system's response to law-violating behavior by girls. The presenters shared resources using online data analysis and dissemination tools, with examples of their application for policy and practice. [Watch webinar . . .](#)

## 2019 DOC-Juvenile Services Training Schedule

### New Employee Kansas Detention Assessment Instrument (KDAI) Training:

Topeka	Wednesday	May 15 <sup>th</sup>
Salina	Saturday	June 15 <sup>th</sup>
Times	10 am – 4:00 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 Steve Bonner at [steven.bonner@ks.gov](mailto:steven.bonner@ks.gov)

### Effective Practices in Correctional Settings II (EPICS II):

Location - Topeka Workforce Ctr, 1430 SW Topeka Blvd, Topeka		
Date	Tuesday	May 14
	Wednesday	May 15
Time	9 am – 5 pm	
To Enroll	Registrations are handled by the Regional Trainers	

### Graduated Responses as an Evidenced Based Practice:

Location - Topeka Workforce Ctr, 1430 SW Topeka Blvd, Topeka		
Date	Thursday	May 16
Time	8:30 am – 12 pm	
To Enroll	Registrations are handled by the Regional Trainers	

### New Officer YLS/CMI Training:

Location - TBD		
Dates	Tuesday	June 18
	Wednesday	June 19
	Thursday	June 20
Time	9 am – 5 pm	
	8 am – 5 pm	
	8 am – 5 pm	
To Enroll	Email <a href="mailto:michelle.montgomery@ks.gov">michelle.montgomery@ks.gov</a> Participants name, agency, position, phone #, email address and supervisor's name.	

### 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 as a part of KJCC's new employee orientation.

To inquire about upcoming trainings or if you have questions please contact Lt. Johnathon Ashley at [johnathon.ashley@ks.gov](mailto: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.

## National News: Diversion

### Orange Cops Relying More on Citations, Not Arrests, for Juveniles — But Still Lag Other Urban Counties

Police and deputies in [Orange County](#) are giving teenagers in trouble more civil citations instead of arresting them for misdemeanors, but other urban counties in Florida still give citations instead of arresting minors in a far higher share of cases, according to the League of Women Voters of Orange County. A civil citation is an alternative to arresting or criminally charging minors who are first-time offenders accused of misdemeanors, such as shoplifting, getting into a [Read more . . .](#)

### OJA Works to Develop Juv. Prevention/Diversion Services

Community members, leaders and partners have made progress to identify the unique needs in our community. A plan to meet those needs and serve young people involved in or at risk of involvement in the juvenile justice system is currently being developed for youth and families in Stephens County ([Okla](#)) and the immediate surrounding area. I am happy to see folks in the community joining in the effort and contributing to [Read more . . .](#)

## Juvenile Justice Information Exchange

### Fight against Youth Homelessness Includes Host Homes, 100-day Challenges

[Read article . . .](#)

### Homelessness Advocates Tell of New Successes via State Legislation

[Read article . . .](#)

### Homeless Youth Don't Realize How Much Legal Aid Can Help Them

[Read article . . .](#)

### Homeless LGBT Youth: How We Can Fight Their Invisibility, Including Youth of Color

[Read article . . .](#)

### Collaborating for Reentry: A Guide to Support Justice-Involved Young People Returning to the Community

[Read article . . .](#)

### Education Permits Growth during Long Prison Sentence and Makes Us Free

[Read article . . .](#)

### From Restorative Justice Skeptic to Advocate in 2 Weeks

[Read article . . .](#)

### Reforming Probation Culture from Control to Assistance

[Read article . . .](#)

## Human Trafficking - National

### More than 1,000 Juveniles Sex Trafficked Between 2016-2017: Ohio Study

More than 1,000 minors were victims of sex trafficking in [Ohio](#) between 2016 and 2017, according to a [study](#) published by the University of Cincinnati. To determine the scope of human trafficking victimization, Valerie Anderson, Teresa Kulig, and Christopher Sullivan—all from the University of Cincinnati—gathered data from government reports, state-level agencies, justice [Read more . . .](#)

## National News

### German-Style Program at a Connecticut Maximum Security Prison Emphasizes Rehab for Inmates

One of the more radical attempts at prison reform is taking place in a foreboding [Connecticut](#) prison nicknamed the Rock. It's a two year old program based on therapy for 18-25 year old prisoners, whose brains, science shows, are still developing, and their behavior more likely to change. The idea came from Germany where the main objective of prison is [Read more and watch video . . .](#)

### Number of Children Going to ER with Suicidal Thoughts, Attempts Doubles, Study Finds

The number of children and teens in the United States who visited emergency rooms for suicidal thoughts and suicide attempts doubled between 2007 and 2015, according to a new analysis. Researchers used publicly available data from the [National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey](#), administered by the US Centers for Disease Control and [Read more and watch video . . .](#)

### 'I Want More from Life Now': NYC Arts Program Helps Justice-Involved Youth

One evening last week, a courtroom at the federal courthouse in [Brooklyn, N.Y.](#), was transformed from its usual drab colors into a festive green. Visitors walked on a green carpet to enter the room, where they found green banners hanging from the ceiling, people wearing green crowns, and multi-colored balloons floating towards the ceiling. [Read more . . .](#)

### Legislature Passes Juvenile Justice Reform Bills

[Hawaii](#) lawmakers passed bills to protect children's constitutional rights when in police custody and to limit long sentences for minors. "Too little attention has been paid to the most vulnerable casualties of mass incarceration in America—our children," said Rep. John M. Mizuno, introducer of both measures. "From the point of entry and arrest, to sentencing and incarceration, our treatment of children in the justice system is long [Read more . . .](#)

### ACLU Kentucky Hopes to Shine Light on Juvenile Justice Reform

The ACLU of [Kentucky](#) is hoping to debunk myths and educate the community on juvenile justice reform. "The main important thing is to figure out what policies we are creating and how they impact youth of color," Keturah Herron, the ACLU of Kentucky Field Coordinator, said. [Read more and watch video . . .](#)

### YWCA Justice Circle – Breaking the School to Prison Pipeline

Race plays a role in the school-to-prison pipeline. The school-to-prison pipeline describes a pattern of criminalization of K-12 students linked to decreased graduation rates and increased likelihood of future involvement with the criminal justice system. The [YWCA of La Crosse WI](#) uses restorative justice to address the issue. According to data released in 2016, black students were nearly four times more likely to be [Read more and watch video . . .](#)

### How the Juvenile Justice System Can Better Work With Immigrant Youth

President Trump threatened on Friday to close the southern border unless Mexico stops migrants from entering the U.S. illegally. "Mexico's tough. They can stop 'em, but they chose not to," [Read more and listen . . .](#)

### California's Juvenile Reform Plan Must Lead to Wider Changes and True Justice

At his inauguration, Gov. Newsom made a [bold promise](#) to tear down [California's](#) juvenile justice system and replace it with a smarter approach. What most Californians may not realize is that this is about more than teens and criminal justice. If Newsom is successful, he may actually strike a dagger into the heart of the broader, failed and [Read more . . .](#)

### Catalyst Endowment Fund Begins Exploration on "Breaking the Cycle: Juvenile Justice"

Approximately 80 members and guests attended the first meeting of the 2019 Catalyst Endowment Fund at the Chrysalis Center in [Hartford, CT](#) on March 21 to begin exploring this year's theme, [Breaking the Cycle: Juvenile Justice](#). Hartford Foundation president Jay Williams welcomed those in attendance and discussed the Foundation's own work on juvenile [Read more . . .](#)