

Kansas News

Multidisciplinary Human Trafficking Training

A series of HT training events titled **Kansas Anti-Human Trafficking Training: A Multidisciplinary Focused Approach** will be held across the state for staff that work with at-risk youth. The training will be a full day event (8:30 am – 5:00 pm) and there is no cost to attend. This training event is designed to meet the needs of staff that work in juvenile intake, community corrections staff/officers and staff that work in detention centers as well as staff from DCF, DCF contract agencies, Child Advocacy Centers and law enforcement. The focus of the training will be to provide an overview of HT in Kansas (i.e. defining trafficking, review Kansas statutes that apply to trafficking, identification of victims, the impact of trauma on victims, define the roles of different disciplines and address the importance of collaborative intervention).

The Department of Children and Families has partnered with the Attorney General's office to coordinate the training with the participation and support of the Kansas Department of Corrections-Juvenile Services. It will be held at nine venues in October and November, 2019. To promote coordination and local collaboration professionals from different disciplines are encouraged to attend the training together while receiving the same guidance. Seating will be limited and pre-registration is strongly advised. Links to register for the training will be sent out in September. If you have questions you can contact Jim Johnson at james.johnson2@ks.gov.

Wednesday	October 9	Dodge City
Thursday	October 10	Colby
Friday	October 11	Mayetta
Wednesday	October 30	Great Bend
Thursday	October 31	Emporia
Tuesday	November 12	Pittsburg
Wednesday	November 13	Wichita
Monday	November 25	Topeka
Tuesday	November 26	Kansas City

Dual Systems: Justice/Welfare System Youth

A Roadmap to the Ideal Juvenile Justice System

The Center for Juvenile Justice Reform is proud to present its newest publication, "A Roadmap to the Ideal Juvenile Justice System."

Authored by Tim Decker, in collaboration with the Juvenile Justice Leadership Network and CJJR staff, this paper lays out the guiding principles and strategies for the ideal juvenile justice system, while providing a plethora of practical examples of these ideals in action. [Read more . . .](#)

Child Welfare Needs to Embrace Youth Potential While Changing Its Own Systems

We have all heard the labels, and sometimes used them ourselves: Foster youth. Special needs kid. Delinquent. Homeless youth. Such labels are convenient shorthand, but they don't reflect all that we need to know about the young person in front of us. They generalize what we think we know about youth in similar circumstances while ignoring the young person's dreams, talents, fears or triumphs. Yes, it takes longer to say "youth involved in juvenile justice and child welfare" instead of using the shorthand of "crossover youth." But by avoiding these labels we acknowledge that young people are so much more than the one mistake they made or the list of challenges their family is facing. [Read more . . .](#)

DCF – Families First

Kansas Department for Children and Families Ready to Choose from 55 Proposals for Family First Programs

The Kansas Department for Children and Families is preparing to award grants through a new federal program for services aimed at keeping children out of the child welfare system.

Tanya Keys, deputy DCF secretary, told legislators Tuesday the agency has received 55 proposals for evidence-based programs that could receive matching funds through the Family First Preservation Services Act. The programs would address issues like substance use, mental health and parental skills. [Read more . . .](#)

Casey Family Programs: On the Pathway of Hope

Across America, conversations are growing about how to ensure the safety and success of children and families. They turn on this key question: What would the child welfare system look like if we could better support families before they are in crisis, before children are separated?

Today the child welfare system in America is entering a watershed period. With greater knowledge about what works best to keep children safe, strengthen families and address the lifelong impact of trauma, leaders in government, business, nonprofits, philanthropy and communities are thinking, planning and acting in ways that can help transform our approach to child protection into a true system of child and family well-being. [Read more . . .](#)

The Juvenile Justice Corner

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Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee Announces Reinvestment Plan

The Kansas [Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee](#) (JJOC) has approved \$9,104,047.72 of reinvestment funds to provide programs and processes to address the needs of juvenile offenders and their families. This total includes over \$8 million in renewed statewide contracts and grants to the communities, and \$889,300 in newly funded programs/practices for FY20. Reinvestment funds are "for the development and implementation of evidence-based community programs and practices for juvenile offenders, juveniles experiencing mental health crisis and their families by community supervision offices, including, but not limited to, juvenile intake and assessment, court services, community corrections and juvenile crisis intervention centers." Reinvestment funds have been collected since July 1, 2016 and are administered by the Kansas Department of Corrections based on [K.S.A. 75-52, 164](#).

New items approved to be funded with reinvestment funds in FY20 include:

- The Crossover Youth Practice Model (CYPM) - Georgetown's model for crossover youth to help child welfare and juvenile justice systems serve these youth in the best way possible.
- CYPM staff for both DCF and DOC - One full time employee at the state level for DCF and DOC to assist in managing the CYPM work.
- MAYSI-2 Screening Tool - Massachusetts Youth Screening Instrument to identify mental health needs.
- Family engagement and family guide - Creation of a guide to assist families through the juvenile justice system, and a technical assistance provider to begin a statewide family engagement process.
- YLS Screener - A short screener to be used pre-disposition to assist with supervision decisions.
- Parent Engagement Training - Training for all juvenile justice stakeholders to understand why and how to engage with families.
- Parent Project – Parent training program targeting family conflict, drug use, gangs, violence, school performance and other challenges that youth/families face that place them at risk to come into contact with the juvenile justice system.

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2019 DOC-Juvenile Services Training Schedule

New Employee Kansas Detention Assessment Instrument (KDAI) Training

Topeka	Saturday	September 14 th
Salina	Wednesday	October 16 th
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

Juvenile Justice Basics

Location – McPherson County Corrections,
122 W. Marlin, 5th Floor, McPherson, KS
Date Wednesday November 6 9 am – 5 pm
To Enroll Email crystal.payne@ks.gov
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 or 785-354-9820. KJCC will have MHTC-JJ training as a part of their basic training for new employees approximately every four weeks.

Effective Practices in Correctional Settings II/Graduated Responses (EPICS II/GR)

Location – TBD			
Date	Tuesday	Sept. 24	9 am – 5 pm
Date	Wednesday	Sept. 25	9 am – 5 pm
Date	Thursday	Sept. 26	9 am – 1 pm
To Enroll	Registrations are handled by the Regional Program Consultants		

Location – Sedgwick County Juvenile Field Services,
3803 E Harry, Suite 125, Wichita
Date Wednesday August 7 9 am – 5 pm
To Enroll Email crystal.payne@ks.gov
Participants name, agency, position, phone #,
email address and supervisor's name.

New Officer YLS/CMI Training:

Location – Saline County Community Corrections 309 S. Broadway, Salina, KS			
Dates	Wednesday	Oct. 16	8:30 am – 5 pm
	Thursday	Oct. 17	8:30 am – 5 pm

Case Planning

The curriculum includes targeting criminogenic needs, identifying objectives, incorporating strengths for achieving goals and case planning for improved youth outcomes.
Enrollment –The Regional Program Consultants will inform districts when the training will be held in their area.

Human Trafficking - Kansas

YWCA Developing New Center for Human Trafficking Victims

The YWCA in Topeka is launching a new way to help victims of human trafficking. The organization has been helping women and victims of human trafficking for more than four decades, but they see a growing need for a middle-ground when it comes to the help itself. The planned [Read more and watch video](#)

Human Trafficking - National

FBI Re-Evaluates Human Trafficking Sting Operation

The FBI launched an initiative over a decade ago to combat the rising tide of human trafficking, but according to numbers obtained by Fox News, the operation has barely scratched the surface and now the Bureau is evaluating its effectiveness. The numbers provided to Fox News' Investigative Unit through a Freedom of Information Act showed only 1374 [Read more and watch video](#)

How Widespread is Human Trafficking in the US?

The United States is no exception to the practice of modern day slavery—a crime for which it is rarely held accountable at the United Nations. A rash of hidden crimes widespread in US inner cities and border towns include forced migrant labour, human trafficking, exploitation of minors and domestic servitude. In its 2018 Trafficking in Persons (TIP) report, the US [Read more](#)

Human Trafficking Cases Jump by 25% in 2018

As we mark another World Day Against Trafficking in Persons, it is important to note that in reality, every day is a day in which we must focus and fight this growing, worldwide phenomenon. That is why Polaris operates the U.S. National Human Trafficking Hotline 24 hours a day, seven days a week, every single day of the year. The National Hotline provides survivors [Read more](#)

For the 2018 Polaris Factsheet [Click here](#)
For State by State Polaris Statistics [Click here](#)

Mothers Say They Missed Signs their Daughters Were Being Pulled into Human Trafficking

Two mothers are speaking about their experiences after admitting they missed signs that their daughters were being pulled into the world of human trafficking. Both of their daughters were groomed and pulled into trafficking, and one of them didn't survive. The women hope their stories will help other parents spot red flags that their children could be targeted. "She's a goofball," Janiece Charles said. [Read more and watch video](#)

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Programs and processes already in place from prior years and that will continue with reinvestment funds include:

- Functional Family Therapy (FFT) - Work with youth and families in the home to address risk and protective factors within and outside the family.
- Community-based Sex Offender Risk Assessment and Treatment - Assess and treat the needs of sex offenders within the community.
- Youth Advocate Program (YAP) - Community-based intensive program that provides supervision and support in a youth's home and community.
- Reinvestment County Grants - Non-competitive grants awarded to counties to address community-specific needs.
- Collaboration Grant - Competitive grants awarded to counties collaborating to implement a community-based program.
- Juvenile Crisis Intervention Centers - Centers to address the needs of youth in crisis.
- The Crime and Justice Institute (CJI) – Continued technical assistance from CJI.
- Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT) - Cognitive-behavioral community-based program to address criminogenic needs.
- Aggression Replacement Training (ART) - Cognitive-behavioral community-based program that addresses aggression.
- Mental Health Training Curriculum - Train-the-trainer process for mental health awareness for staff who work with youth.

According to Megan Milner, Kansas Department of Corrections Director of Community Programs for Juvenile Services, "In order for youth to succeed we must address the youth's criminogenic needs, we must remove as many barriers as possible and we must meet the child where they are, both situationally and geographically. Forty-seven percent of the FY19 funds were allocated directly to communities to invest in evidence-based programs and practices through the KDOC reinvestment and regional collaboration grants, which means we have more services available to justice-involved youth and families across the state."

The JJOC's Reinvestment Subcommittee is exploring other opportunities for future reinvestments. Among those items being studied is a request from Laura Howard, Secretary of the Department of Children and Families that includes several initiatives.

Restorative Justice - National

Restorative Justice Program aims to Rehabilitate, Not Incarcerate

In the past, when a student was chronically absent from school, or was caught smoking on the school grounds, or committed other offenses that are against the law for people under 18, schools could refer the youth to juvenile court. But because of HB239, a bill passed by the Utah Legislature in 2017 and a measure that was part of the general criminal justice reform movement in the state, schools are much more limited in their ability to refer students to juvenile court. [Read more](#)

Prosecutors Launch Restorative Justice Program for Juveniles

Prosecutors in Washington, D.C. are trying a new approach for juveniles on the wrong side of the law. They've launched a program that puts young people in touch with their victims to come up with a way forward. [Read more and listen to audio](#)

CJI - Crime and Justice Institute

CJI Implements Juvenile Justice System Improvements in Four New States

In 2019, the Crime and Justice Institute ramped up work in Arkansas, Delaware, Iowa, and Tennessee. With funding from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), CJI is providing technical assistance to states by implementing juvenile justice policy and practice changes and helping system leaders address challenges to meet state-specific [Read more](#)

National News

A Success Story From Inside the Juvenile Justice Center

A 15-year-old who was once in the juvenile detention system is now on the other side impacting today's youth. Grant is now walking the halls as a supervisor for the Yuma County (AZ) Juvenile Justice Center (YCJC). Tim Hardy the Director of the YCJC was his probation officer 18 years ago. Hardy believed in Grant and shaped him into the person he is [Read more and watch video](#)

Running Away Or Skipping School Could Get A Kid Locked Up. Now That's Changing

In Kentucky, running away from home or constantly skipping school could get a kid locked up in a juvenile hall for days. Those acts, called status offenses, aren't serious crimes, but for years Kentucky and other states treated them as though they were. That first brush with the juvenile justice system can often lead to more trouble if authorities focus on punishment, not the underlying reasons [Read more and listen to audio](#)

Juvenile Justice Information Exchange

Rethinking Meaning of 'Justice' for Youth Experiencing Homelessness

What does "justice" look like for young people experiencing homelessness in the United States? As one of the wealthiest nations in the world, it is troubling to consider the numerous ways that we, as a society, fail youth and young adults in securing one of the most basic needs: shelter. To live in a world grounded in compassion, empathy and equity, we must consider how young people enduring housing insecurity, or homelessness, navigate these structural failures. Once we understand the [Read more](#)

Youth in Foster Care Deserve Greater Chance to Enter Diversion Programs

Over the past two decades, I have had the extraordinary experience of working with youth involved in the juvenile justice system and the child welfare system. I am thrilled to bear witness as Los Angeles County finally moves toward using diversion programs to keep kids out of juvenile justice and in school and [Read more](#)

'Justice by Geography' Can Be Curbed Via Financial Incentives to Keep Youth Closer to Home

California is in the midst of an unprecedented shrinking of its juvenile justice system. Over the past several decades, youth arrests have fallen precipitously, driving down court and probation caseloads and emptying juvenile facilities. Yet California taxpayers continue to foot the bill for two overbuilt and over-resourced systems for confining youth: one operated by the state and the other by counties. In 2018, California's state correctional system for youth, the Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ), reported a population that was [Read more](#)

Law Enforcement, Child Development People Must Communicate for Reform

"10-4," which means, "message received, affirmative," is an example of a coded language that may be familiar to civilians not trained as a law enforcement officer. But there are many other police codes the average citizen cannot understand as radio calls are transmitted and officers exchange information. [Read more](#)