

Kansas News

Juvenile Justice Reformers Request Return of \$6M Diverted to KDHE

Former state Sen. Greg Smith pleaded with a Senate budget committee for restoration of \$6 million transferred to the state's health department from an account established to finance programs capable of reducing incarceration of juveniles. Kansas lawmakers passed a sweeping reform law in 2016 to reduce the reliance on expensive out-of-home juvenile placements and to funnel state budget savings of about \$30 million into community initiatives that lowered juvenile recidivism and improved public safety. [Read more . . .](#)

Kansas State University Awarded Grant for Juvenile Justice Initiatives

The K-State Juvenile Justice Collaborative, or K-State JJC, has been awarded \$521,805 by the Kansas Department of Corrections and the Kansas Advisory Group to work with local communities in developing support systems for youth and families. The goal of the project, titled "Our Town, Our Kids," is to prevent youth from entering the juvenile justice system and to provide services that maximize their chances of leading productive, successful lives. K-State JJC is comprised of [Read more . . .](#)

DCF to Hold Conversational Meetings about Families First

The Department for Children and Families is holding three community meetings to engage partners and stakeholders in a conversation regarding the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA). Passage of the FFPSA provides an opportunity to be responsive to and evaluate the specific needs of children, teens and families while improving the child welfare system in Kansas.

Potential areas of growth and improvement include:

- Enhanced targeting of resources toward evidenced-based prevention services (including mental health, substance abuse and parenting education programs);
- Creative innovation and partnerships to bolster foster parent recruitment and retention along with enhancing support for relative/kin caregivers;
- Improving collaboration with courts, especially leveraging their expertise to ensure institutional residential care is appropriately used as a short-term clinical treatment.

Community meetings will be facilitated by Casey Family Programs from 10am-3pm (with lunch provided) at three venues across the state:

- Salina, March 19
- Wichita, March 20
- Olathe, March 21

Pre-registration is required. For more information or for a link to register email Pamela.Hahn@ks.gov with your city/date of choice.

According to a statement by Tanya Keys, DCF Deputy Secretary, "This is your opportunity to learn about the FFPSA and contribute ideas to a Kansas implementation plan. We need your help. No agency can do it alone. There is a continuing need for partnerships with our families and communities, local organizations, private providers, the legal community and other stakeholders. Please join us at this information workshop as we continue the conversation on next steps in our work alongside Kansas children and families in their community."

Community Supervision Standards – Update

Three Community Supervision Standards and two forms have been amended and are available on the KDOC-JS web-site.

- [Orientation for Employees \(CSS 02-104\)](#) [Click here . . .](#)
- [Annual Training \(CSS 02-105\)](#) [Click here . . .](#)
- [Community Integration Program \(CSS 04-133\)](#) [Click here . . .](#)
- [New-Employee Orientation Checklist \(KDOC-0121\)](#) [Click here . . .](#)
- [CIP Application \(KDOC-0131\)](#) [Click here . . .](#)

Juvenile Intake and Assessment Standards - Update

Two Juvenile Intake and Assessment Standards and one form have been amended and are available on the KDOC-JS web-site.

- [Orientation for Employees \(JIAS 02-103\)](#) [Click here . . .](#)
- [Annual Training \(JIAS 02-104\)](#) [Click here . . .](#)
- [New-Employee Orientation Checklist \(KDOC-JIAS-001\)](#) [Click here . . .](#)

Immediate Intervention Program Standards - Update

Two Immediate Intervention Program (IIP) Standards have been amended and are available on the KDOC-JS web-site.

- [Orientation for Employees \(IIP 02-104\)](#) [Click here . . .](#)
- [Annual Training \(IIP 02-105\)](#) [Click here . . .](#)

KDOC Community Partners Contact List - Updated

Includes AC's, Contacts for Supervision, Immediate Intervention Programs & Juvenile Intake and Assessment [Click here . . .](#)

The 2018 Kansas Statutes Code Books Available

The statutes within the Child in Need of Care and Juvenile Justice Code Books are available online through the Kansas Judicial Branch website. The link to each codebook is below.

- Child in Need of Care Code Book [Click here . . .](#)
- Juvenile Offender Care Code Book [Click here . . .](#)

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Award Recognizes KDOC and KJCC Employee for Anti-trafficking Advocacy

The Wichita State Center for Combating Human Trafficking recently recognized the Kansas Department of Corrections and Kansas Juvenile Correctional Complex employee Dauna Herman for working with incarcerated youth who are trafficking survivors. Herman accepted the center's **Advocate and Ally Organization Award** on behalf of the KDOC [Read more . . .](#)

The Juvenile Justice Corner

KJCC's High School Basketball Season Ends with a Win

The Topeka juvenile facility's first-ever tournament ended in defeat for the Lawrence Gardner High School boys basketball team. But the loss failed to dampen the team's pride as each received a pair of basketball shoes for the game.

The Kansas Juvenile Correctional Complex (KJCC) high school team, which lost by a score of 28 to 61, played Thursday against graduates housed at the facility. Prior to tip off, the boys traded out their facility-issued white Velcro sneakers for a pair of name brand basketball shoes.

Steven Bonner, a former Washburn University basketball team player who now works for the Kansas Department of Corrections' juvenile services division, arranged the donation through his Topeka-based AAU basketball team, Kansas Hogs.

In giving a pep talk to the high school team, Bonner told the boys he was impressed by their level of play and was glad to see the boys using teamwork and positive attitudes to reach their goals.

Bonner then had to jump out of the way as the boys ran to pick out a pair of basketball shoes.

"That's why I did it - to see a smile on the boys' faces," Bonner said. "People donate to my non-profit club so I have to return the favor. I was proud of my club for this."

Other high school students, staff and family also cheered on the 13-member team who had trouble getting buckets to fall early on during four quarters of play.

Candice Byrd, a KJCC program director, said the goal is to make the game an annual event because of the positive reception from students whose behavior determined if they could attend the game.

The high school team's six-week season was made up of inter-squad play prior to the tournament.

"We want the youth to experience something that is close to what they will experience in a tradition high school game," Byrd said. "The overall goal is to create incentives for the youth to stay out of negative situations and participate in something that is pro-social, provides a sense of pride and teaches teamwork."

2019 DOC-Juvenile Services Training Schedule

New Employee Kansas Detention Assessment Instrument (KDAI) Training:

Topeka	Thursday	March 14 th
Salina	Tuesday	April 9 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 Crystal Trout at crystal.trout@ks.gov

EPICS/Graduated Responses Training:

Location – Juvenile Field Services, 3803 E Harry, Wichita, KS			
Dates	Tuesday	March 26	8 am – 5 pm
	Wednesday	March 27	8 am – 5 pm
	Thursday	March 28	8 am – 5 pm

Effective Case Planning:

The curriculum includes targeting criminogenic needs, identifying objectives, incorporating strengths for achieving goals and case planning for improved youth outcomes.

Tuesday March 19, 2019 8:30 am – 5:00 pm
Location - Youth & Family Services Center; 920 W Spruce, Olathe, KS
To enroll contact Crystal Payne at Crystal.Payne@ks.gov

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.

Human Trafficking - Kansas

White Helps Fight Human Trafficking in Wichita

Ever since she learned about human trafficking happening in Wichita, Jennifer White has been helping raise awareness about the issue and helping groups who work directly with victim survivors. White founded ICT SOS in 2011 after reading a newspaper article about human trafficking. As the mother of two daughters, including one who was 12 at the [Read more](#)

Community Organizations Aim to Find Solutions to HT

[Read article and watch video](#)

Shawnee County Leaders Give Update on Human Trafficking Task Force

[Read article and watch video](#)

Human Trafficking Discussion in Wichita

[Watch video](#)

Pew Charitable Trusts – FFPSA

This New Federal Law Will Change Foster Care As We Know It

A new federal law, propelled by the belief that children in difficult homes nearly always fare best with their parents, effectively blows up the nation's troubled foster care system. Few outside child welfare circles paid any mind to the law, which was tucked inside a massive spending bill President Donald Trump signed in February. But it will force states to overhaul their foster care systems by changing the rules for how they can spend their annual \$8 billion in federal funds for child abuse prevention. The law, [Read more](#)

National News

Suicide-risk Screening Might Cut Deaths Among Incarcerated Youth

Teens and young men in correctional facilities are at increased risk of dying by suicide, but they are otherwise fairly similar to unincarcerated youth who take their own lives, a U.S. study suggests. Looking at a nationally-representative sample of all suicides by boys and men aged 10-24 years [Read more](#)

Casey Touts Youth Promise Act—Designed to Address Needs of At-Risk Youth

Late last year, President Donald Trump told Congress if they gave him comprehensive criminal justice reform legislation, he would sign it. They did, and he did. A lot of what's in that package of legislation was introduced or championed by Sen. Bob Casey, D-Pa. The senator sat down with the New [Read more](#)

Arkansas Closes Youth Lockup in Colt

Arkansas officials closed a state-run youth prison in St. Francis County last week as part of the agency's larger plan to reduce juvenile incarceration. Dept. of Human Services representatives confirmed Thursday. On Saturday, one of the last two youths remaining at the 28-bed Colt Juvenile Treatment [Read more](#)

Stop Locking Up Teen Girls for Nonviolent Offenses

Did you know that girls who have experienced high levels of trauma and violence can be locked up in Washington state for skipping school and running away? Juvenile courts across Washington are unintentionally driving girls more deeply into the criminal-justice system instead of interrupting and [Read more](#)

Noem Unsure about Funds for Juvenile Justice Reform

[Senate Bill 67](#) would allow a judge to decide if a minor should go to the (South Dakota) Department of Corrections. This would let the DOC provide assistance to these counties saving them money. Governor Kristi Noem says this is an important discussion to have and that the juvenile system needs [Read more and watch video](#)

Washington County Picks New Site for Crisis Center

Washington County (Arkansas) officials have a new, less expensive, plan for the proposed crisis stabilization unit. The county is making space available in the former juvenile detention center at 105 Mill Ave., just east of College Avenue, which housed the county's Department of Emergency [Read more](#)

Yakima Juvenile Jail Focuses on Rehab, Not Punishment to Combat Increase in Kids

On any given day, anywhere between 20 to 30 kids flow in and out of the halls of the Yakima County (Washington) Juvenile Detention Center. What's driving them to commit crimes that land them behind bars is a laundry list of things. "A number of people that become involved in the criminal [Read more](#)

Lawmakers See Room to Improve Juvenile Justice

In a crowded room that perhaps reflected the level of interest in the problem (in Massachusetts), advocates, legislators and state officials outlined ideas to help state government develop a more cohesive and unified approach to help children in the juvenile justice system and their families. Judge Baker Children's Center, a Boston-based non-profit and affiliate of Harvard [Read more](#)

Human Trafficking - National

The Dark Story Behind the Super Bowl Most Sports Fans Ignore

Bars of soap in hotel rooms might save lives this Super Bowl weekend. As the eyes of the world watch the action unfolding at Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta, police, authorities, airlines and hotels are dealing with a sinister problem that tends to arise this time of year: human trafficking activity. While antislavery groups are cautious to paint Super Bowl as a magnet for sex trafficking — they're quick to point out it's a [Read more](#)

FBI: 169 Arrested in Human Trafficking Investigation Leading Up to Super Bowl

There were 169 arrests during an 11-day investigation into human trafficking throughout metro Atlanta leading up to the Super Bowl, the FBI said Tuesday. But that substantial number came as no surprise to the investigators involved. "Sex trafficking is a problem that occurs every day of the year in every city and in every town in the country," FBI Special Agent Taylor Dervish told The Atlanta Journal-Constitution. Throw in a major event such as the Super Bowl - which brings more people, money and crime - and the likelihood rises [Read more and watch video](#)

Efforts to End Human Trafficking Before the Super Bowl Should Persist Throughout the Year

The Super Bowl LIII in Atlanta didn't leave a lasting impression this year, but something else did: sex trafficking. The week leading up to the game on Feb. 3 accounted for [169 sex trafficking](#) related arrests, many of the victims involved being minors. Not only did the arrests the week before the Super Bowl place Atlanta at the higher end of the spectrum compared to arrests in prior Super Bowl cities, but it's bringing more attention to the [Read more](#)

'Stop Human Trafficking in Missouri' Posters Hung in Hospitals, Rest Stops

Missouri House bill 1246 was approved in 2018 and requires an informational poster to be hung at certain businesses. On March 1, a "Stop Human Trafficking" poster will be posted outside hotels, rest stops, hospitals, airports, train stops and more. Activists for human trafficking said the posters give victims an escape route and alert businesses [Read more and watch video](#)

District Attorney Hails \$3 Mil. Grant to Schools to Fight HT

Public schools in San Diego County will soon be playing a much bigger role in keeping students safe. Their focus is on protecting children from human traffickers. The San Diego County District Attorney announced a trio of new programs to stop the exploitation of children by commercial sex traffickers. [Read more and watch video](#)

Juvenile Justice Information Exchange

Clear OJJDP Guidance Needed By States in Order to Implement JJDP Updates

Two months ago today, on Dec. 21, 2018, the [Juvenile Justice Reform Act](#) was signed into law. The bill served as the first update to the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP) in 16 years — a period long enough for millions of young people to age into and out of a dated juvenile justice system that had seen no major federal changes since 2002. December's [Read more](#)

Homeless Youth Have Much Harder Time in Certain States, Report Finds

Dealing with homelessness is difficult under the best of circumstances, but some state laws make life even more challenging for runaway and homeless youth. Nearly 80 percent of U.S. jurisdictions have statutes allowing police to take unaccompanied minors into custody, and 16 percent consider running away a status offense that is punishable by law, according to a [report](#) that reviewed laws in [Read more](#)

Trauma Runs through Gun Violence Among Black Youth, Researcher Says

Of all the threads of injustice, trauma is the common theme that contributes to a culture of gun violence for black youth in the U.S. and around the globe, says a Canadian researcher and professor. "It's about lost hope. It's about lost legacies," said Annette Bailey, associate professor at the Daphne Cockwell School [Read more](#)

Juvenile Probation Officers Should Not Be Fixers, But Levers to Resources for Youth

Like most, when I became a juvenile probation officer I entered the field envisioning myself as a counselor or a mentor. But my day-to-day duties were centered around surveillance, compliance monitoring and paperwork, and the composition of my caseload further complicated matters. I had many kids who really didn't need my time and attention, let alone probation. These were kids with first-time and/or low-level offenses. I tried to stay out of their way as best I could and hoped they would not [Read more](#)