

## Kansas News

### Parent Project® Facilitator Trainings Held

In August and September the Kansas Department of Corrections-Juvenile Services (KDOC-JS) hosted two [facilitator training](#) sessions for the [Parent Project®](#). A total of 94 professionals from the juvenile justice system were in attendance and were certified as Parent Project® instructors. Among those in attendance were staff from community corrections, juvenile detention and juvenile correctional facilities, juvenile intake and assessment, juvenile justice programing/management, immediate intervention, middle and high school administrators and student support personnel, mental health support, court services, DCF, DCF contract agencies and other community based organizations.

Participants learned how to provide parents with guidance, skills and techniques to manage children and youth that may be more challenging and difficult. Issues such as arguing, family conflict, school attendance and poor school performance, teenage sexuality and drug use, runaways, teen violence, bullying and dealing with gang activity were addressed. After completing the week-long curriculum, participants are able to return to their home community and present the [Parent Project®](#) to parents with children or youth in the juvenile justice or child welfare systems.

Adam Vickery, who works with Juvenile Intake and Assessment in Pittsburg, attended the August session in Topeka. He stated that the [Parent Project®](#) training "had a lot of really useful information" and is "definitely a needed resource". Vickery added "a lot of programing is geared towards the youth – if you want changes in the home you need to help the parents." Janna Zimmerman, a Risk Reduction Specialist in Johnson County agreed "we have some programs that help with basic family skills, but this program offers specifics for this is what you do if your kid is in a gang, or uses drugs". Zimmerman sees this as an opportunity to help strengthen families while meeting the kid's needs.

Chelsea Sutton, the Family Mentoring Program Director with Salina's Child Advocacy and Parenting Services attended the September session in Salina. Sutton stated "I feel this curriculum was exactly what our community needed. At our agency we teach a number of parenting curriculums; however, we've been needing one with real teeth or one that addresses real problems for youth".

KDOC hopes to provide more opportunities for community staff to become certified [Parent Project®](#) facilitators at some time in the future. There was no cost to participants to attend either of the weeklong sessions. The [Parent Project®](#) was paid for using juvenile justice reinvestment funds.

### AG Derek Schmidt appoints Garden City woman to Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee

Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt today announced the appointment of Katrina Pollet, executive director of the Finney County Department of Corrections, as a member of the Kansas Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee (JJOC). "Katrina's experience working with youth in rural Kansas will be a valuable perspective for the Oversight Committee," Schmidt said. "I am thankful for her willingness to serve in this important role."

Pollet has served as director of the Southwest Kansas Regional Juvenile Detention Facility since 2011. In March 2016, she was also named as executive director for the Finney County Department of Corrections. Pollet's previous experience includes working for the Kansas Department of Corrections Juvenile Services, the Beloit Juvenile Correctional Facility, Larned Juvenile Correctional Facility and the Kansas Juvenile Correctional Complex. Pollet received her bachelor's degree in social work from Bethany College in Lindsborg.

The JJOC was created in 2016 with the passage of Senate Bill 367. That bill was designed to implement a number of reforms to the juvenile justice system in Kansas. The JJOC was created to oversee the implementation of the intended reforms.

### New Faces at Central Offices

**Candice Byrd** is the Community Supports Manager for KDOC-JS. Candice comes to central offices from the Kansas Juvenile Correctional Complex where she has served as the Program Director. Previously at KJCC, Candice was a Unit Team Manager, Corrections Counselor II and a Juvenile Corrections Officer. Candice stated "I am happy to join such a fantastic team and be part of the great work that you all are doing." Welcome Candice!

**Ashley Davis** is a senior from Washburn University and is working at KDOC-JS as an intern during the fall semester. Ashley is majoring in criminal justice and on track to graduate this coming May. After graduation, Ashley plans to pursue a master's degree in social work and work with at-risk youth and their families through the school system. Ashley is supporting KDOC's work with National Crittenton and the National Girls Initiative by researching the involvement of girls in the Kansas juvenile justice system. Welcome Ashley!

### Community Supervision Standards – Update

Two forms and two Desk Aids are available online at KDOC.

Form A: Notice of Earned Discharge Credit Award [Click here . . . .](#)

Form B: Denial of Earned Discharge Credit [Click here . . . .](#)

Sunflower KANCARE Desk Aid [Click here . . . .](#)

Aetna Foster Care Desk Aid [Click here . . . .](#)

## The Juvenile Justice Corner

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With support from the Kansas [Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee](#) (JJOC), the Kansas Department of Corrections signed a contract with the [Center for Juvenile Justice Reform](#) (CJJR) from Georgetown University to provide the [Crossover Youth Practice Model](#) (CYPM) in Kansas. The contract with Georgetown University is for \$246,000 and is one of several newly funded programs for FY20 using reinvestment funds. Reinvestment funds are administered by KDOC based on [K.S.A. 75-52, 164](#) and 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." The JJOC also approved \$173,000 for DCF and KDOC to each hire a full time employee to assist in managing the CYPM work.

The CYPM is a research-based initiative designed to assist jurisdictions in addressing the unique needs of "crossover youth" who are defined as youth who move between the child welfare and juvenile justice systems or are known to both concurrently.

The CYPM enhances collaboration and communication across agencies to better serve crossover youth, and increases caseworkers' trust, relationships, and communication. CYPM goals include reductions in the:

- ✓ number of youth placed in out-of-home care;
- ✓ use of congregate care;
- ✓ disproportionate representation of youth of color;
- ✓ number of youth crossing over and becoming dually involved.

The CJJR contract goes into effect in October and will begin in Montgomery, Shawnee and Wyandotte Counties. Within those three jurisdictions the CJJR will provide on-site training and technical assistance to DCF staff, community corrections staff and other stakeholders. The intent is that CJJR will help local staff to strengthen their organizational structures by developing and implementing protocols tailored to the unique resources within their jurisdiction while providing consistent practices and services for crossover youth. The plan is to add additional counties in the future.

The protocols developed will help address the needs of the youth as they progress through three practice phases that

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## Crossover Youth Practice Model - National

### Crossover Youth Practice Model - California

#### About This Program

*Target Population:* A child welfare agency and juvenile justice department serving the same youth or youth at risk of becoming involved in each other's system

#### Program Overview

CYPM is for child welfare agencies with youth receiving any level of services) that are at-risk for or have been referred to or become involved with the juvenile justice system and for juvenile justice departments with youth who are subsequently referred to and become involved in the child welfare system because of suspicions of abuse/neglect. CYPM is designed to create a multisystem approach to identification of youth, assessment [Read more . . . .](#)

## DCF – Families First

Kansas will be implementing the Title IV-E program, Family First Prevention Services Act, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

DCF received 55 proposals for a variety of evidence-based programs in response to the RFP posted May 31, 2019. Proposals were required to be evidence-based and trauma-informed services delivered by qualified clinicians in the categories of substance use disorder treatment, mental health services, kinship navigator, and parent-skill building programs.

Review of proposals was a cross-agency collaboration and completed in August. Awardees will be announced very soon.

### Funding Older Youth in Foster Care through the Family First Prevention Services Act

Most older youth (ages 14 and over) in foster care [enter care as teenagers](#) due to [parental neglect or behavior problems](#).

The Family First Prevention Services Act (Family First Act), signed into law in February 2018, marks a fundamental shift in [federal funding priorities for child welfare](#) and provides several opportunities for states to better support older youth to stay with their families. The Family First Act includes provisions allowing states to use federal Title IV-E funding to support older youth in foster care to live in [family settings](#), safely care for their own children if [pregnant/parenting](#), and access expanded [independent living services](#). Importantly, the Family First Act also funds states' efforts to [prevent older youth from entering care](#). However, more research is needed to understand effective prevention models that meet the unique needs of older youth before the full potential of the Family First Act can be reached. [Read more . . . .](#)

## 2019 DOC-Juvenile Services Training Schedule

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

Salina	Wednesday	October 16 <sup>th</sup>
Topeka	Thursday	November 14 <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)

### Juvenile Justice Basics

Location – McPherson County Corrections,  
122 W. Marlin, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, McPherson, KS  
Date Wednesday November 6 9 am – 5 pm  
To Enroll Email [crystal.payne@ks.gov](mailto: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](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.

### 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.

## CJJ's 2019 Racial & Ethnic Disparities Conference

The Coalition for Juvenile Justice's 2019 Racial and Ethnic Disparities Conference, "**A Time for Action: Combating Racial and Ethnic Disparities through Inclusion, Equity, and Respect**" will take place November 20-21 in Scottsdale, Az. This conference brings together juvenile justice practitioners and advocates from across the country to share promising practices and findings, and to strategize about ways to eliminate the racial and ethnic disparities that exist within our juvenile justice systems.

The conference will explore the following:

- How are communities taking action to address and end racial and ethnic disparities?
- How do we shift our focus and work from Disproportionate Minority Contact to Racial and Ethnic Disparities?
- What role does data collection play in eliminating racial and ethnic disparities, and how can collection be improved?
- What changes can be made at the system's front end to reduce racial and ethnic disparities?
- How can youth advocates, law enforcement, attorneys, the judiciary, and community leaders work together to combat the crisis?  
Interested in joining us in Scottsdale for this year's Racial and Ethnic Disparities Conference?

For information on the conference or to register [click here . . .](#)  
For questions regarding the conference, please contact Laura Armstrong at [armstrong@juvjustice.org](mailto:armstrong@juvjustice.org).

Brock Landwehr is the Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) for KDOC-JS. If you have questions regarding racial and ethnic disparities in Kansas you can contact Brock at 785-296-4120 or [brock.landwehr@ks.gov](mailto:brock.landwehr@ks.gov).

## National News

### Juvenile Arrests in Oklahoma Decline

A group of local youth gathered inside a community center Tuesday night in south Oklahoma City, where Oklahoma City police Staff Sgt. Tony Escobar and other adult mentors led them in a discussion about leadership. Earlier in the night, Escobar dished out slices of pizza. Now, he helped the students as they split into small groups, tasked with identifying positive traits and weaknesses of famous leaders. [Read more . . .](#)

### Youth, Trauma, Trials, Time: What Drives Disparities in Hamilton County's Juvenile Justice System?

Hamilton County's juvenile justice system has been in the background of some of this summer's most intense news. A close look at the system reveals big racial disparities — but also efforts to change outcomes. [Read more . . .](#)

### JJDP A Reauthorization: Updated Projections to Ensure Equity for Youth

In December 2018, the [Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act \(JJDP A\)](#) was reauthorized and updated for the first time in 16 years. The Juvenile Justice [Read more . . .](#)

## Kansas Anti-Human Trafficking Training: A Multidisciplinary Focused Approach

This training will provide an overview of human trafficking in Kansas, review Kansas human trafficking laws, discuss vulnerabilities that may place a child at risk for trafficking, explore the impact of trauma on victims and appropriate responses, clarify the roles of different disciplines and address the importance of a collaborative approach. The purpose of this training is to promote coordination and local collaboration in human trafficking investigations in Kansas. The target audience is child welfare professionals, members of law enforcement, Child Advocacy Center staff, Juvenile Services KDOC staff and secure facility personnel.

For dates, locations and to enroll in the [Kansas Anti-Human Trafficking Training: A Multidisciplinary Focused Approach](#) training go to the Kansas law Enforcement Training website:

1. Go to the website [Click here . . .](#)
2. Click on the [Create Profile/Sign In](#) on the left-hand side and create a new profile.
3. Once the profile has been completed you can enroll by going to the bottom of the page and under the heading [Available Sessions](#) you can choose and click on the venue you want to attend.
4. Once that venue page is shown click on the red box at the bottom [Add to Cart](#) and then follow directions to complete the registration.

## Human Trafficking - National

### Human Trafficking Is Probably Not How You Imagine It: Here's How

The police and FBI continue to battle human trafficking. Most of us picture sex workers in a certain way, the same goes for pimps and traffickers. A pimp in a fur coat and big hat, a prostitute in skimpy clothing . . . but usually that's not how it looks. Now that everyone is connected to each other through computers, tablets and phones, it's easier than ever for traffickers to reach out to potential clients and new recruits. Using apps like Snapchat, Kik, Instagram and many more, predators are able to reach anyone, anywhere. This includes children, while they're at home or at school. Officers and agents are working hard to stay out in front of this evolving industry. [Watch video . . .](#)

## Girls in the Juvenile Justice System

### Does Abuse Lead to Incarceration for Girls? Usually Yes

Recently a trial judge in Washington state's King County Superior Court discussed his three years presiding in juvenile court. [Roger Rogoff](#) described this time as "the most emotionally-charged, inspiring and terrifying of my 25-year legal career," citing the complicated and conflicting nature of the juvenile justice system as well as the tension, apprehension and nuances of decision-making in this environment. While Rogoff repeats a common plea for more resources for juvenile [Read more . . .](#)

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impact them in both the child welfare and juvenile justice systems. The three practice phases are:

- ✓ Arrest, identification and detention
- ✓ Joint assessment and planning
- ✓ Coordinated case management and planning for permanency, transition, and case closure

Within each practice phase, there are process measures used to help determine if the established protocols are having the intended impact. The process involves ongoing collaboration and the use of integrated data to inform decision making.

The training and technical assistance CJJR will provide includes:

- ✓ Help to identify current gaps that exist between systems involved with crossover youth
- ✓ To provide training on the CYPM that includes an overview of CYPM and a summary of results showing the effectiveness of the model
- ✓ To support development of a work plan to structure the technical assistance activities
- ✓ To support creation of new policies and procedures, (i.e. a crossover protocol manual) related to the implementation of CYPM
- ✓ To provide an evaluation package to measure the effectiveness of CYPM within the local jurisdiction
- ✓ To facilitate learning opportunities with peers from other sites in the CYPM network

Hope Cooper, Deputy Secretary of Juvenile & Adult Community-Based Services appreciates the collaborative approach. Cooper stated "This model assists people with the same mission in establishing a common language and direction with the ultimate goal of helping youth in Kansas. So many system partners want the same thing, yet work within the confines of their system, not realizing the impact on youth would be drastically enhanced if these agencies could synergize their efforts."

To learn more about The Center for Juvenile Justice Reform, you can review their newest publication, "[A Roadmap to the Ideal Juvenile Justice System.](#)"