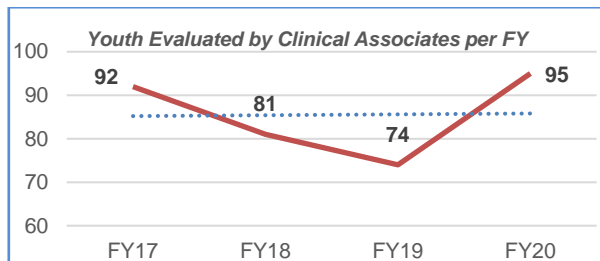


Kansas News

Update – Juvenile Sex Offender Contract

By Seth Wescott, Clinical Associates, Director of Sex Offender Treatment

Clinical Associates continues to provide sex offender evaluations and treatment for youth who are involved in the criminal justice system. The contract with KDOC has expanded every year since its inception in July 2016 and now covers services for youth prior to adjudication. Allowing jurisdictions to access services (primarily evaluations) at the pre-adjudication stage allow the courts to have relevant information regarding risk, protective factors, and treatment needs prior to making determinations about the case and ultimately diverts youth from the criminal justice system. Pre-adjudication evaluations are unlike post-adjudication evaluations and can only be done under certain circumstances, consistent with the Practice Guidelines set forth by the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA).



Clinical Associates' staff conducted evaluations on 95 youth in FY20. Services have been provided in 23 out of the 31 judicial districts across Kansas. The psychosexual evaluations include risk assessment instruments such as the Juvenile Sexual Offense Recidivism Risk Assessment Tool-II (JSORRAT-II), and the Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) questionnaire. Data obtained from the risk assessments reveal that the majority of youth evaluated are low or moderate low risk. The following data represents the number of youth scored in each risk category: Low (34), Moderate-Low (11), Moderate (9), Moderate-High (1), and High (1). These findings are consistent with the research that suggests juveniles who commit sexual offenses are, by in large, a lower risk population. Of the 95 evaluations conducted in FY20, 37 evaluations were conducted pre-adjudication, while 38 were conducted prior to sentencing. This allows for courts to have the necessary treatment recommendations prior to deciding on sentencing.

Treatment is consistent with the risk, needs, responsivity approach and includes a focus on healthy sexual education and boundaries, sexual self-regulation social skills, risk reduction, and fostering a healthy identity. Treatment consists of group and individual sessions and includes in-person as well as tele-health. The COVID-19 crisis has impacted everyone and has certainly affected the lives of the youth served under this contract. Treatment has adapted to incorporate more options for tele-health services, both for evaluations and treatment. Officers and youth have responded well to these changes which has allowed for a smooth continuation of services. Clinical Associates remains committed to providing treatment to youth under these extraordinary circumstances and is grateful to the many officers and administrative staff throughout the state that have made this possible. Referrals for evaluations and treatment can be made by contacting Seth Wescott at wescott@clinical-assoc.com.

Training Updates from Central Offices

The next **Juvenile Justice Basics** (JJB) Training will be held September 16, 2020 over zoom. During this one-day training participants are provided with an overview of several areas: the juvenile justice system in Kansas, Evidence Based Practices, Principles of Effective Intervention, Cognitive and Social Learning theories and the Stages of Change. JJB is required as orientation for any **NEW** juvenile intake or IIP staff and as a prerequisite for anyone wishing to become a certified assessor of the YLS/CMI. JJB provides a good foundation for anyone starting out in the juvenile justice field or wanting to learn more about it.

Training is limited to 18 participants and preregistration is required. To register email KDOC_JS_Training@ks.gov and provide:

- Participants Name:
- Agency & Position Title:
- Business telephone number:
- Business Email address:
- Supervisor's Name:

Once registered participants will be sent a link for the zoom training along with a list of expectations while attending a training on zoom.

National News

Illinois Juvenile Justice to be Transformed

Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker and Lt. Governor Juliana Stratton today announced the 21st Century Illinois Transformation Model. The model is a new plan that will transform the state's juvenile justice system over the next four years. Reducing the harm of incarceration is [Read more . . .](#)

The Juvenile Justice Corner

Jim Johnson, Program Consultant
DOC - Juvenile Community Based Services

A little over five years ago the [Juvenile Justice Workgroup](#) was created to "conduct a comprehensive analysis of the juvenile justice system" in Kansas. The workgroup reviewed data, gathered input from leaders, practitioners and stakeholders from across the state and reviewed research on how best to reduce recidivism while examining the most effective policies and practices throughout the country. As part of that process, literally hundreds of professionals along with youth, family and community members provided their insights. From that effort arose a common theme which resulted in policy recommendation # 25 that "costs averted from reduced out-of-home placements shall be reinvested into [evidence-based practices and programs](#) in the community to use by intake, diversion, probation and conditional release. Priority reinvestment areas will target criminogenic needs including: cognitive-behavioral, and family centered therapies, substance abuse, and sex offender therapy."

The Kansas Legislature acted on this policy recommendation and created [K.S.A. 75-52.164](#) which states: "All expenditures from the evidence-based programs account of the state general fund shall be 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."

In 2017 KDOC announced the release of:

- the **Reinvestment Grants** for Judicial Districts (JDs) to implement EBPs for Juvenile Offenders and families,
- the **Regional Collaboration Grants** to support inter-branch and regional collaboration to better deliver services within regions of the state.

With these grants, local JDs through their Board of County Commissioners could identify specific areas of need to be addressed using an evidence-based program or for communities and community partners to collaborate to address a shared area of concern. Currently, there are 24 active reinvestment grants and three active regional collaboration grants.

Earlier this year, KDOC in collaboration with the [Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee](#) announced that a process was developed that provided for local organizations and agencies to request funds from the Evidence-based Programs Account. JCAB Grants (Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board grants) can be initiated by a local organization or agency but must be approved by the local JCAB prior to being submitted to KDOC. The local JCAB will determine:

- Is the proposed program or service in line with the districts goals and plans for serving youth?
- What is the need and scope of the service?
- Does the proposal meet the statutory criteria?

If the JCAB approves the proposal at the local level the grant request would be included in the JD's comprehensive plan and budget application for the upcoming fiscal year. KDOC then reviews the application to determine if the proposed services meet statutory criteria and makes the final decision regarding funding using funds from the EBP account.

For FY21, 18 JDs submitted a total of 53 program or service proposals and 38 of those proposals were approved and funded. Megan Milner, KDOC-JS Director of Community Based Services stated "By using this new process with the JCAB grants we are looking for a way to put funds directly in the hands of the local juvenile corrections advisory boards who best know where their gaps and needs lie in the community. By engaging community stakeholders in the process local officials can identify and target needs within the community". By supporting JCABs as they work with local practitioners and stakeholders in utilizing research-based interventions, together we can achieve that initial goal of reducing recidivism and the involvement of youth in the Kansas juvenile justice system.

Kansas News – FY21 Approved JCAB Grants

1st JD **Day Reporting Center**
Operated by Community Corrections for youth who are truant or expelled from school. Serves youth referred by court or schools, or CINC youth who are truant.

3rd JD **KCSL Oasis**
Targeted case management for youth in JIAC who display violent/aggressive behaviors.

3rd JD **Boys & Girls Club of Topeka**
Career preparation, education assistance & leisure/recreation activities.

3rd JD **IBSA**
Working in targeted high-poverty neighborhoods to support youth & families, job/career preparation, tutoring & independent living skills.

4th JD **MH/SUD Services**
Will contract for dedicated provider to serve justice-involved youth to eliminate waiting lists.

10th JD **IIP (Court Services)**
Part Time staff for IIP supervision; Part Time staff for IIP support

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The Crossover Youth Practice Model - Update Ashley Brown, CYPM Coordinator Kansas Department of Children and Families

Team members from the two pilot sites, Montgomery and Shawnee counties have been identified and a virtual Orientation Training will be held on September 21, 2020.

Georgetown University, DCF, KDOC and OJA attended the Foster Care Collaborative on August 20, 2020. The Foster Care Collaborative is a meeting held by Children's Alliance. Team members of the Foster Care Collaborative include Kansas Family Advisory Network, Kansas Foster and Adoptive Parent Association, Caregiver Support Association and the Kansas Youth Advisory Council and several Kansas service providers. Georgetown University presented an overview of national crossover research and an overview of the Crossover Youth Practice Model (CYPM). DCF and KDOC provided a description of the Statewide Policy Team.

For more information on the CYPM:

- DCF website [Click here](#)
- KDOC-JS website [Click here](#)
- Georgetown Center for Juvenile Justice Reform [Click here](#)

2020 DOC-Juvenile Services Training Schedule

New Employee Kansas Detention Assessment Instrument (KDAI) Training

Zoom	Saturday	September 26 th
Zoom	Tuesday	October 20 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. Due to COVID-19 precautions, KDAI trainings are being provided via the zoom platform. For more information on KDAI training or to register contact Steve Bonner at steven.bonner@ks.gov

Juvenile Justice Basics

Location	Zoom
Date	September - TBD
To Inquire	Email KDOC_JS_Training@ks.gov Participants name, agency, position, phone #, email address and supervisor's name.

Human Trafficking - National

Missouri Sees Success with New Human Trafficking Reporting System

Missouri Attorney General Eric Schmitt sat down for a one-on-one interview with 41 Action News this week to discuss how the state has changed its reporting system for human trafficking violations. Missourians can now call the National Human Trafficking Hotline (1-888-373-7888), which helps coordinate local, state and federal law enforcement resources to respond to those violations. [Read more and watch video](#)

Council of State Governments – Justice Center

Five Ways North Dakota Can Revamp Its 50-Year-Old Juvenile Justice Policy

The North Dakota Uniform Juvenile Court Act - the major legislation governing how the juvenile justice system operates in North Dakota - has remained largely unchanged for nearly 50 years. This means that much of it is not in accordance with the latest research on how to effectively promote positive behavior change among youth and young adults and improve public safety. Now, North Dakota leaders are working to bring the policy [Read more](#)

National News

Child Welfare and Justice Agencies Report Challenges in Context of COVID-19

Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, the media have regularly reported a shortage of personal protection equipment (PPE) - so critical for health care workers. A recent NCCD survey of child welfare and justice system agencies found the same problem across all groups of respondents: Limited PPE posed a significant challenge to their work. NCCD's survey of agency responses to the pandemic was open for eight weeks beginning in March and eventually garnered 185 responses from 20 states and Australia. Half of the responses came from probation and parole agencies and 38% from child welfare agencies. The remaining 12% of responses represented criminal and juvenile justice residential facilities. [Read more](#)
Survey results [Click here](#)
Survey recommendations [Click here](#)

Experts: Latino Youth 'Invisible' in Juvenile Justice Data

Today, the Latino and Hispanic population is the largest ethnic or racial minority group in the country, according to the [U.S. Census](#). Yet, experts say their presence in the juvenile justice system is severely underreported. Many experts agree Latino, Indigenous and Hispanic youth are misidentified and poorly counted in county, state and national statistics due to inconsistencies in definitions, categories or even having the option to self-identify at all. [Read more](#)

FY21 Approved JCAB Grants continued from page 1

- 10th JD **Problem Solving Drug Court**
Specialized court for adjudicated youth with drug offenses.
- 10th JD **Fidelity Specialist**
Fidelity specialist for YLS/CMI, case plans, cognitive groups, EPICS & Motivational Interviewing
- 10th JD **System Assessment**
Contract with research institute to conduct system-wide assessment of services in district to evaluation adherence to EBP.
- 10th JD **YAP Family Coordinator**
Two hours per week for wraparound advocacy services for families.
- 11th CR JD **Program Advocate**
District to hire a Program Advocate to coordinate mentoring services for district, provide OWDS & life skills and serve as school liaison.
- 11th LB/CK JD **CMHC Contract**
Contract with CMHC to provide life skills, cognitive groups (Crossroads Curriculum) and mental health services.
- 12th JD **JAG-K**
Contract with JAG-K to expand current programs to serve justice-involved youth
- 13th JD **Empowered, Engaged, and Peaceful Families**
Contract with CMHC to provide groups/services at risk of removal from the home. Main goal is to prevent placement in foster care.
- 14th JD **Program Specialist**
District would hire for position, which would provide MRT, Parent Project, Forward Thinking and other cognitive groups.
- 14th JD **Four County Mental Health Center**
Contract with CMHC to provide family services for low risk youth, who do not meet criteria for FFT.
- 15th/17th/23rd JD **Resilient Youth, Resilient Homes, Resilient Schools**
Contract with NWKS Education Service Center to provide after school groups for justice-involved youth; coaching for parents; training for schools using River of Cruelty Model from Family Peace Initiative.
- 18th JD **Administrative Services**
Administrative Costs for 18th JD.
- 18th JD **Sedgwick County CYPM**
District would hire a CYPM coordinator for the whole district.
- 18th JD **Community Collaboration Coordination**
District would send whole JCAB to CJJ conference in Washington DC.
- 18th JD **Contracted MH/BH Services**
Contract to provide mental/behavioral health services for youth identified with need through JIAS
- 18th JD **Coordination of Services Program**
District would hire 1.5 staff to work with youth/families referred through JIAS, to teach conflict resolution & communication skills.
- 18th JD **Positive Intervention and Supports**
Implement Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports in Juvenile Detention Center.
- 18th JD **Programming Enhancements**
Expand Evening Reporting Center to include tutoring & other programs for youth expelled from school & gender-specific programming.
- 18th JD **Life Skills and Girls Circle**
Contract with Mental Health Association to provide life skills groups and Girls Circle to youth referred through JIAS.
- 18th JD **Residential Child and Youth Care Professional**
Training for staff who work at Juvenile Residential Facility on facility culture, developing relationships, discipline & child development.
- 18th JD **Development Assets & Relationship Framework Training**
District will train JIAC, Juvenile Residential Facility & Juvenile Detention Center staff to help youth develop 40 positive supports & strengths.
- 19th JD **Adolescent Co-occurring Treatment Program**
Contract with CMHC to provide individual/group/family therapy, peer support services & educational activities.
- 19th JD **Home-based Services Program**
Half position for HBS Coordinator over Juvenile Detention Alternatives & Case Management services to oversee JO's referred for prosecution.
- 21st JD **Parent Project**
Costs for District to provide Parent Project groups in all counties.
- 25th JD **Big Brothers Big Sisters**
School-based, community-based, and job mentoring programs for at risk youth as a juvenile delinquency prevention program.
- 25th JD **LiveWell**
Contract with LiveWell - work with JCAB & juvenile services to develop a training plan for staff, schools & community partners who work with justice-involved youth (to include MH First Aid & ACEs/trauma training).
- 28th JD **Grief Counseling**
Grief and trauma counseling for youth who have experienced some kind of loss, paired with MRT to address criminogenic needs.
- 28th JD **CAPS Family Mentoring Program**
Family mentoring services for Spanish speaking families.
- 29th JD **Girls Circle (Court Services)**
Covers training costs for Court Services staff.
- 29th JD **Parent Project (Court Services)**
Covers expenses for three Court Services staff to get trained (lodging, travel, and per diem costs only).
- 29th JD **Warriors4Wyandotte**
Community mentoring, life skills, job preparation & tutoring.
- 30th JD **Sumner County MH**
Use the School Responder Model to provide wraparound case management for youth at risk to enter the juvenile justice system.