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 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 FY2020, 37 evaluations were conducted pre-adjudication, while 58 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, responsibility 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 training, all 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 should be requisite 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.

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 evaluations (primarily evaluations) at the pre-adjudication stage allows 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).

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 shared framework 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 assist by intervention, diversion, probation and conditional release. Prior reinvestment areas will target crimogenic needs including: cognitive-behavioral, and family centered therapy, substance abuse, and sex offender treatment.”

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-center 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. Local JDs could then partner with local 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 a new grant that 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 applications and determines 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 proposals for service proposals and 38 of those proposals were approved and funded. Megan Milner, KDOC-JS-Coordinator 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 our 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 CYC 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.

4th JD

IBSA

Working in targeted high poverty neighborhoods to support youth & families, job/career preparation, tutoring & independent living skills.

5th 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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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 CWOS & life skills and serve as school liaison.

11th LB/CR JD

CMHC Contract
Contract with CMHC to provide life skills, cognitive groups (Crossroads Cultural) and mental health services.

12th JD

JAGK
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
School with Education Service Center to provide after school groups for justice-involved youth; coaching for parents; training for schools using River of Cruelly Model from Family Peace Initiative.

18th JD

Administrative Services
Administrative Costs for 18th JD.

18th JD

Contracted MH/BH Services
District would hire a CYPF coordinator for the whole district.

18th JD

Community Collaboration Coordination
District would send whole JCAB to CJU conference in Washington DC.

18th JD

Contract
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 JAC, Juvenile Residential Facility & Juvenile Detention Center staff to help youth develop 40 positive supports & strengths.

19th JD

Adolescent-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 HCSC Coordinator over Juvenile Detention Alternatives & Case Management services to oversee JO’s referred for prosecution.

21st JD

Parent Project
Costs for District to provide 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.

26th JD

LiveWell
Contract with LiveWell - work with JAC/CR youth services to develop a training plan for staff, schools & community partners who work with justice-involved youth (to include MHT 1st Aid & ACS/trauma training).

28th JD

Grief Counseling
Grief and trauma counseling for youth who have experienced some kind of loss, paired with MRT to address diagnostic 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

Warrior/Young Adult
Community mentoring, life skills, job preparation & tutoring.

30th JD

Summer County MI
Use the School Responder Model to provide wraparound care management for youth at risk to enter the juvenile justice system.