

Kansas Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee

Reinvestment Subcommittee

July 17th, 2026

Program Updates

Mental Health First Aid (MHFA): We have had continued training this year, and there will also be one additional training course later this year.

Gender Responsivity Training: We have had 26 staff complete the training so far in FY 2026. Additional staff are enrolled and should complete the training before end of July 2026.

Family Engagement: A Child and Family Team Facilitator (CFT) Training of Trainers was completed during the first week of July. Varying agencies and KDOC staff now have trainers to sustain the CFT model going forward.

Moral Recognition Therapy: (no new update) We currently do not have enough staff that are in need of this training to host another in-person training. We are continuing to look at virtual options, but in order to host an in-person training course we would need more officers that have a need for the training.

Parent Project: (no new update) We currently do not have enough staff that are in need of this training to host another in-person training. We are continuing to look at virtual options, but in order to host an in-person training course we would need more officers that have a need for the training.

Juvenile Defense: We have created incredible momentum toward building a specialized and statewide youth defense system during this term, with the Board of Indigents' Defense Services (BIDS) currently working toward securing funding for a pilot youth defense office in 2028. We have been excited to provide our leadership, expertise, technical assistance, and strategic support to help build relationships and the shared understanding needed to develop an effective youth defense system. We hope to sustain the impact of these efforts for Kansas by continuing to train Kansas defenders as they prepare to represent young people within the Board of Indigents' Defense Services (BIDS) and by continuing to facilitate and support the Statewide Youth Defense Workgroup as it is a critical component of building a sustainable youth defense infrastructure in Kansas. (see full update in meeting supplementals).

Stepping Up: The Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) and the KS Stepping Up Technical Assistance Center is hosting a two-day learning and collaboration event. Day one will focus on strengthening county Stepping Up efforts, including presentations and

breakout sessions on justice and behavioral health topics and the Stepping Up for Youth Initiative. Day two will spotlight Mobile Crisis Response in Kansas and the continued implementation of Mobile Response and Stabilization Services (MRSS) as part of the state's Crisis Continuum of Care.

Crossover Youth Practice Model (CYPM):

Daniel Olson, The Crossover Coordinator for OJA has transitioned to another position. As of last week, the position with OJA has been posted and will remain open until position is filled.

County status: Original three counties, Sedgwick, Shawnee and Montgomery completed their first-year functioning independently. The implementation teams meet monthly/bi-monthly virtually to discuss crossover youth obstacles if there are any. Each county recently completed annual 101 training with all agencies providing an overview of the processes/services provided for crossover youth. Sessions were recorded to utilize for future annual training as well as new hire training.

Survey was completed by front-end staff to see what works with the current protocols, if updates are needed and how often staff is referring to the protocols.

Current County Status Atchison, Franklin and Saline have all completed assessments to identify county needs, completed 101 Trainings and have begun creating the protocols for their county. These counties currently meet monthly.

The goal is to have each county fully implanted by the end of 2026.

Currently working on DUA (Data Use Agreement) between DCF, DOC and OJA to allow agencies to share data to be able to better track crossover youth.

JJOC Vision Statement

Improve the lives and well-being of all youth in Kansas.

JJOC Mission Statement

The Kansas Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee (JJOC) is a statutorily defined, multidisciplinary team of stakeholders of youth-serving systems. The JJOC is responsible for regularly reviewing information and data on progress and outcomes across all parts of those systems. The JJOC provides policy and funding recommendations and influences stakeholders across agencies and branches of government, on sound, data-driven, evidence-based implementation, and sustainability of juvenile justice reforms.