

# Kansas Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee

## Reinvestment Subcommittee

07/18/2025

### Program Updates

**Mental Health First Aid:** In fiscal year 2025, we hosted 5 training sessions, that included 43 participants.

**Gender Responsivity Training:** During fiscal year 2025, 5 training sessions were held that included 39 participants. .

**Family Engagement:** The Family Engagement for all new community staff is now available on the KDOC Learning Management System. KDOC and PCG are currently securing locations and dates for a Child and Family Team (CFT) training, This will be open to community staff to become certified to be a facilitator of CFT's. The Family Engagement Manual was released and now available on the KDOC public website. There is collaboration with the Office of Judicial Administration to have a training available to judges that should come out in January 2026.

**Moral Recognition Therapy:** (no new update) We do not have enough staff need in order to host this training. It is a very intense training but not enough new officers with the need. Virtual options for training have been relayed to staff.

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

**Juvenile Defense:** Last month, the Gault Center announced is Statewide Youth Defense Meeting that will happen in Topeka, KS on September 12. In addition to discussion and making key steps in improving the youth defense in Kansas, they will be hosting the Youth Experiential Learning Simulation. A extremely unique experience for attendees.

**Stepping Up:** Council of State Government (CSG) continues their work in establishing Stepping Up within Kansas juvenile justice. Their next event will be held August 14<sup>th</sup>, this webinar will highlight different strategies for implementation of behavioral health screenings and services in detention, building an early intervention system, establishing detention standards, and improving support and outcomes for youth people.

### *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.*