

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

SENATE BILL 367



Kansas Juvenile Justice Program Spotlight Series

Teen Intervene

Counties Served

Harvey and McPherson

“ Keeping youth safe, cultivating hope, and creating positive change in communities ”



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Mission

Teen Intervene is a mild/moderate substance use intervention for teenagers ages 12-19 years old. The purpose is to provide a resource for youth struggling with substance use, and providing help and tools for the youth to make better decisions.



Youth Served: 108

- ✓ Successfully implemented into a local high school's drug policy
- ✓ Education for teenagers using substances
- ✓ Provides early intervention before substance use reaches the level of addiction



Benefits

- ✓ Simple and clear process to intervene in teen drug usage
- ✓ Reduces barriers and intimidation of teens getting help
- ✓ Supports parents by providing a way for teens to successfully reconnect with family.



Success Story

A teenager was referred to Teen Intervene after being charged with Unlawful Possession of Marijuana. While attending the program, the teen understood more about the harms of marijuana. After four weeks, the teen completed the program with a dramatically new outlook, increased maturity, and a bright future ahead of her. A year later she graduated high school to receive her diploma. She is now a para for the high school she attended, with no new arrests, and is living a drug free life.

This funding was made possible through the passage of Senate Bill 367 which reallocated funds originally used to maintain children's correctional facilities and now is used to keep kids in their communities and offer support.

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