

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

SENATE BILL 367



Kansas Juvenile Justice
Program Spotlight Series

Trauma-Informed Resilient Communities

Counties Served:

Ellis, Trego, Gove, Rooks, Norton, Phillips, Smith, Osborne, Graham, Decatur, Sherman, Cheyenne, Rawlins, Wallace, Logan, Sheridan, Thomas

“Either you deal with your junk, or your junk is going to deal with you.”

 **May 2023**  **Reinvestment - \$142,079.00**
JCAB- \$177,598.77



Mission

TIRC improves outcomes for justice-involved youth through decreasing youth criminogenic thinking and behavior, increasing youth engagement with school and/or work, and increasing family cohesion by providing trauma-informed services to justice-involved youth and their families through facilitated peer groups, family and individual services, and educator resourcing.



Individuals Served FY23: 98 youth & 19 adults

- ✓ Youth are served through weekly trauma-processing groups and supported with individual services, transportation, and excursions
- ✓ Parents are served through weekly groups



Impact

- ✓ Provides safe space for youth to process the adverse emotions common to difficult life experiences
- ✓ Staff model healthy emotional and behavioral processing
- ✓ Highly interactive education on the relationship between early trauma, negative emotions, and delinquent behavior
- ✓ Guided strategies for more peaceful and productive lives
- ✓ Successful parent programming
- ✓ Participants engage and participate at high levels and report significant life changes



Collaborations

- ✓ Based out of the Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center in partnership with Northwest Kansas Juvenile Services
- ✓ Partnered with Colby Community with the goal of offering 100% of TIRC graduates the opportunity to pursue an Associate's Degree at zero cost to the student

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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