As CSO representative for the Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee, I am now serving on a newly formed JJOC Reinvestment Subcommittee. The purpose of this subcommittee is to research and define what resources are needed for youth in our communities that are to be funded from reinvestment dollars allocated through SB 367. What I ask and need to know from your district is, what are the needs of youth that you serve in your community/district? Is it mental health? Substance abuse? Cognitive based programming? Etc? Please let me know what types of services/programming you are in need of in your area.

Low cost providers for substance and mental health. 4th Judicial District

Our greatest funding needs in the 10th would be money allotted for UA testing, mental health evaluations and treatment, substance abuse evaluations and treatment and transportation vouchers. 10th Judicial District

Funding needs to continue to provide for FFT and YAP mentoring services, however I believe the populations could be expanded to include moderate folks on IIP. In addition, more money needs to be put toward YAP for more slots to access.

The parenting program that Sg. Co. Comm. Corr. implemented needs to be funded state-wide. (It cost $30,000 to train 60 providers.)

I would say that cognitive based treatment, both individual and group, substance abuse treatment, definitely reliable and consistent mental health. I feel that our providers all have really great programs/plans, but services get more and more inconsistent as time goes on.

Not treatment related, but alternative educational options for kids who are not likely to be successful on campus, or are not able to return due to behavior. 21st Judicial District

We always need substance abuse and mental health. But also an Anger Management program. Our mental health center doesn’t have true anger management program. They try to focus on it in individual therapy but that is as close as we can get. 11th Judicial District

We used to have a program that kids could go to after school. They worked on homework, behavioral issues, social skills, independent living skills, and the typical needs of a teenage kid. It was the best think that this county ever offered. At first it was called Juvenile Offender Day Reporting Program, which was for offenders only. Then it was called Partnership for Successful Youth which took offenders and CINC’s, and then it was called On the Right Track. Probably another name or two!! I need the program to take both JV and JC cases. It was the first thing that got cut when budgets were cut.

Also we used to have a surveillance officer that would go out and just check on the kids, check curfew, give them truly random UA’s, check on sex offender’s especially to see that they were not violating risk restrictions. JJA was letting me use it for a while, but then cut it just to their kids due to budget. I am not sure if they still use it or not, but that made a huge difference in compliance and behavior change.

Another issue is families that are not low enough income to get a medical card, but not wealthy enough to afford out of pocket services. I can’t get those kids into counseling or anything else because they can’t pay for it. We lost the PSU Truancy Counseling program, which served kids for a one time $35.00 fee. That was a huge loss. 11th Judicial District
We are currently seeing a gap in services from arrest to adjudication and disposition on the court services side. The juveniles that in the past that were placed in temporary custody of the secretary of corrections and put in an out of home placement are the youth that are falling into this huge hole for us. These youth in the past were evaluated in placement and we had a good understanding of their needs prior to disposition. SB367 has left those youth in the community continuing to create issues and no services that are swift. The answer to those youth in our community has been our court placing them on electronic monitoring house arrest and on bond supervision with court services. The youth are required to pay the monitoring fee, but if they are unable to pay then court services fund is pay the fee. Therefore, my budget is getting tapped. This has also created an entirely new population for court services, which we did not have before. The court has no options under SB367 for these high risk youth. Our reinvestment dollars through community corrections is for some cognitive programming and we are referring them for those in house services which are a good option. However, I would like to request some electronic monitoring funds for court services to use at pre adjudication and post adjudication for the high risk youth. This money should be utilized for court services and community correction youth. We have a standard condition of probation that the supervision officer can put a youth on electronic monitor for up to 14 days for probation violations at the youth’s expense. However, if they have no money we don’t put them on. Therefore having dollars for this would be great. The other issue for us is transportation to counseling. This is always our issue in rural America. Dollars for transportation would be utilized as well. Community Corrections pays a driver to transport in the county car. Court Services does not have a county car, but we could utilize funds and contract with community corrections to transport our youth in their car. Again, this would be money that would be used in collaboration with community corrections. I think this is all in the spirit of the bill.

12th Judicial District

Trauma Therapy- we have a provider who could offer this service at $50/hour for clients with Community Corrections and Court Services if money is available.

Daytime reporting center for expelled/suspended youth – this center would have staff available to assist with on-line schooling. 28th JD CC

My answer to you would be yes to all of services that you identified in your email for us in the 31st. Especially for kids that don’t have the financial ability to pay for services and lack insurance or a medical card. I am in the process of implementing the Forward Thinking cognitive program and offering it to our KDOC Juvenile Services/IIP kids and would like to offer it to the Court Services kids as well. 31st Judicial District

In the 24th we have nothing. We have to send people to Hays, Great Bend, Dodge City or Garden City for any type of service. So anything you could get for us would be wonderful. Even if you could get money for us to transport the people to those areas or for us to have the provider come into our district. Community Corrections and Court Services neither one are able to refer within our district.

24th Judicial District

We actually do not see many juveniles to Court Services but the few we have seen seem to need Substance Abuse Treatment and good quality MH treatment. Currently our MH agency is doing the substance abuse treatment and it is not good counseling and individuals who use the agency seem to have a lot of complaints and feel they do not get much help from the counselors there. 15th Judicial District