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## NOTICE OF JUVENILE CORRECTIONS ADVISORY BOARD

A meeting of the Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, will be conducted in a hybrid format on Thursday, October 16, 2025, at 9:00 AM.

We invite you to view the meeting in person in Classroom:111, Juvenile Services Center, 738 Ann Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas 66101, or via Zoom at the link below.

Topic: Quarterly Meeting of the Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board

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***UG of WyCo/KCK Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board***  
***Meeting Agenda***  
***VIA ZOOM and In-Person***



October 16, 2025  
9:00 am

- I. Call to order
- II. Roll call
- III. Approval of minutes for July 17, 2025
- IV. New Business
  - a) FY2025 Annual JCAB Report – Bonnie Mejia
  - b) FY2026 Q1 Agency Case Plan Progress – Bonnie Mejia
  - c) Q1 JCAB Grant Program Updates
    - Jegna Klub – Moses Wyatt
    - Lowriding 2 Success Bike Club – Martin Cervantes
    - Connections to Success – Cory Finley
    - Full Throttle Foundation – Glen Cusimano
    - Court Services – Curtis Ross
  - d) Q1 Juvenile Comprehensive Grant Program Updates
    - Heartland 180, Inc. (Delinquency Prevention) – Max Mendoza
    - A Connecting Pointe (Substance Abuse/Mental Health Therapy) – Tyson McQuay

Old Business:

Adjournment:

Next Meeting: Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 9am

**JCAB Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

JCAB Mission: Wyandotte County works together to support positive youth development and a safe community through the efficient and effective use of resources.

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**I. Call to order:**

Meeting called to order at 9:04am, by Judge York.

**II. Roll call:**

The following Board members were in attendance:

Clarice Podrebarac, Scott Brinkman, Dr. Rena Duewel, Phil Lockman, Deborah Peterson, Judge Delia York, Jamie Oborg, John Nguyen, Adrienne Gilchrist, Shelby Woodward

**Not Present:** Curtis Ross, Maj. Brittanie Pruitt, James Yoakum, Sara Andaverde, Michael Knight,

**III. Approval of minutes for March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

1<sup>st</sup> Adrienne Gilchrist, 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Brinkman

**Roll Call:**

Yes vote-unanimously

Bonnie: See attached report.

**IV. New Business**

**a) New Members Introductions**

**York:** I want to introduce a couple of new members. Adrienne Gilchrist, the new Administrator of the Juvenile Detention Center has joined us. Adrienne has been a faculty staff with the JDC for years. She has a knowledge base that we are going to tap often. Gilchrist, welcome to the JCAB. John, would you like to introduce yourself?

**Nguyen:** I currently serve as an assistant superintendent for Piper School District. This will be my fourth year in this role. I was the principal of Piper High School, taught in the district for a number of years, so I've been in Piper for a long time and glad to be sitting in for Darcy Baste, who unfortunately couldn't make it today. Thanks for having me.

**York:** Next on the agenda, we have FY25 Qtr. 4 JCAB grant program updates. Mr. Cervantes could not be here today, and neither could Coach Moses Wyatt. But they did provide us with some numbers. Ms. Bonnie, can you update us on those two programs?

**Bonnie:** Our Juvenile Dept. has evidence-based grant funding from the state of Kansas where community organizations can apply for the funding. FY2025 funding will end on

June 30<sup>th</sup>. The programs that are rewarded for FY2025 are One Circle, Connections to Success, Lowriding 2 Success Bike Club, and Jegna Klub. The notes to the Q3 updates on those programs can be reviewed in Q4.

#### **b) FY2025 Q4 JCAB Grant Program Update**

- **One Circle (Boys and Girls Circle) Curtis Ross/Mejia-See report**

**Bonnie:** On June 2<sup>nd</sup>, six students attended the Comeback Barthrow and one of their bikes got 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Some of the students' bikes that they built will be on display at the Wyandotte County Museum in Bonner Springs for the next two months. We have been invited to go to the Museum to check them out. We are also invited to visit their location site to see what their program entails. They are open on Wednesdays. Lowriding 2 Success has Open House on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month and is participating on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday at West Bottoms.

- **One Circle (Boys and Girls Circle) Curtis Ross/Mejia-See report**
- **Jegna Klub (Connecting the Dottes) Moses Wyatt/Mejia-See Report**
- **Connections to Success (Project START) Cory Finley-See Report**

**Stephanie:** Connections to Success is an organization that is designed to help individuals and families that are dealing with unemployment and underemployment. We're very much a employment based and financial stability-based program. Specifically for Wyandotte County, we have Ashton Weaver who serves as our life transformation coach and is also our facilitator for the class. The youth go through a program of 10 courses focused on personal and professional development. There's a lot of CBT, a lot of evidence-based practice involved. We help them pursue education and job opportunities. Something unique about our program is once the youth has participated in our program, we continue to be available to support them and their families, whether it's through us directly or getting them connected to our community resources.

**York:** We used to offer the Compliance Services Program. Now we refer them to Project Start. What are some alternatives? We have youth who do not want to go back to any sort of school building. I don't know what my options are. We have conversations with them about wanting to do GED. We have several youths that, at some level, are in the Detention Center that are already engaged in program referrals through HISET or GED. We also are looking at some type of virtual learning opportunity. Some youths just do better in their individualized pace, as opposed to some of the structures of being in a physical school building. We've had those conversations. Unfortunately, some youths have had bad experiences in the education system. It's tough connecting our youth with workforce development, other organizations, and some skill-based training. It's very individualized, depending on the full set of what's happening with that youth and their family. Do you work with the Global Community College?

**Stephanie:** We do. I would say that maybe not quite as much as we would like to. We probably have some work to do there. My role has changed a little bit, as of yesterday. In addition to working with JCAB, I'm also going to be working with DCCCA. As a part of that, there's some training opportunities through the community college. I'll also be working on that training, building up those relationships and working toward making it more robust, which will then also benefit RD as well. We'll be able to utilize that information to help make sure that they're aware of what opportunities are available and can look at what kinds of college opportunities there are and what other types of connections are available.

We just had a family working with DCCCA. DCF referred DCCCA and clearly, she is going to need some help navigating what the educational options are for this young man. I'd like to talk to you a little bit further about that.

### **c) FY2025 Q4 Juvenile Comprehensive Grant Program Updates**

Bonnie: We now have Full Throttle that has started working with our youth. Moving forward, the JCAB meetings will have updates for all five of the programs.

For those who are new to the JCAB meetings, the Juvenile Dept. is funded with 3 grants from the State of Kansas. They are JCAB, evidence-based grant, Juvenile Comprehensive, day to day operations of Juvenile Intake and Assessment Center, Community Corrections/ISP/Intensive Supervision Probation and Reinvestment grant which will now be used as another evidence-based grant for KDOC. This grant will fund programming positions here on site.

- **Delinquency Prevention (Heartland 180, Inc)-Stephanie Henderson-See Report**

**Max:** I am Max Mendoza, the Executive Director for Heartland 180. What we do is provide programming focus on social emotional learning, using CBT based practices, working with soft skills, character development, focusing on self-awareness, self-development, and social responsibility with both the tertiary population and secondary population. Which is system involved youth or youth at risk of becoming system involved.

We have a new office located on 45th and Stateline. We will have two pods for youth in JDC that we will be working with. We will continue to provide services for day reporting as referrals are made. As of right now for our school-based locations, we will be in Washington High and Harmon High School. We are trying to make connections into one of the middle schools and Schlagel High. Wyandotte High school already has many services there. We wanted to focus more on high schools with less programs or services being provided to them. We're still currently trying to develop relationships with the other school districts. We have not been able to get in contact with Bonner Springs or Piper. We are hopefully looking at Turner schools to establish Journey services for the alternative school. Unfortunately, it's been hard. We make a few steps forward then

something happens then things get put on the back burner due to our schools being overwhelmed. We're trying to be as supportive as we can with our school districts and to be there to help support them. This funding allows us to serve the entire county of Wyandotte County. Our last site will be working with Low Riding 2 Success, where we will be providing the open curriculum All Together We Rise.

**Rena:** I was the building principal at Journey for about 13 years, and now I'm the dean of students in the district. I'll can get you into Journey to help you connect with the high school and the middle school.

**Max:** That would be great. We are planning on having an open house at the end of August where we will be inviting JCAB and other community members.

- **Substance Abuse Use Therapy (A Connecting Pointe)-Tyson McQuay/Mejia-See Report**

Bonnie: A Connecting Pointe is our contractual onsite provider for mental health and substance Abuse.

#### **d) FY2025 Q\$ Reinvestment Grant Program Updates**

- **Mental Therapy (PACES)-Brooke Adamek/Mejia-See Report**

**Bonnie:** PACES will still partner with us even though they are not the onsite contact provider. Brooke will see youth on Wednesdays when she returns from maternity leave.

- **Juvenile Services Center Programming-Bonnie Mejia-See Report**

**Bonnie:** Reinvestment programs is what our Family Engagement staff specialist offers onsite. They work with youth in at detention. They are the liaison between the courts, the youth, and their parents. It helps youth and parents navigate the court system, building a rapport with them early in the justice process.

#### **e) FY2025 Annual Review of Agency Case Plans**

- **Juvenile Intensive Supervision Probation (JISP)-Bonnie Mejia- See Report**

Bonnie: For our Juvenile Intensive Supervision Probation, our agency had three goals to meet. Goal 1: To continue to provide thinking, rationing, and committing fraud. We worked hard last year in hiring that facilitator, getting her trained in the WhyTry program for our moderate to

high-risk youth. She has an ongoing schedule. so that we're not waiting too long to put youth in programming after adjudication and put on probation. The facilitator works with Court Services youth.

Goal 2: To focus on supervision resources for youth who are moderate to high risk in YLS. YLS is our risk assessment.

Our numbers have gone down, yet our youth's risk has really gone up. Although we have less youth on supervision, we have high risk youth that are on supervision. The youth are seen on a weekly basis with more services in place, with wraparound agencies. Our focus is what are those services needed for the moderate to high-risk youth. How do we best supervise these youth. Part of that is ensuring that our officers have equitable caseloads. We do not like Officers to go over 20, due to seeing the youth three to four times a month, conversing with therapists regarding their treatment, school visit, parents, and getting them into programming. It can get a little overwhelming. So, my goal is to ensure that we're keeping caseloads not only equal throughout officers, but equitable in that not one officer is getting all high-risk youth and then one officer is getting all low risk. Officers do a reassessment with youth and their guardian every six months to monitor how best the youth can be supervised. If the youth score high, is it family, is it substance use, is it employment, education or personality and behavior?

So that we know how to supervise and we're targeting those domains in that risk assessment. My staff did a great job ensuring that our ISOs caseloads were kept at good limits, while having 30-day reviews with each officer per risk level. Kansas Department of Corrections has a standard to complete 120 programming hours that the youth must complete on top of everything else that they have to do during their probation. We must take into account not to over programming the youth. We want to look at the quality of programming for the youth, that makes the most sense.

Goal 3: Increase the number of successful youths that are completing programming hours. I haven't looked at closeout data for FY25. I'll bring that to the next meeting. We had more youth complete required programming hours in FY25 than the previous years. I'm going to meet with KDOC next week. We must submit FY26 goals by August 15th. I will review that information with you all at the next meeting

- **Juvenile Intake and Assessment Center (JIAC) Mary Pollack- See Report**

**Mary:** I am the director of the Juvenile Intake Assessment Center here with the sheriff's department. For FY25, we have two goals.

Goal 1: Is to conduct roll call training with the police departments. This goal is to give correct information to the officers who are out on the screen. There's been a lot of confusion as to what we can and can't do in Juvenile Intake. Misinformation has been given to the parents sometimes. Our goal is to make sure that they are all informed about what we can and can't do. Answer any questions that they might have. We've had very, very, very good response from the officers regarding getting the information.

Goal 2: Is to follow up with 50% of the parents or guardians for youth we provided referrals for. We provide referrals at the three-week mark because parents have calmed down by then. At that

point the parents should have reached out to any referrals that we gave to them. Did the parents have any success with the referral? Any barriers? Do you need more referrals to any programming? We made the goal of 100% of all the kids that were referable, meaning we don't follow up with JDC, PPC youth, which is police protected custody. They have already got community services in place. I am proud of my staff; they worked very hard on doing the follow-up calls and providing good quality service.

**York:** Motion to approve the review of the Annual Case plans for both Juvenile Intensive Supervision Probation and the Juvenile Intake and Assessment.

Scott Brinkman 1st , Phil Lockman 2nd.

Roll call on that motion to approve the two agency case plans.

**Roll Call:**

Yes vote-unanimously

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**f) FY2025 Updates/Reminders**

**Bonnie:** Case Plans have been reviewed and approved.

For FY26 all programs will be giving updates/progress reports at our quarterly meetings. On the first page of your supervision numbers, when all these programs are presenting and you hear only five kids in this quarter or 10 kids, we don't have an abundance of kids. We're not dealing with hundreds of kids here. I just want that to be known.

At our next meeting in October, we'll discuss those other updates.

**Next meeting Thursday, October 16th at 9am.**

**V. Old Business**

**VI. Adjournment: 9:19am**

## FY2026 Q1 Juvenile Supervision Numbers

### **COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS**

#### **July Month-End**

Conditional Release: 10 (10 Males; 0 Females)  
Juvenile Correctional Facility: 20 (20 Males; 0 Females)  
Intensive Supervision Probation: 26 (24 Males; 2 Females)  
Family Engagement: 9 (9 Males; 0 Females)

**TOTAL: 65**

#### **August Month-End**

Conditional Release: 8 (8 Males; 0 Females)  
Juvenile Correctional Facility: 20 (20 Males; 0 Females)  
Intensive Supervision Probation: 28 (27 Males; 1 Females)  
Family Engagement: 12 (12 Males; 0 Females)

**TOTAL: 68**

#### **September Month-End**

Conditional Release: 8 (8 Males; 0 Females)  
Juvenile Correctional Facility: 20 (20 Males; 0 Females)  
Intensive Supervision Probation: 26 (24 Males; 2 Females)  
Family Engagement: 14 (14 Males; 0 Female)

**TOTAL: 69**

### **COURT SERVICES**

#### **July Month-End**

Standard Probation: 35  
Diversion: 15  
Detention Alternative Services: 15

**TOTAL: 65**

#### **August Month-End**

Standard Probation: 29  
Diversion: 15  
Detention Alternative Services: 30

**TOTAL: 74**

#### **September Month-End**

Standard Probation: 40  
Diversion: 38  
Detention Alternative Services: 21

**TOTAL: 99**

**Total Number of Supervised Youth in the Community September Month-End: 133**

**Total Number of Wyandotte County Youth in Detention 10/01/2025: 18 (plus 1 juvenile case in the ADC)**

## FY2026 Q1 JCAB Grant Program Info

### Court Services - One Circle Foundation

(Money awarded FY26 - \$5,298.00)

- **Evidence-Based Program (EBP):** Boys Council & Girls Circle
- **Description of EBP:** Boys Council & Girls Circle are both 8-10 week programs of the One Circle Foundation. Participants meet weekly and are guided through specific curriculum by juvenile court staff who are trained as program facilitators. Both groups are strength-based support groups.
- **Program Schedule:** Boys Council Wednesdays: 3:15-4:30pm; Girls Circle: Wednesdays 3:30pm-5:00pm
- **Location:** Juvenile Services Center (JSC) – 738 Ann Avenue, KCK, 66101
- **# of Referrals in Q1:** 0
- **# of Successful Completions in Q1:** 0
- **Success Story in Q1:**
- **Goals for Q2:** Unable to form groups in Q1 due to staff turnover. Goal is for both groups to have completed a session during Q2.
- **Additional Information for Advisory Board:** 3 new facilitators trained in the Girls Circle curriculum.

### Connections to Success - Project START

(Money Awarded FY26 - \$102,011.68)

- **Evidence-Based Program (EBP):** Pathways to Success
- **Description of EBP:** Project START begins with a Personal and Professional Development training where participants are guided by a facilitator through an evidence-based training focused on cognitive development, communication, social competencies, mock interviews, resume development, soft skill development, personality and career assessments, and SMART goal setting. Throughout this training and beyond, participants work with Life Transformation Coaches (LTC's) who provide ongoing training and support, while working towards fulfilling the SMART goals they set in training, exploring career fields and educational opportunities, and overcoming barriers to achieve lifelong success.
- **Program Schedule:** Classes at JSC: Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:00 am – 11:00 am, classes at Juvenile Detention Center: Thursdays 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm, Office open 9:00am – 4:00 PM Monday through Friday.
- **Location:** Juvenile Services Center (JSC) and Juvenile Detention Center (JDC): 738 Ann Avenue, KCK, 66101. Office Location: 1017 North 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Kansas City, KS 66101
- **# of Youth Referrals in Q1:** 0 (We served 11 youth previously referred/enrolled)
- **# of Successful Completions in Q1:** 0
- **Success Story in Q1:** When D.T. first joined our Personal and Professional Development (PPD) program at Connections to Success, he was looking for direction and a path forward. He would admit the road for him had not been easy, but he was determined to create change in his life. During his time in PPD, D.T. began taking steps to work towards his goals. Upon completion of PPD he entered an inpatient SUD facility, and when he completed it, he and his life coach worked together to explore opportunities with workforce programs, expanding his understanding of the options available to him and the skills he could develop.  
Although he did not choose to undertake any of the workforce programs, he did gain employment at the local Amazon Warehouse making \$19.00 /hr. This has been a major milestone for him to reach and as it is giving him independence, stability, and the start of a promising career. D.T. has been able to achieve these steps and successes due to the continued support of his mother and the guidance of his Life Transformation Coach.
- **Goals for Q2:** 4 enrolled youth each month
- **Additional Information for Advisory Board:**

### Lowriding 2 Success Bike Club

(Money awarded FY26 - \$134,983.88)

- **Evidence-Based Program (EBP):** All Together Rising: Sessions for Youth in Adversity
- **Description of EBP:** The 10 in-depth sessions address eight familiar but adverse conditions affecting many youth (community violence, dealing with loss & grief, food insecurity, homelessness & housing insecurity, labor trafficking, sex trafficking, teen depression, and teen suicide prevention). Designed as trauma-responsive sessions to implement individually within any One Circle program, this collection serves as a go-to resource for specific topics offering enhanced awareness, support, and tools for youth.
- **Program Schedule:** Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 3:30pm-5:30pm
- **Location:** 423 North 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Kansas City, KS 66101
- **# of Referrals in Q1:** 12
- **# of Successful Completions in Q1:** 5
- **Success Story in Q1:** A.R. came to our program through the court system, he was able to earn his high school diploma and completed his probation with flying colors. In A.R.'s own words, "L2S is a unique experience that I have never done and am very glad to have had joined this club. This club helps change kids' lives and to do the right thing. I have learned to be more faithful, stay out of trouble, and help others more than I ever have. It is not worth spending the rest of your life hurting and rotting in a prison cell, and L2S has made that very clear to me. I am always looking forward to coming to the club to clear my mind and have a good time with everyone. Thank you very much Mr. C."
- **Goals for Q2:** More referrals in Q2 than in Q1 and have a 100% graduation rate in Q2.
- **Additional Information for Advisory Board:** The main goal of L2S is to serve, guide and support our youth one on one mentoring and utilize our therapist more. We are committed to help our youths REIMAGINE THIER LIVES.

### Jegna Klub – Connecting the Dottes

(Money awarded FY26 - \$113,542.32)

- **Evidence-Based Program (EBP):** Connecting The Dottes Multimedia Internship Program
- **Description of EBP:** Connecting The Dottes is an evidence-based, wrap-around youth development intervention grounded in the Positive Youth Development (PYD) framework, integrating best practices in mentoring, positive adult relationships, character and life skills development, and real-world learning through digital media and entrepreneurship. The Connecting The Dottes Multimedia Internship Program provides youth with consistent mentorship, holistic educational support, and hands-on project-based learning in STEAM, media production, and entrepreneurship. Rooted in the Positive Youth Development (PYD) framework, the program emphasizes character development, real-world skill building, and relational trust to reduce negative behaviors and support academic and life success.
- **Program Schedule:** Monday thru Thursday: 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM; Saturday: 11:30 AM – 5:30 PM
- **Location:** 1917 Quindaro Blvd., Kansas City, KS 66104
- **# of Referrals in Q1:** 1
- **# of Successful Completions in Q1:** 2
- **Success Story in Q1:** <https://www.thejegnaklub.org/post/success-story-delano-washington-growth-through-connection-and-creativity>
- **Goals for Q2:** Increase youth referrals to at least 5 new participants; strengthen wrap-around supports (mentorship, coaching) to reduce dropout risk; increase partnerships with local schools, businesses and community organizations.
- **Additional Information for Advisory Board:** The Connecting The Dottes program is a cornerstone of Jegna Klub's mission to build economic independence, social capital, and entrepreneurial mindsets among youth through culturally affirming, real-world learning experiences. The program leverages Jegna Klub's media platforms, podcast networks, and community partnerships to amplify youth voices and showcase their work. Early internal evaluations show promising outcomes, including a 25% reduction in behavior referrals and suspensions in partner school sites. We are continuing to implement more baseline and follow-up assessments to track youth progress and outcomes.

**Full Throttle Foundation KC**

(Money awarded FY26 - \$113,542.32)

- **Evidence-Based Program (EBP):** Navigate 360
- **Description of EBP:** This program provides physical activity through boxing and sports performance training with social-emotional learning strategies. Youth are guided in discipline, self-awareness, teamwork, and resilience while receiving mentorship and life-skills support. The structured approach reduces risk factors for justice involvement and builds a foundation for long-term success.
- **Program Schedule:** Mondays and Wednesdays, 4:00pm-5:00pm, with optional Saturday group workout at 9:30am.
- **Location:** 2824 South 44<sup>th</sup> Street, Kansas City, KS 66106
- **# of Referrals in Q1:** 5
- **# of Successful Completions in Q1:** 4 (one moved north of the river)
- **Success Story in Q1:** D.W. entered the program struggling with self-confidence and frequent school suspensions. Through consistent training and mentorship, he not only improved his boxing skills but also developed strong coping strategies to handle conflict. By the end of the quarter, he demonstrated leadership by encouraging the new participants and was recognized by his mother as being resilient with the issue the family is currently facing.
- **Goals for Q2:** Increase youth referrals by 20% through outreach to local schools and community partners; launch a financial literacy and nutrition workshop once a month alongside current programming; highlight at least two new youth success stories to share with partners and funders.
- **Additional Information for Advisory Board:** We've had three additional referrals – one went AWOL the weekend before starting; another had a medical emergency; and we are waiting for the third one to start.

## FY2026 Q1 Juvenile Comprehensive Grant Program Info

### Heartland 180, Inc. (Delinquency Prevention)

(Money awarded FY26 - \$120,125.00)

Participants for FY26 to date: 103

#### FY26 Q1 Program Sites

Washington HS: 19

Harmon HS: 18

JDC: 0

JSC: 0

Girls Circle: 6

Council for Boys and Young Men: 0

Open Circle: 60

#### FY26 Q2 Program Preview

Heading into the second quarter, H180 programming will return to the JDC and JSC (as referrals are provided). We will also be adding further community-based programs to support the quantity of Open Circle that are coming in.

Youth response to programming this fall has been encouraging. With the higher numbers of youth engaging, we are hopeful for greater impacts to be seen as we move forward. We are aiming to continue increasing the referrals from community partners and working on ways to see those referrals follow through at a higher rate.

### A Connecting Pointe (Substance Use and Mental Health On-Site)

(Money awarded FY26 - \$130,000.00)

- **Evidence-Based Program (EBP):** Substance Use Treatment and Mental Health Treatment
- **Description of EBP:** Substance Use Treatment: Evidence-based practices associated with 'The Matrix Model – for teens and young adults – Intensive Outpatient Alcohol and Drug Treatment Program.' Mental Health Treatment: Evidence-based practices of Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Dialectical Behavior Therapy, Acceptance and Commitment Therapy, Reality based therapy, and rational emotive therapy.
- **Program Schedule:** Daily assessments and therapy; Substance Abuse Group on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:30pm-5:00pm.
- **Location:** Juvenile Services Center (JSC) – 738 Ann Avenue, KCK, 66101
- **# of Referrals in Q1:** 45 (served 66 youth in Q1)
- **# of Successful Completions in Q1:** 1 successful completion of SUD in-patient; 2 graduations from substance abuse group therapy.
- **Success Story in Q1:** Several substance abuse group therapy clients have at least one clean UA currently and 3-4 are waiting for one more clean UA to successfully complete the program. GAIN Assessment has allowed for early intervention.
- **Goals for Q2:** Therapist will maintain engagement and promptly complete assessments from significant increase in referrals; re-establish family night in November; plan to see 3-4 individuals graduate programming.
- **Additional Information for Advisory Board:**

**FY2025 JCAB Annual**

**Once report is completed, submit Excel spreadsheet to [tara.newell@ks.gov](mailto:tara.newell@ks.gov)**

**Report is due October 1, 2025**

**Judicial District:** 29th Wyandotte County

**Contact Information for Person Completing the Report:**

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**Please describe the JCAB process to collect information used to develop this report:**

Community Corrections numbers are tallied by Bonnie Mejia, Youth Services Division Administrator, by reviewing data collected by Intensive Supervision Officer Supervisors during the requested time frame. Intensive Supervision Officers (ISOs), Supervisors, and Program Facilitators are consulted during a team meeting for input into needed services/programming. The report is reviewed by JCAB members at the quarterly JCAB meeting. The JCAB makes recommendations and Bonnie Mejia updates the report.

**FY2025 Annual JCAB Report Signatures**

By signing this report, you are agreeing with the data contained herein for your judicial district, to be submitted to the Kansas Department of Corrections and the Kansas Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee. All information contained in this report is true and accurate, to the best of your knowledge. *Signatures may be included on spreadsheet as an image, for submission purposes.*

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Community Corrections Director

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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JCAB Chairperson

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# Community Supervision

Instructions: Identify how many males and females are in your district for each category below.

Out-of-Home Placements is defined as youth placed outside of their home through the Kansas Department of Corrections (KDOC) or the Department for Children and Families (DCF).

This is point-in-time data not total numbers for the whole year: how many youth were on supervision on the date specified below.

6/30/2025

| OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT                                         | MALE | FEMALE |
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| YRCII - Youth Residential Center II                           |      |        |
| TLP - Transitional Living Program                             |      |        |
| CIP - Community Integration Program                           |      |        |
| QRTP - Qualified Residential Treatment Program                |      |        |
| RMC - Residential Maternity Center                            |      |        |
| Foster Care                                                   |      |        |
| JDC - Juvenile Detention Center                               |      |        |
| PRTF - Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility             | 1    |        |
| In-patient substance abuse                                    |      |        |
| Secure Care                                                   |      |        |
| Hospital                                                      |      |        |
| AWOL - Absent without leave                                   | 3    |        |
| Other- Adult Detention Center                                 | 1    |        |
| Other- Homeless Shelter                                       |      |        |
| Other- Wilderness Camp Placement                              |      |        |
| Other- Family Foster Home                                     |      |        |
| Other-Specialized Foster Family Placement                     |      |        |
| Other-Adoption home                                           | 1    |        |
| Other- Non-related Kin                                        |      |        |
| Other- Homeless                                               |      |        |
| Other- Living with friend                                     | 1    |        |
| Other - Transitional Living Program                           |      |        |
| Other - Out of state psychiatric inpatient treatment facility |      |        |
| Total                                                         | 7    | 0      |

### Needed Programming/Service

| Per K.S.A. 75-7044a(b): Identified needs should focus on programs/services to reduce reliance on out-of-home placement and to reduce recidivism.                                                                        |                                      |          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| Instructions: Identify the top <b>two</b> program needs to reduce out-of-home placement and programs needed to improve the rate of recidivism, which may include programs/services already implemented in the district. |                                      |          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Program Title/Topic                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Are these services available in/for: |          | Additional Comments, Concerns, Information                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Youth                                | Families |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Juvenile Drug and Alcohol Treatment                                                                                                                                                                                     | Yes                                  | No       | TOP PROGRAM NEED: The 29th contracts with A Connecting Pointe to provide on-site substance use and mental health services. Substance use group therapy allows clients to practice recovery strategies, build interpersonal skills, and reinforce and develop social networks. Individual therapy assists clients in addressing their motivation and individual root causes of their substance use. Additionally, therapy assists youth in bulding positive emotional, social, communication, and thinking skills and behaviors.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Mental Health Services                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Yes                                  | Yes      | The 29th currently contracts with A Connecting Pointe for on-site mental health services (paid via grant). PACES also provides mental health services in Wyandotte County. Families and adults can also utilize Wyandot Behavioral Health Center (PACES is the juvenile branch).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Mentoring Program                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Yes                                  | No       | TOP PROGRAM NEED: Community mentor programs connect youth with community members through intentional activities, conversations, and evidence-based practices. Community mentor programs are an effective way to facilitate community connections and give justice-involved youth a chance at better outcomes. Mentors provide youth with guidance, support, and knowledge. Mentors are able to create a culture where youth feel they have a support network and tools for growth and connection in the community in which they live. Grant funds have allowed the 29th to partner/contract with: Lowriding 2 Success Bike Club; Jegna Klub; Full Throttle Foundation; Connections to Success; and Heartland 180, Inc. All of these programs provide a mentoring aspect and provide youth with guidance and support. |

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| Parent-Training Programs- Parent Project               | Yes | Yes | Community Corrections Juvenile staff are trained to facilitate The Parent Project.                                                                                                                                |
| Cognitive Behavior Program - The Change Company        | Yes | No  | Community Corrections Juvenile staff are trained to facilitate Interactive Journaling (What Got Me Here and Victim Awareness).                                                                                    |
| Behavioral Health Crisis and Recovery Center           | No  | No  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Afterschool Program                                    | No  | No  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Social Emotional Skills and Competency Course          | Yes | Yes | Heartland 180, Inc.                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Behavior Intervention Support Team (BIST)              | No  | No  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Restoration Center                                     | No  | Yes | The Frank Williams Outreach Center is a drop-in center for people who are homeless to find a path to recovery (homeless individuals are able to take showers, get clean clothes, meet with casemanagers, etc.).   |
| Cognitive Based Services                               | Yes | No  | Community Corrections Juvenile staff are trained to facilitate WhyTry, Crossroads (Gang Activity, Delinquent Behavior, and Anger Management), and Interactive Journaling (Victim Awareness and What Got Me Here). |
| Truancy Intervention Program                           | Yes | No  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Juvenile Intake and Assessment Case Manager Specialist | No  | No  | Wyandotte County does not have a case manager for JIAC, all staff are Intake Specialists.                                                                                                                         |
| MST- Multi Systemic Therapy                            | No  | No  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Anger Management                                       | Yes | No  | Community Corrections Juvenile staff are trained to facilitate Crossroads (Anger Management). Community members may also refer to PACES.                                                                          |
| Life Skills Training/Cognitive Development             | Yes | No  | Community Corrections Day Reporting and WhyTry.                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Trauma-focused Cognitive Behavior Therapy              | Yes | Yes | PACES                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Various Correctional Counseling, Inc                   | Yes | No  | The 29th currently contracts with A Connecting Pointe for on-site mental health services (paid via grant). A therapist from A Connecting Pointe working with youth in the Wyandotte County Detention Center.      |
| Anger Management/Mindfulness/Victim Awareness          | Yes | No  | Community Corrections Juvenile staff are trained to facilitate Interactive Journaling (What Got Me Here and Victim Awareness).                                                                                    |
| Alternative School                                     | Yes | Yes | Multiple alternative schools in Wyandotte County.                                                                                                                                                                 |
| PPC Placements                                         | Yes | Yes | DCF                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

Please enter any footnotes, remarks, additional research citations, and/or comments below.

In addition to the out-of-home placements listed: four (4) male youth were placed with a relative, twenty (20) male youth were at the Juvenile Correctional Facility, and one (1) male youth was living independently on June 30, 2025.