

# Youth Corrections (SC & KS)

**Recommendation #1:** By July 1, 2022, updating JIAC Policy 8.810 – Use of Force

**Implementation Date:** 1/13/2023

**Implementation Details:**

- 8/29/2022 Update
  - Policy has been updated including the recommendations. Submitted to County Legal for review. Team Justice reviewed in August and then on to the BOCC and KDOC.
- 12/2/2022 Update
  - TJ approval and BOCC presentation and approval on 12/7/22. Then on to KDOC.
- 4/20/2023 Update
  - KDOC approved the Use of Force Policy in late December 2022 with notice to Sedgwick County Department of Corrections 1/13/2023.

**Recommendation #2:** Increasing Sedgwick County funding to JDF to provide for core mental health services that also support JIAC, so those services provided by JIAC are not dependent on grant funds for mental health programs at the local level.

**Implementation Date:** 8/25/2022

**Implementation Details:**

- 8/29/2022 Update
  - Complete, effective 8/25/22. Grant funds from KDOC Team Justice were used to implement this service. It is provided through our contract provider VitalCore.

**Recommendation #3:** Requiring a nursing staff person to be present at JIAC/Juvenile Detention Facility (JDF) 24/7.

**Implementation Date:** 8/25/2022

**Implementation Details:**

- 8/29/2022 Update
  - Complete, effective 8/25/22. Services are provided through our contract provider VitalCore.

**Recommendation #4:** Establishing a long-term goal for the Kansas Department of Corrections to develop and implement a strategy that moves juvenile justice systems to a restorative justice system.

**Implementation Date:** In Progress

**Implementation Details:**

- 8/29/2022 Update
  - Kanas Department of Corrections is responsive on this recommendation. [You can find their comments on a restorative justice system here.](#)
- 10/10/2022 Update
  - The Sedgwick County Department of Corrections supports restorative justice and looks forward to collaborating with the KDOC on changes made to the Kansas Juvenile Justice System.

**Recommendation #5:** Supporting the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Coalition legislative agenda to increase the number of mental health professionals in Sedgwick County.

**Implementation Date:** In Progress

**Implementation Details:**

- 9/7/2022 Update
  - The County Commission approved a new pay plan for COMCARE based on COMCARE's status as a CCBHC to improve hiring and retention of qualified staff through competitive compensation.
- 10/10/2022 Update
  - The Sedgwick County Department of Corrections supports these efforts.
- 10/20/2022 Update
  - Assist and support the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Coalition to develop a stronger workforce pipeline, attract new workforce and support current behavioral healthcare staff.
    - Reduce barriers to reciprocity for behavioral health care workers from other states relocating to Kansas (who have appropriate credentials)
    - Include retired licensed mental/behavioral health employees in the KPERS exemption of penalty list as rehires.
    - Use SPARK Grant money to retain behavioral health care workers by focusing on understating workforce needs.
    - Establish and support the efforts for a workforces/employer incentive program like the Kansas Aviation Tax Credit program but for mental/behavioral health care workers
  - The COMCARE SPARK grant money request was for funding to increase the existing workforce through a scholarship program and to retain the existing workforce through a loan repayment program. COMCARE will be submitting a

scholarship program funded by program revenues to the BoCC before the end of the year, again to increase the number of licensed staff in the community at COMCARE.

- 12/14/2022 Update
  - Commissioners approved a one-time funding agreement with the University of Kansas Medical School of Medicine-Wichita for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry fellowship program.
  - The BoCC approved the creation of COMCARE's Master in Social Work Education Program.
- 4/20/2023 Updated
  - The Kansas Legislature allocated additional 988 funding which will be used by Sedgwick County COMCARE to expand mobile response capacity through added staffing and fleet.
- 10/19/2023 Update
  - Sedgwick County continues to work with the State of Kansas, KDADS, with oversight from a Governor appointed Advisory Panel, to locate a 50 – 100 bed Regional Psychiatric Hospital in Sedgwick County.  
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**Recommendation #6:** Requesting a Legislative post-audit be conducted to examine the implications of the "Stand Your Ground" laws, particularly as it relates to incidents involving law enforcement.

**Implementation Date:** 10/24/2023

**Implementation Details:**

- 10/10/2022 Update
  - Sedgwick County is addressing this issue.
- 10/11/2022 Update
  - Sedgwick County is reviewing the proper process or venue to examine the implications of the Kansas Stand Your Ground Laws.
- 12/2/2022 Update
  - County Management spoke with the Post Auditor for the Kansas Division of Post Audit who indicated this request is beyond the scope of work performed by the Post Audit Division and the Post Audit Committee. The Board of County Commissioners has communicated the Taskforce's request for a Post Audit, or other Legislative review, to all Kansas Legislators for consideration.
- 10/24/2023 Update
  - Complete

**Recommendation #7:** Ensuring JIAC and JDF provide trauma care services for youth who experience a traumatic, crisis event while at JIAC or JDF.

**Implementation Date:** 8/25/2022

**Implementation Details:**

- 8/29/2022 Update
  - Services included in JDF medical contract effective 8/25/22. BJA grant for aftercare services.
- 12/2/2022 Update
  - BJA grant pending.
- 4/20/2023 Update
  - BJA grant not awarded. Release planning from JDF to community coordinated with MH providers.

**Recommendation #8:** Requiring CIT training for JIAC and JDF personnel.

**Implementation Date:** 9/1/2022

**Implementation Details:**

- 8/29/2022 Update
  - SCSO will offer this training for residential staff members and field services staff members. The plan will begin September 2022.
- 10/11/2022 Update
  - JIAC staff has completed this training. JDF training is pending.
- 12/2/2022 Update
  - Juvenile Services staff have been through the basic overview training. Adult services staff members are scheduled. Many of the mental health providers at JDF are involved with CIT statewide. We will explore how we can further use CIT for our staff and clients.
- 4/20/2023 Update
  - Juvenile Services staff have been through the basic overview training. Many adult services staff members are scheduled. Many of the mental health providers at JDF are involved with CIT statewide. We will explore how we can further use CIT for our staff and clients.

**Recommendation #9:** Creating a database at JIAC that identifies grassroots organizations that serve youth who are impacted by the youth correction systems.

**Implementation Date:** 8/29/2022

**Implementation Details:**

- 8/29/2022 Update
  - Initiated and ongoing. More of a "living" resource document.

**Recommendation #10:** Establishing a "calming room" at JIAC that could be safe for youth experiencing some form of distress, where they can be safely left alone and not restrained.

**Implementation Date:** 9/1/2022

**Implementation Details:**

- 8/29/2022 Update
  - Partial completion and ongoing. Furniture replaced. Murals, painting and décor approved/ordered. As a community service project, adult DOC clients will make fleece blankets for youth.
- 10/11/2022 Update
  - The calming room is completed and in use. Additional beautification may occur.

**Recommendation #11:** Prioritizing in the County's upcoming Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) budget updates for the video recording system at JIAC to cover more areas of the lobby and holding rooms, and a recording system that includes audio capacity.

**Implementation Date:** In Progress

**Implementation Details:**

- 8/29/2022 Update
  - CIP process underway.
- 10/11/2022 Update
  - The audio assessment was completed on 9/30/2022 for both JIAC and JDF. The project is ongoing.
- 12/2/2022 Update
  - Developing the scope of work for bids.
- 4/20/2023 Update
  - Scope of work completed. Sound engineer hired to develop plan to install audio capability at JIAC and JDF.
- 10/24/23 Update
  - We have added Axon body cameras to all supervisory staff members at JDF, JIAC, JRF and in all county vehicles used for transporting juveniles. CIP work continues to add audio to JDF/JIAC cameras as well as cameras to the holding rooms.

**Recommendation #12:** Supporting the expansion of the statewide Crossover Youth Practice model implementation to every judicial district in Kansas and develop local protocols to serve youth with involvement in child welfare and juvenile justice systems.

**Implementation Date:** 4/20/2023

**Implementation Details:**

- 10/10/2022 Update
  - Sedgwick County has been involved with Georgetown University's Center for Juvenile Justice Reform since 2010. Two groups completed capstone projects aimed at improving outcomes for youth involved in multiple systems of care. In 2015, Sedgwick County became a pilot site for the Crossover Youth Practice Model (CYPM). <https://cjjr.georgetown.edu/our-work/crossover-youth-practice-model/participating-jurisdictions/Kansas> has engaged Georgetown University for statewide implementation in two sites (Shawnee and Montgomery Counties). On the state level, staff members at the Kansas Department of Corrections (KDOC), Office of Judicial Administration (OJA) and the Department for Children and Families (DCF) staff the project in coordination with statewide and local oversight boards. Sedgwick County continues to refine the CYPM to meet the changing system players in the juvenile justice/child welfare systems and the changes made by SB 367. The CYPM committee meets regularly to update protocols. DCF has a staff member housed at JIAC to assist with the CYPM implementation and data collection.
- 4/20/2023 Update
  - Crossover Youth Practice Model (CYPM) protocols adopted in Sedgwick County. MDTs have started to address crossover youth who present at JIAC. Training scheduled for systems stakeholders.
- 10/24/2023 Update
  - MDT training complete, implemented and ongoing.

**Recommendation #13:** Creating and staffing a Citizen's Review Board for JIAC and JDF, with quasi-judicial powers.

**Implementation Date:** Not Implemented

**Implementation Details:**

- 8/29/2022 Update
  - Researching possible structure.
- 12/2/2022 Update
  - Requesting clarification from the taskforce
- 4/20/2023 Update

- Clarification from the taskforce indicated that a citizen review board was used in other jurisdictions and that model is the basis of this recommendation. A review board is not anticipated in Sedgwick County. The Revised Kansas Code for the Care of Children and the Revised Juvenile Justice Code (KSA 38-2207 & 38-2208) authorize citizen review boards for children adjudicated as Children in Need of Care (CINC) or Juvenile Offenders (JO). The purpose of the boards are to determine progress in the court cases. There are approximately 1,700 juvenile offender and 600 child in need of care cases filed in Sedgwick County each year. Not all children assessed at JIAC are adjudicated by the juvenile court. The Citizen Review Boards are a function of the Judicial District as set forth in statute.

**Recommendation #14:** Ongoing implicit bias training and testing that includes, race, culture and gender diversity, for all JIAC and JDF personnel.

**Implementation Date:** 4/20/2023

**Implementation Details:**

- 8/29/2022 Update
  - Complete and ongoing. Supervisor Staff Training completed June 2022. Direct Care Staff will be trained June 2023. Advanced training planned.
- 4/20/2023 Update
  - New contract with WSU for advanced supervisory training as well as ongoing training for new staff members.

**Recommendation #15:** Ensuring a reliable level of service for remote/virtual access to mental health consults at JIAC and JDF from COMCARE or another mental health provider. The providers need to be available 24/7.

**Implementation Date:** 8/25/2022

**Implementation Details:**

- 8/29/2022 Update
  - Complete, effective 8/25/22. Services are provided through our contract provider VitalCore.

**Recommendation #16:** Updating the language of the JIAC Medical Criteria for Admission Form 8.804 so it requires current and accurate information prior to transfer.

**Implementation Date:** 6/13/2022

**Implementation Details:**

- 8/29/2022 Update
  - Complete.

**Recommendation #17:** Requiring all training related to mental health, trauma, cultural and gender diversity, and implicit bias be required at regular intervals for all law enforcement, JIAC and JDF personnel. (See also in WPD.)

**Implementation Date:** 8/29/2022

**Implementation Details:**

- 8/29/2022 Update
  - Included in new Sedgwick County training modules.

**Recommendation #18:** Developing and implementing a MOU between the Wichita Police Department and Juvenile Intake Assessment Center (JIAC) that honors the 2016 US Attorney General Opinion and clearly outlines that arrest report must be completed before youth is released to JIAC.

**Implementation Date:** 8/29/2022

**Implementation Details:**

- 8/29/2022 Update
  - Completed.
- 12/2/2022 Update
  - Complete and signed by all parties. MOU's signed with Sedgwick County Sheriff, Wichita PD and Maize PD. MOUs in process with Derby PD and Haysville PD. Plan to complete MOU's with the rest of the law enforcement agencies in Sedgwick County in 2023.
- 4/20/2023 Update
  - Haysville PD and Derby PD have signed MOUs.
- 10/24/2023 Update
  - MOUs with Haysville & Derby PD have been implemented.

**Recommendation #19:** Requiring law enforcement officers who bring an allegedly combative, noncompliant youth into the JIAC to stay on scene, or nearby, until the juvenile is processed.

**Implementation Date:** 8/29/2022

**Implementation Details:**

- 8/29/2022 Update
  - Included in WPD MOU. Agreement on verbiage for this item.
- 12/2/2022 Update



- MOU signed.

**Recommendation #20:** Striving for parity in programs for those impacted by the youth corrections systems, through intentional engagement and funding of culturally competent and gender responsive programming.

**Implementation Date:** 8/29/2022

**Implementation Details:**

- 8/29/2022 Update
  - Previously existing programming and will continue indefinitely. Contract with WSU analyzes differential rates of success by gender and race and then moves forward depending on results of analysis.

**Recommendation #21:** Not allowing a juvenile in a Wrap restraint be brought into the JIAC facility.

**Implementation Date:** 7/1/2022

**Implementation Details:**

- 8/29/2022 Update
  - Complete. Modification made to Sedgwick County Department of Corrections Policy 8.804.

**Recommendation #22:** Not allowing a single JIAC worker to handle intake for someone described as "a combative juvenile."

**Implementation Date:** 8/29/2022

**Implementation Details:**

- 8/29/2022 Update
  - Included in WPD MOU.
- 12/2/2022 Update
  - MOU signed.

**Recommendation #23:** Ensuring all juveniles at JIAC are separated from each other (taken to another room), so they are not exposed to potentially traumatic events in the common areas.

**Implementation Date:** 6/13/2022

**Implementation Details:**

- 8/29/2022 Update
  - Complete. Modification made to Sedgwick County Department of Corrections Policy 8.812.

**Recommendation #24:** Strengthening the Individual Justice Plan (IJP) process used in different organizations throughout Sedgwick County.

**Implementation Date:** In Progress

**Implementation Details:**

- 8/29/2022 Update
  - Work group assessing state on how IJP's are used in Sedgwick County. Ongoing work.
- 10/11/2022 Update
  - Wichita State Community Engagement Institute will be facilitating the work.
- 12/2/2022 Update
  - SCDOC has contracted with WSU Community Engagement Institute to facilitate this work.
- 4/20/2023 Update
  - WSU Community Engagement Institute has facilitated three work groups of stakeholders and interested community members. Final meeting is being planned with an IJP process to be agreed upon by the group for implementation.
- 10/24/2023 Update
  - MOU's in progress with stakeholders. Training and implementation planned for 2024.

**Recommendation #25:** Using Team Justice as a vehicle to gain community volunteers for Crossover Youth Practice Model (CYPM).

**Implementation Date:** In Progress

**Implementation Details:**

- 8/29/2022 Update
  - WSU consultants will have staff identify stakeholders and community volunteers for the CYPM.