

# Kansas Juvenile Justice Overview

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# Presentation Overview

- Kansas Juvenile Justice System Trends
- JCF Trends/Updates
- Update on Council of State Governments (CSG) Justice Center Recommendations and Strategies to Improve Outcomes
- Update on Juvenile Justice Workgroup and Technical Assistance from the Pew Charitable Trust's Public Safety Performance Project

# Kansas Juvenile Justice System Trends

- Intake and Assessment Events have reduced by 24% from FY09-FY15
- According to OJA stats, there has been a 33% reduction of juvenile cases filed from FY09-FY14
- JISP average month end population is down 31% from FY09-FY15, 24% since FY11
- Custody average month end population is down 16% from FY09-FY15, 16% since FY11
- JCF average month end population is down 24% from FY09-FY15, 12% from FY14.

# JCF Trends/Updates

- Both JCFs earned licensure from KDADS for substance abuse treatment
- Both JCFs earned PREA certification
- Overhaul of Assessments and Programming
  - RDU process improved and is incorporating trauma assessments
  - Sex Offender Assessments and Treatment
  - Anger Replacement Therapy
  - Substance Abuse Assessments and Treatment
  - CBT – Thinking for a Change
  - Establishing Family Therapy
  - Re-entry Services
  - Mentoring Services
- Training for Staff

# Education Updates

- 65 JCF youth obtained GED or High School Diploma in FY15
- Certifications and/or courses available which are in-demand (e.g., welding, electrical, construction, plumbing, manufacturing skills)
- Collaboration with Kansas Kids GearUp
- Work Ready - Career and Life Skills Workshops
  - Job Search
  - Financial Literacy Workshops
  - Resume Writing
- Increased staff certified in OWDS

# Post-Secondary Hours – JCF FY11-FY15

## Post-Secondary Credit Hours for KJCC

As noted in the below chart, the number of post-secondary credit hours awarded for youth at KJCC in FY15 was 1215, a **813% increase from FY13 numbers.** Female youth at KJCC (9% of population) earned a proportional number of the hours (11%).

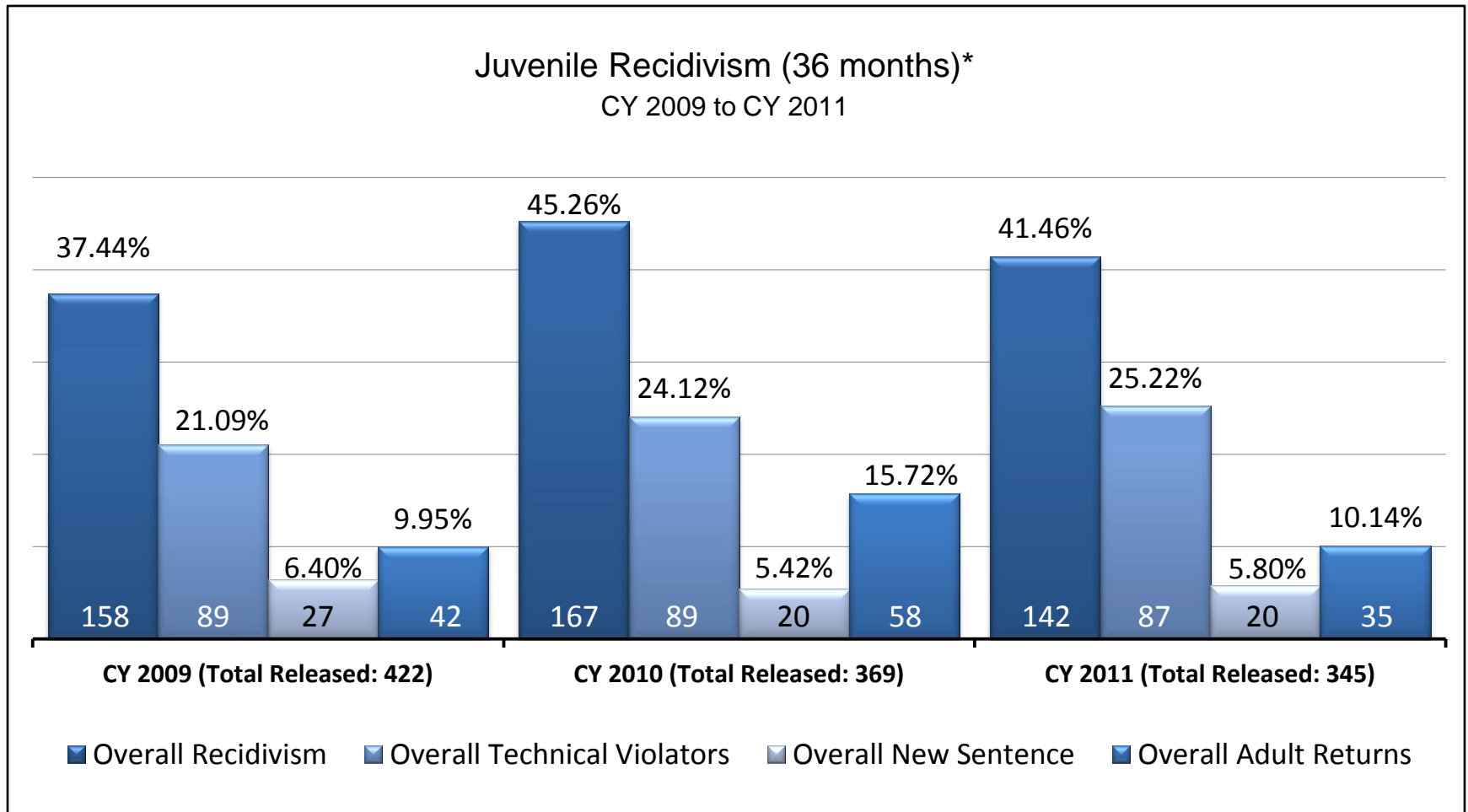
	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015
<b>Total Hours</b>	0	15	133	948	1215

## Barton Community College Credit Hours for LJCF

LJCF youth earned 367 hours in FY15, a slight decrease from FY14 and level with FY13 numbers.

Semester	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015
Fall	177	194	194	177	168
Spring	83	89	146	180	187
Summer	57	57	27	96	12
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>453</b>	<b>367</b>

# Juvenile Recidivism



\* Recidivism counting rules are established by the Association of State Correctional Administrators (ASCA) and measured on a 12-month calendar year.

# CSG Resource and Recommendations

## Core Principles for Improving Youth Outcomes:

- Base supervision, service, and resource allocation decisions on the results of validated risk and need assessment
- Adopt and effectively implement programs and services demonstrated to reduce recidivism and improve other youth outcomes, and use data to evaluate the results and direct system improvements
- Employ a coordinated approach across service systems to address youth's needs
- Tailor system policies, programs, and supervision to reflect the distinct developmental needs of adolescents



# Update on Recommendations

- Juvenile Services Leadership Team Established
- Systematic review and assignment on each recommendation
- Examples:
  - New standards for requiring YLS reassessment every 6 months regardless of placement
  - New policies for our staff and training of JCF staff in YLS with new interview guides
  - In the process of working with CSG on the norming process for Kansas on the already validated YLS
  - Increased training for ISP staff, provider staff and JCF staff
    - MI, EPICS, Mental Health in Juvenile Justice (MHJJ)

# Update on Recommendations

- Standard issued requiring default releases from JCF to home with process for requesting exceptions.
- Contract expectations for providers modified for FY16 to include training requirements and program components, target population definition, etc.
- Improvements in Technical Assistance and Quality Assurance (QA) and plan for QA tool usage for JCF and supervision agencies
- Report Development – (e.g., Risk Level in various system points – ISP, Custody, JCF) Using more data to drive system/policy decisions
- Review resources for development of additional EBP

# Out of Home Placements

- Juvenile Services invests significant amounts of resources in community out of home placements
- In Fiscal Year 2012, nearly \$32 million was spent in various residential placements
- In Fiscal Year 2015, expenditures were nearly \$25.5 million (\$6.5 million reduction)
- Roughly \$14 million was spent in FY15 on Youth Residential Centers (largest model type)
- 2015 YRCII study found most youth don't successfully complete program
- Kansas is a high consumer of residential placements (6<sup>th</sup> highest nationally)

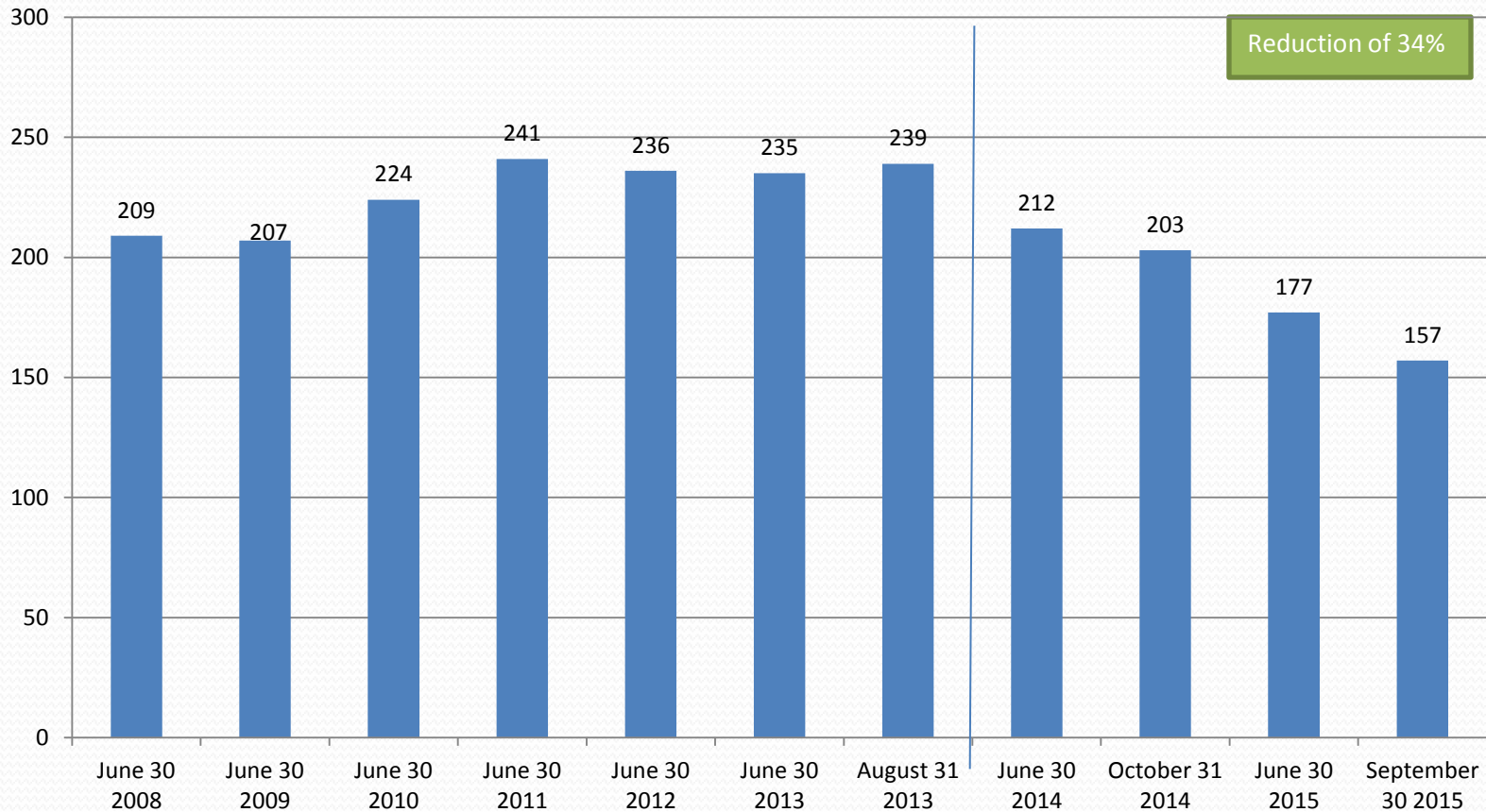
# Strategies to Improve Outcomes – EBP Community Investment

## MST Program

- The Wyandotte County pilot site began accepting youth in mid-September 2013
- Represents a new way of doing business in collaborating with multiple community partners
- Structured Decision-Making Matrix developed and applied
- Strong Local Judicial Leadership
- **Custody numbers decreased in WY County roughly 34%** from (8/31/13 to 9/30/15)
- Plans to allow Johnson County youth

# MST – Pilot Status Report

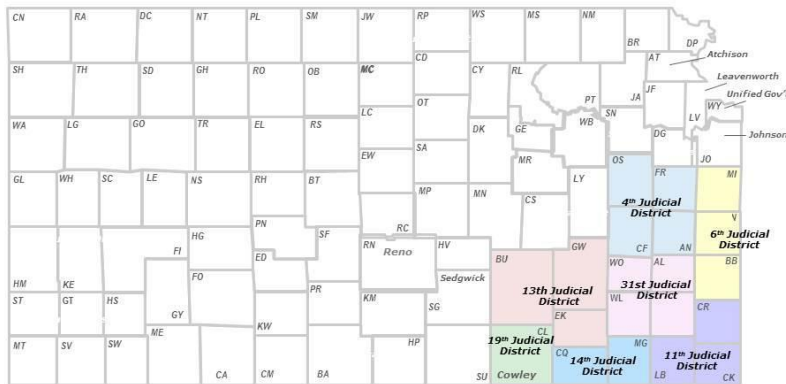
## WY County Custody Trends FY08-FY16 YTD



# Functional Family Therapy Pilot

- 2015 Legislature allocated \$500K for expansion of evidence-based programs.
- Functional Family Therapy (FFT) is an outcome-driven prevention/intervention program for youths and their families ages 11-18.
- The program targets youth who are at risk for and/or presenting with delinquency, violence, substance abuse, conduct disorder, oppositional defiant disorder, or disruptive behavior disorder.

# Functional Family Therapy Pilot



- Services to be provided in 7 judicial districts in Southeast Kansas.
- MOUs developed with each JD outlining joint commitment to reduce custody placements by 20% or more.
- Estimated 1/1/16 start date

# Other Initiatives

- Re-Investing Some Savings from Group Homes Reductions
  - Regional Functional Family Therapy (FFT) RFP
  - Community Sex Offender Assessment/Treatment RFP
- Increased Quality Assurance Plan for Community Programs
- Selection by PEW for Intensive Technical Assistance
  - Establishment of Kansas Juvenile Justice Workgroup



# PEW Technical Assistance

Inter-branch, bipartisan support for application

6<sup>th</sup> State to receive TA from PEW

- Georgia, Hawaii, Kentucky, South Dakota, West Virginia

Other States Have Similar Issues as Kansas

- Outcomes (e.g., recidivism) unknown or high (45%-75% with 2 unknown)
- Heavy reliance on out-of-home placement
- JJ system out-of-step with research (LOS, low-level and low-risk youth in deep end placements)

All 5 had strong legislative support of proposed reform bills

# PEW Technical Assistance

- Workgroup formed (17 members)
- Began meeting in June 2015 for a comprehensive review of the juvenile justice system in Kansas

## Charge to the Workgroup:

“In developing proposals for reform, the group’s priorities will be to:

- Promote public safety and hold juvenile offenders accountable
- Control taxpayer costs
- Improve outcomes for youth, families and communities in Kansas.”

# Juvenile Justice Workgroup

## Stakeholder Engagement - Meetings with:

- Youth and families
- Law enforcement
- Judges
- Crime victims, survivors and advocates
- Prosecutors
- Defense attorneys
- Court Services/Community Corrections Staff
- Service providers (Substance Use, MH, Child Welfare, Residential, Detention)
- Educators
- Youth advocates

# Juvenile Justice Workgroup

## Process and Timeline:

- Data Analysis
- System Assessment
- Policy Development (informed by research)
- Formation of Subgroups
- Subgroup Meetings/Recommendations
- Policy Consensus (in progress)
- Final Report (in progress)
- Implementation Assistance

# Questions & Introduction