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Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 215

**Presented to the Senate Judiciary Committee
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Mr. Chairman and members of the committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Senate Bill 215. This bill refers to the court's use of domestic violence assessments done by Batterer Intervention Programs (BIPs). Batterer intervention programs assist those who perpetrate domestic violence to change their behaviors from abuse to nonviolence, creating greater safety for victims and communities. As you may recall, in 2010 the Governor signed into law the Domestic Violence designation law or "Jana's Law." In this, the Attorney General was given the authority to promulgate the rules and regulations with regard to the domestic violence offender assessment to be used by the Courts. In response, the Attorney General's Office created the Kansas Domestic Violence Offender Assessment (KDVOA), and we have trained 678 providers or potential providers on its use.¹ In 2012, SB 304 was passed, requiring BIP programs to be certified, taking effect on January 1, 2013.

Currently, there are 42 BIPs certified or engaged in the process of becoming certified (see attached map and directory). Judicial districts that do not have a program often utilize programs in neighboring jurisdictions. According to the Kansas Bureau of Investigation, in 2018 there were more than 24,000 domestic violence incidents resulting in 12,715 arrests in Kansas reported.² During that same time frame, BIPs provided 2,852 domestic violence assessments, resulting in less than one in four arrested for domestic violence actually getting assessed.³ A thorough assessment is needed to determine whether an individual who was violent uses domination and control of their partner on an ongoing basis, or if the violent incident is situational, or reactive violence. In SFY 2018, there were 21% assessed as not appropriate for BIP, using that criteria.⁴

¹ There may be some duplication, as some individuals attended the training more than once.

² Kansas Bureau of Investigation 2018 Domestic Violence, Stalking, and Sexual Assault in Kansas Report

³ While the majority of assessments were due to a court order regarding a criminal justice response, some assessments were not court related, and others were due to civil or family court. This could result in this comparison being closer to one in five who are arrested actually getting assessed.

⁴ Kansas Bureau of Investigation 2018 Domestic Violence, Stalking, and Sexual Assault in Kansas Report

Completion of the KDVOA, which takes into consideration the context in which the violence occurs, is an effective way to determine if someone can benefit from the completion of a Kansas BIP, and provides important information for the intervention process as well as risk and lethality factors for consideration. It includes obtaining information from the alleged offender, the victim if the victim chooses to provide information, as well as third party information from the criminal justice system and others. It is the gateway for provision of services for those who batter, and is also a gateway for information and services for those who are victims. There were 4,199 victim contacts made by BIPs in SFY 2018.⁵

The importance of getting those who batter into BIP services should not be underestimated. A 2015 evaluation of effectiveness done by this Office and the BIP Advisory Board, in collaboration with the Office of Judicial Administration, indicated that 88% of those completing six Kansas BIP's in 2012 have not been charged with another "person" crime since their date of completion; and 90% have not had another protection order filed against them (approximately three years).⁶

While we have come a long way in getting certified batterer intervention services located throughout the state, 14 certified BIPs in Kansas have ceased operation, in part or in whole due to financial unsustainability. One of the unfortunate outcomes that occurs when certified BIPs are not used by the court is they "die on the vine," and are not available in the communities that need them. There are reports of BIP programs flourishing, and then a change in criminal justice response results in a drastic reduction of referrals. Certified, quality programs cannot compete with one-day or other sub-standard programs being offered, as defense attorneys will virtually always steer their clients to the less time-intensive programs. This legislation could be beneficial to those who are needing the service and the certified providers by ensuring that poor quality does not set the standard of service.

We are asking for you to consider making one change to SB 215. While the measures taken in SB 215 to require judges to use certified BIPs could help both those who batter and currently operating BIPs, the proposed striking of the judges' discretion in ordering a fine could hamper the offender's ability to get needed services. There are some offenders who truly do not have the money to pay such a fine. In addition, there is no funding available, in most cases, other than self-pay for the services. If these offenders are required to pay a minimum of \$200 fine to the courts, there is a decreased chance they will be paying for the service they are required to obtain, leaving BIP providers to either not provide the service, or provide it and not receive payment.

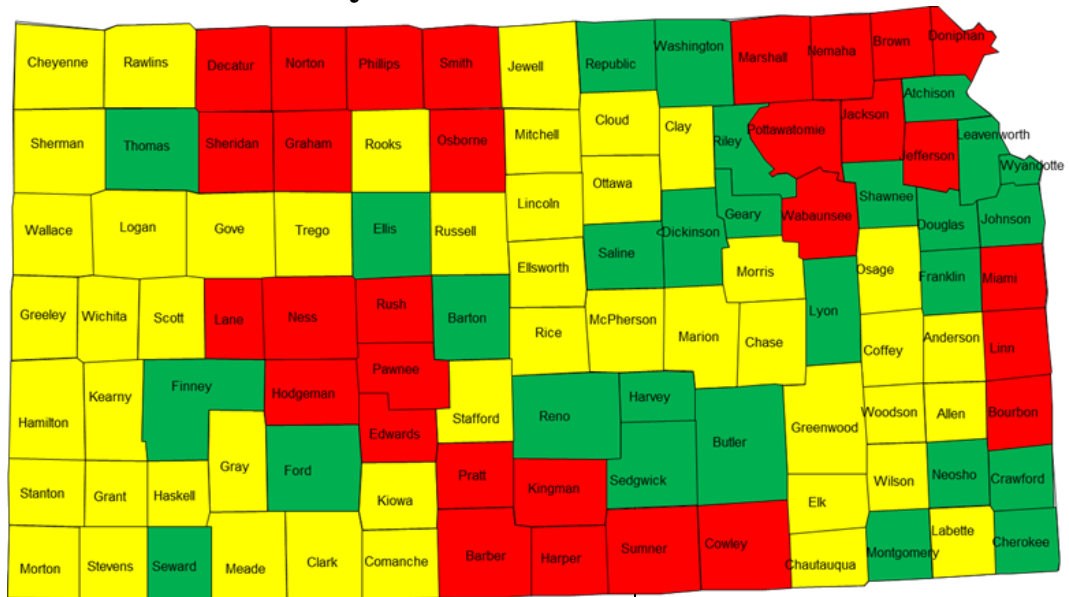
Thank you for your consideration of SB 215.

⁵ Kansas Bureau of Investigation 2018 Domestic Violence, Stalking, and Sexual Assault in Kansas Report

⁶ Batterer Intervention Program Advisory Board BIP Program Evaluation Study Report February 2016
https://ag.ks.gov/docs/default-source/publications/bip-program-evaluation-study-report.pdf?sfvrsn=c5b5da1a_4

Kansas BIPs by Judicial District

Judicial Districts without a BIP: 2, 6, 17, 19, 22, 24, 30 * Indicates program is operating under a temporary permit		Program held in County
		Program held in Judicial District, but not County
		No program in Judicial District



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Judicial District 1

Atchison, Leavenworth

- Sunflower Healing and Recovery
- Healthy Recovery Options

Judicial District 3

Shawnee

- Family Peace Initiative
- Washta'ge Peacemakers Men's Project

Judicial District 4

Anderson, Franklin, Coffey, Osage

- Family Peace Initiative

Judicial District 5

Chase, Lyon

- Family Peace Initiative

Judicial District 7

Douglas

- Satori

Judicial District 8

Dickinson, Geary, Marion, Morris

- Family Care Center of Junction City
- Mended Hearts Counseling*

Judicial District 9

Harvey, McPherson

- Offender/Victim Ministries

Judicial District 10

Johnson

- Associates of Hope Harbor
- Challenges, Inc.
- Full Circle Counseling
- Healthy Recovery Options
- Resolutions Counseling and Consulting
- Safe With Me*

Judicial District 11

Cherokee, Labette, Crawford

- Spring River Mental Health

Judicial District 12

Cloud, Jewell, Lincoln, Mitchell, Republic, Washington

- Lahodny Counseling Services, LLC

Judicial District 13

Butler, Elk, Greenwood

- South Central Mental Health

Judicial District 14

Chautauqua, Montgomery

- Batterer Intervention Program Services

Judicial District 15

Cheyenne, Logan, Sheridan, Sherman, Rawlins, Thomas, Wallace

- Epic Living, LLC

Judicial District 16

Clark, Comanche, Ford, Gray, Kiowa, Meade

- SFTCC Options Program

Judicial District 18

Sedgwick

- Agape
- Chrysalis Center, Inc.
- Encounter Behavioral Health*
- Higher Ground
- Mental Health Association
- Preferred Family Healthcare
- Wichita Day Reporting Center
- Word of Life

Judicial District 20

Barton, Stafford, Rice, Ellsworth, Russell

- Joyful House, Inc

Judicial District 21

Clay, Riley

- Healthy Recovery Options
- Pawnee Mental Health Services
- Fresh Start Recovery Options

Judicial District 23

Ellis, Gove, Rooks, Trego

- Epic Living, LLC

Judicial District 25

Finney, Greeley, Hamilton, Kearny, Scott, Wichita

- Compass Behavioral Health
- City on a Hill

Judicial District 26

Grant, Haskell, Morton, Seward, Stanton, Stevens

- City on a Hill
- Liberal Outpatient Addiction Treatment Center*
- The Toolbox

Judicial District 27

Reno

- Christian Therapy and Mediation Services, LLC

Judicial District 28

Ottawa, Saline

- Central Kansas Foundation

Judicial District 29

Wyandotte

- Action A.Y.S.
- Alternative Sentencing Program
- Transformation*
- Soul Care Counseling*

Judicial District 31

Woodson, Allen, Wilson, Neosho

- Batterer Intervention Program Services

Platte County, MO (KC Metro Area)

- Synergy, Inc.



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CERTIFIED BATTERER INTERVENTION PROGRAMS

County	Program Name or Provider	Program Director	Contact information
Allen	Batterer Intervention Program Services	Jerry Wallace	PO Box 405, Cherryvale Phone: 620-432-1244 Location: Thayer, Cherryvale
Atchison	Sunflower Healing and Recovery	Kay Luna	800 Ravenhill Dr., Atchison Phone: 913-828-2002
Barton	Joyful House	Quenla McGilber	2701 17th St, Great Bend Email: joyfulhouse5779@gmail.com
Bourbon	Associates at Hope Harbor	Patricia Ballard	7227 Metcalf Ave., Ste 250, Overland Park Phone: 913-710-5744
Butler	South Central Mental Health	Dan Rice	524 N. Main, El Dorado Phone: 316-321-6036
Chautauqua	Batterer Intervention Program Services	Jerry Wallace	PO Box 405, Cherryvale Phone: 620-432-1244 Location: Thayer, Cherryvale
Cherokee	Spring River Mental Health and Wellness	Tyler Dunn	6610 SE Quakervale Rd., Riverton Phone: 620-848-2300
Cheyenne	Epic Living, LLC	Hilary Van Patten	1011 Fort St, Hays Phone: 785-425-8046

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Clay	Pawnee Mental Health Center	Adam Johnson	1558 Hayes Drive, Manhattan Phone: 785-587-4315
Cloud	Pawnee Mental Health Center	Adam Johnson	1558 Hayes Drive, Manhattan Phone: 785-587-4315
Comanche	SFTCC Options Program	Sue Klecker	208 W. Spruce, Dodge City Phone: 620-227-4564 ext 203
Cowley	Word of Life	Sheril Willis	3811 N. Meridian St., Wichita Phone: 316-619-5589
Crawford	Spring River Mental Health and Wellness	Tyler Dunn	1008 W 4th, Pittsburg Phone: 620-848-2300
Dickinson	Mended Hearts Counseling BIP**	Kendall Runnebaum	1005 N. Buckeye Ave., Abilene Phone: 785-236-8612
Decatur	Epic Living, LLC	Hilary Van Patten	1011 Fort St, Hays Phone: 785-425-8046
Douglas	Satori Batterer's Intervention Program	Reggie Jackson	1423 Haskell Ave, Lawrence Phone: 785-246-9490
Douglas	Associates at Hope Harbor	Patricia Ballard	7227 Metcalf Ave., Ste 250, Overland Park Phone: 913-710-5744
Edwards	SFTCC Options Program	Sue Klecker	208 W. Spruce, Dodge City Phone: 620-227-4564 ext 203

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Finney	City on a Hill	Miranda Unruh	116 1/2 East Chestnut, Ste 2, Garden City Phone: 620-276-0831 529 N New York Ave, Liberal Phone: 620-626-5709
Finney	Compass Behavioral Health	Dawn Mesa	1111 E. Spruce St, Garden City Phone: 620-276-7689
Ford	SFTCC Options Program	Sue Klecker	208 W. Spruce, Dodge City Phone: 620-227-4564 ext 203
Franklin	Full Circle Counseling	Susan Dill	11605 So. Burch St, Olathe Phone: 913-310-0101
Franklin	Family Peace Initiative	Steve Halley	200 SW 33rd St, Topeka Other Locations: Emporia, Ottawa Phone: 785-350-2858 or 785-350-2859
Franklin	Associates at Hope Harbor	Patricia Ballard	7227 Metcalf Ave., Ste 250, Overland Park Phone: 913-710-5744
Geary	Family Care Center of Junction City	Melody McDowall	132 N. Eisenhower Dr, Junction City Phone: 785-762-4210
Geary	Pawnee Mental Health Center	Adam Johnson	1558 Hayes Drive, Manhattan Phone: 785-587-4315
Gove	Epic Living, LLC	Hilary Van Patten	1011 Fort St, Hays Phone: 785-425-8046

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Grey	SFTCC Options Program	Sue Klecker	208 W. Spruce, Dodge City Phone: 620-227-4564 ext 203
Haskell	Compass Behavioral Health	Dawn Mesa	1111 E. Spruce St, Garden City Phone: 620-276-7689
Harvey	Offender/Victim Ministries	Stacey Popejoy	900 N. Poplar, Ste 200 Newton Phone: 316-283-2038
Hodgeman	SFTCC Options Program	Sue Klecker	208 W. Spruce, Dodge City Phone: 620-227-4564 ext 203
Jackson	Family Peace Initiative	Steve Halley	200 SW 33rd St, Topeka Other Locations: Emporia, Ottawa Phone: 785-350-2858 or 785-350-2859
Johnson	Alternative Sentencing Project	Sharon Freelon	707 Minnesota Ave., Kansas City Phone: 913-342-3011
Johnson	Associates at Hope Harbor	Patricia Ballard	7227 Metcalf Ave., Ste 250, Overland Park Phone: 913-710-5744
Johnson	Challenges, Inc	Linda Anderson-Petty	10540 Barkley, Ste 269, Overland Park Phone: 913-381-3585
Johnson	Full Circle Counseling	Susan Dill	11605 So. Burch St, Olathe Phone: 913-310-0101

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Johnson	Resolutions Counseling and Consulting	Katie Washington	5845 Horton, Ste 12, Mission Phone: 913-669-8251
Johnson	Safe With Me- KVC**	Kelly Young	21344 W. 153rd St., Olathe Phone: 913-499-8100
Johnson	Synergy, Inc.	Sara Brammer	400 E. 6th St, Parkville MO Add'l Group Locations: Platte, Jackson City Phone: 816-505-4905
Kearney	Compass Behavioral Health	Dawn Mesa	1111 E. Spruce St, Garden City Phone: 620-276-7689
Kiowa	SFTCC Options Program	Sue Klecker	208 W. Spruce, Dodge City Phone: 620-227-4564 ext 203
Linn	Associates at Hope Harbor	Patricia Ballard	7227 Metcalf Ave., Ste 250, Overland Park Phone: 913-710-5744
Leavenworth	Healthy Recovery Options	Petunia Monchusie	12760 87th St. Pkwy, Suite 108, Lenexa Phone: 913-748-7831
Leavenworth	Sunflower Healing and Recovery	Kay Luna	508 Cherokee, Leavenworth Phone: 913-828-2002
Leavenworth	Associates at Hope Harbor	Patricia Ballard	7227 Metcalf Ave., Ste 250, Overland Park Phone: 913-710-5744
Logan	Epic Living, LLC	Hilary Van Patten	1011 Fort St, Hays Phone: 785-425-8046

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Meade	SFTCC Options Program	Sue Klecker	208 W. Spruce, Dodge City Phone: 620-227-4564 ext 203
Marshall	Pawnee Mental Health Center	Adam Johnson	1558 Hayes Drive, Manhattan Phone: 785-587-4315
Miami	Associates at Hope Harbor	Patricia Ballard	7227 Metcalf Ave., Ste 250, Overland Park Phone: 913-710-5744
Miami	Full Circle Counseling	Susan Dill	11605 So. Birch St., Olathe Phone: 913-310-0101
Montgomery	Batterer Intervention Program Services (BIPS)	Jerry Wallace	PO Box 405, Cherryvale Phone: 620-432-1244 Location: Pittsburg, Parsons, Cherryvale
Morris	Pawnee Mental Health Center	Adam Johnson	1558 Hayes Drive, Manhattan Phone: 785-587-4315
Neosho	Batterer Intervention Program Services (BIPS)	Jerry Wallace	PO Box 405, Cherryvale Phone: 620-432-1244 Location: Thayer, Cherryvale
Norton	Epic Living, LLC	Hilary Van Patten	1011 Fort St, Hays Phone: 785-425-8046

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Pottawattamie	Pawnee Mental Health Center	Adam Johnson	1558 Hayes Drive, Manhattan Phone: 785-587-4315
Rawlins	Epic Living, LLC	Hilary Van Patten	1011 Fort St, Hays Phone: 785-425-8046
Reno	Christian Therapy and Mediation Services, LLC	Mark Glover	4290 N. Monroe, Hutchinson Phone: 620-662-1283
Republic	Lahodny Counseling Services, LLC	Claire Lahodny	2006 M St 18th St., Belleville Phone: 785-246-7394 304 E 3rd St., Washington Phone: 785-246-7394
Wyandotte	Associates at Hope Harbor	Patricia Ballard	7227 Metcalf Ave., Ste 250, Overland Park Phone: 913-710-5744
Riley	Fresh Start Recovery Options	Patricia Denton-Edwards	2304 Skyvue Ln, Manhattan Phone: 785-320-5505
Riley	Healthy Recovery Options	Petunia Monchusie	12760 87th St. Pkwy, Suite 108, Lenexa Phone: 913-748-7831

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Saline	Central Kansas Foundation	Chris Bell	309 S. Broadway, Salina Phone: (785) 825-6224
Scott	Compass Behavioral Health	Dawn Mesa	1111 E. Spruce St, Garden City Phone: 620-276-7689
Sedgwick	Agape, LLC	Reginald Drew	790 N. West St. Wichita Phone: (316) 531-0506
Sedgwick	Chrysalis Center, Inc.	Patricia Fields	1540 N. Broadway, Ste 203, Wichita Phone: 316-776-5245
Sedgwick	Encounter Behavioral Health**	Peter Machutta	1401 W. 31st St. South, Wichita Phone: 316-641-7698
Sedgwick	Higher Ground	Mary San Martin	127 N. Market, Wichita Phone: 316-262-2060
Sedgwick	Mental Health Association	Shawna Allen	9415 E. Harry, Suite 800, Wichita Phone: 316-652-2590
Sedgwick	Preferred Family Healthcare	Cynthia Goetzinger	830 S. Hillside, Wichita Phone: 316-613-2222

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Seward	City on a Hill	Miranda Unruh	116 1/2 East Chestnut, Ste 2, Garden City Phone: 620-276-0831 529 N New York Ave, Liberal Phone: 620-626-5709
Seward	**Liberal Outpatient Addition Treatment Center	Brenda Ridgeway	504 N. Kansas, Suite B, Liberal 620-604-5117
Seward	The Toolbox	Doug Lane	307 N. Kansas, Suite B104, Liberal Phone: 620-518-1887
Shawnee	Family Peace Initiative	Steve Halley	200 SW 33rd St, Topeka Other Locations: Emporia, Ottawa Phone: 785-350-2858 or 785-350-2859
Shawnee	Washta'ge Peacemakers Men's Project	Jose Marquez	907 SW 10th Ave., Topeka Phone: (785) 383-4235
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Wyandotte	Action A.Y.S.	Lorie Newton	707 Minnesota Ave, Ste 508, Kansas City Phone: 913-621-0402
Wyandotte	Alternative Sentencing Project	Sharon Freelon	707 Minnesota Ave, Kansas City Phone: 913-342-3011
Wyandotte	Associates at Hope Harbor	Patricia Ballard	7227 Metcalf Ave., Ste 250, Overland Park Phone: 913-710-5744
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