



## ***Substance Use Continuum of Care Fund: A Collaborative City/County Partnership*** **2024 Year-End Report**

Since 1980, the Drug & Alcoholism Council of Johnson County (DAC), supported by United Community Services of Johnson County (UCS), has worked in partnership with Johnson County government and cities to recommend the allocation of Alcohol Tax Fund (ATF) dollars in accordance with Kansas state statutes. Since 2024, the DAC also provided allocation recommendations of Opioid Settlement Funds (OSF).

ATF is collected from a state tax on liquor by the drink. Part of the revenue generated by the tax is returned to the jurisdiction (city or county) in which it was collected, and must be used for programs “whose principal purpose is alcoholism and drug abuse prevention and education, alcohol and drug detoxification, intervention in alcohol and drug abuse or treatment of persons who are alcoholics or drug abusers or are in danger of becoming alcoholics or drug abusers” KSA §79-41a04 (as amended).

OSF are derived from national opioid settlement agreements in which Kansas joined other states in lawsuits against opioid manufacturers and distributors. Statutes and settlement agreements limit the use of OSF dollars to address substance use. Kansas distributes a portion of the OSF to cities and counties, and these jurisdictions are mandated to report back to the state on the usage of funds.

The DAC coordinates a review and recommendation process that allows eligible programs to access ATF and OSF from multiple jurisdictions. 2024 DAC members are listed on *Appendix A*. UCS provides staff support to the DAC and facilitates quarterly meetings with the SUF-funded agencies focusing on collaboration, emerging issues and treatments, and best practices, further supporting the regional substance use continuum of care.

In 2024, 27 programs received allocations of \$2,758,318 to support programs and services for local residents. Taken together, these programs and services form a continuum of alcohol and substance abuse services for Johnson County residents. According to grantees’ year-end reports, over 90,000 Johnson County residents\* participated in programs or received services supported, in part, by ATF and OSF allocations. The following summary describes how these funds were used and outcomes achieved by supported programs. 2024 SUF funding priorities are listed on *Appendix B*.

The DAC, the UCS Board of Directors, the funded programs, and program participants thank the Board of County Commissioners, and Mayors and Council Members who make these funds available. For more information, contact Erika García Reyes, Director of Resource Allocation, [erikag@ucsjoco.org](mailto:erikag@ucsjoco.org).

<b>2024 SUF Funding</b>		
	ATF	OSF
Johnson County Government	\$221,318	\$100,000
Participating Cities	<u>\$2,242,000</u>	<u>\$380,000</u>
Total Dollars	\$2,463,318	\$480,000
UCS Administration	<u>-\$155,000</u>	<u>-\$30,000</u>
<b>Grant Awards</b>	<b>\$2,308,318</b>	<b>\$450,000</b>

\*this figure represents unduplicated Johnson County residents for each grantee, combined.

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### Public School District Programs

School Districts report outcomes and the number of individuals served by school year, instead of calendar year. This enables schools to better use their outcome data (compare school year to school year) and respond with program changes when needed. In order to be in sync with the SUF disbursement process, school districts' financial reports continue to be on a calendar year basis. Most of the following school district information is for School Year (SY) 2024 (ended in June 2024); although some of the described activities took place during the last six months of 2024 (first semester of SY 2025). Due to the ongoing nature of school programming, schools do not track units of service. In 2020, funding for EverFi's AlcoholEdu, an online prevention program used in all school districts, was consolidated within the grant for Johnson County Mental Health Prevention Services, resulting in substantial savings to school districts and expanded access to EverFi's suite of programs, including mental wellness, AlcoholEdu, vaping prevention, and prescription drug safety. Prevention Services reports on district-wide knowledge gains related to AlcoholEdu, while each school district reports on the number of students utilizing EverFi's programs and report students' knowledge gained as a result of taking AlcoholEdu.

#### **Blue Valley School District**

Johnson County residents served:  
**68,020 youth**

ATF Award:  
\$37,329\*

\*Blue Valley School District was able to carry over \$8,460 in ATF into 2024, for a total budget of \$45,789

**Description:** In 2024 at Blue Valley School District, ATF funding supported strategies guided by school-based data and led by the Drug and Alcohol Prevention Task force (DAPT). The DAPT team is comprised of district leadership, school counselors and school police officer and meets year-round to review needs and plan prevention and response activities such as AlcoholEdu, Project Alert, Signs of Suicide and sobriety supports. In addition, the school district continues to ensure there are sufficient Tobacco Treatment Specialists (TTS) for all high schools and one middle school. These individuals receive specialized training and certification and act as an expert resource for students in overcoming tobacco and substance use and addiction, providing support for students and families, and are the liaison to community providers.

**Outcomes achieved:** Everfi's prevention education was offered to 3,241 middle school and high school students during the 2024 school year.

The Understanding Mental Wellness module had 235 students enrolled for 1,267 modules completed with 263 hours of learning and had 16% learning gains.

The Vaping: Know The Truth module had 436 students enrolled for 2,353 modules completed with 588 hours of learning and had a 28% learning gain.

The Prescription Drug Safety module had 329 students enrolled for 2,138 modules completed with 713 hours of learning for the highest learning gain of 32%.

AlcoholEdu had 738 students enrolled for 3,437 modules completed with 1,146 hours of learning and a 20% learning gain.

The Drug and Alcohol Prevention Task Force (DAPT) completed the initial round of curriculum writing in four core areas (Suicide Prevention, Bullying Prevention, Personal Safety, Anxiety) that support drug and alcohol prevention for Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade Tier 1 counselor or advisory lessons. The implementation of the new curriculum began the fall semester of 2024 (August-December) and will continue in the spring semester of 2025. The DAPT team met 11 times over the school year to plan several community presentations with a focus on education and prevention, vaping, social hosting, and fentanyl awareness. The DAPT committee formed new collaborations with two parent groups (the PTO president's council and the athletic

and activity board of education committee) to offer a presentation on drug and alcohol prevention and engaging parent support.

Three additional Blue Valley staff members completed their Tobacco Treatment Specialist (TTS) certificate. Blue Valley provided thirty students with vouchers for a free drug and alcohol screening provided by a community partner.

**De Soto School District**

Johnson County residents served:  
**7,489 youth**

ATF Award:  
\$27,129\*

**Description:** ATF funds supported De Soto's Prevention program, which provides instruction, student engagement, and Tier 2 and Tier 3 interventions with social work staff. Instruction is provided using Too Good for Drugs, health classes, AlcoholEdu, and Vaping: Know the Truth. In addition, the PRIDE Prevention Club (Students Against Destructive Decisions or SADD) provides peer support by engaging students in activities and learning strategies to make healthy choices and avoid drug and alcohol abuse. ATF funding also covers a portion of the salary of social workers who assess students for risk and provide the appropriate intervention and/or referrals to outside agencies for additional support. In addition, ATF funds support alcohol and drug screening for eligible students referred by building administrators.

\*De Soto School District was able to carry over \$150 in ATF into 2024, for a total budget of \$27,279

**Outcomes achieved:** De Soto School District served a total of 7,489 youth in Johnson County during the 2024 school year. 563 students in the AlcoholEdu program demonstrated an increase in understanding in the Brain and Body, Know Your Influences, and Make Smart Decisions modules. Students demonstrated growth from the Too Good for Drugs pre-test to the post-test. On the pretest, students missed 8.3% of questions, while they only missed 3.6% of questions on the post-test. Social workers continue to address substance abuse prevention, and refer for treatment, as needed. Overall, there was a 67% decrease of documented incidents compared to the prior year.

**De Soto School District**

Johnson County residents served:  
**7,489 youth**

OSF Award: \$4,831

**OSF Abatement Strategies:**

Prevention, Harm Reduction, Public Safety

**Description:** OSF funds supported De Soto School District's drug prevention community night, highlighting the *Hidden in Plain View* curriculum, along with distribution of Deterra drug disposal pouches to community members. Deterra pouches deactivate unused prescription medications, including fentanyl pills and patches, for safe disposal.

**Outcomes achieved:** A drug prevention community night was hosted in the spring of 2024, highlighting a presentation by *Hidden in Plain View*. During the event over 80 participants visited a resource table, 65 participants attended the presentation, and 50 Deterra Drug Disposal bags were distributed to families and students. The presentation had a noticeable impact on audience members, as was evident through their questions and interactions with the presenters. Other community organizations such as Johnson County Mental Health and the District Attorney's Office were present. During the 2024 school year, De Soto Schools data demonstrated a reduction of 40 fewer incidents of possession of substances than in the prior school year.

**Olathe School District**

**Description:** In 2024, Olathe School District used ATF funding to focus on reducing the perception of social benefits associated with substance use and increasing access

Johnson County  
Residents Served:  
**2,932 youth**

ATF Award:  
\$17,796\*

\*Olathe School  
District was able to  
carry over \$8,826 in  
ATF into 2024, for a  
total budget of  
\$26,622

to pro-social afterschool activities to provide students a safe, productive place to spend time and build positive relationships. This included a strong focus on increasing access to naloxone (the generic form of Narcan for opioid reversal).

The district provided support for transportation to after school programs, such as Boys and Girls Club, and supported The Spot, an afterschool program developed in collaboration with the Olathe Police Department, Fire Department and Library. The Spot provides homework support, mentoring, videogaming, sports, and mechanical low-rider bicycle building to engage students in increasing protective factors and reducing risk factors for substance use. Olathe School District also uses several programs to support education, prevention, and intervention, including AlcoholEdu, Project Alert, Second Step, Guiding Good Choices, and Botvin Life Skills to increase protective factors, including student social competency and problem-solving skills to prevent and reduce substance use.

**Outcomes achieved:** During the 2024 school year, 1,772 students participated in AlcoholEdu and completed over 5,400 hours of modules. Data demonstrated student learning gains increased in the following categories: Vaping: Knowing the Truth by 17%, Prescription Drug Safety by 23% and Alcohol Education: Safe and Smart by 17%. 87 student drug assessments were completed by Olathe School District.

Olathe Schools has an increasing percentage of students who have a perceived availability of drugs (18.11%) and the district is working to decrease this by 5%.

Olathe Schools conducted one Life Skills Class. Ten students took part in ten sessions. The results showed a modest improvement in knowledge, with an average increase of 2%. The average pre-test score was 88%, while the average post-test score rose to 90%.

The Spot engaged over 1,000 students through 30 different after-school sessions, including homework assistance, and social and academic components to help students stay on track towards graduation.

In collaboration with Johnson County Mental Health, Olathe Schools hosted a Café Conversations event and over 25 parents participated.

Olathe Schools have increased access to naloxone, with 12 cases or 300 doses placed in every district building. Additionally, to ensure facilities have a readily accessible supply of naloxone, 21 Overdose Response Boxes were placed in all high schools, middle schools and district athletic complexes.

#### **Olathe School District**

Johnson County  
Residents Served:  
**2,932 youth**

OSF Award: \$27,704

**OSF Abatement  
Strategies:**  
Prevention, Harm

**Description:** OSF funds supported Olathe's Opioid and Substance Use Education and Prevention program, specifically the onboarding of a dedicated person to implement programming across the district. Prior to receiving funding, nurse 911 calls for suspected overdoses had increased by 120% and 11 doses of naloxone had been implemented in the district since 2019.

**Outcomes achieved:** During school year 2024, Olathe School District was able to hire a Fentanyl and Substance Abuse Educator. This educator engaged over 1,500 middle and high school students, as well as parents through more than 40 opioid education sessions and presentations. Students were educated during two one-hour sessions. The first session is an overview of Fentanyl and opioids and seeks to understand student's current knowledge and attitudes towards opioids. The students then view the film: The New Drug Talk (student version) by Song for Charlie. After the movie,

Reduction, Public Safety

students complete a survey and self-reflection on what they learned from the film and are asked to submit any questions or items for clarification. The second session is spent reviewing the feedback and questions. These educational sessions have increased students' knowledge of opioid misuse and addiction, safe medication use, overdose identification, and where to seek help if needed.

**Spring Hill School District**

Johnson County  
Residents Served:  
**1,037 youth**

**Description:** In the Spring Hill School District, ATF funding supported the Peer Assistance and Leadership (PALS), a peer-helping program with structured curriculum for high school students, and a contracted social worker. The district also utilizes AlcoholEdu, which is provided through Johnson County Mental Health Center's Prevention Services.

ATF Award: \$13,560

**Outcomes achieved:** PALS training was provided to 62 high school students during the 2nd semester of the 2024 school year and first semester 2025 school year. Over 1,052 peers received support during the school year. PALS leaders assisted with a variety of topics including friendships, relationships, anxiety, sadness/depression, relationships (boyfriend/girlfriend), drama with friends and peers, LGBTQ concerns, mental health and suicide ideation.

During the 2024 school year, approximately 17 students received social work services. Only three were current substance abusers, each of which have been in treatment before and are refusing further treatment at this time. Six of these students had substance abuse issues in their family and were given some psycho educational information about addiction risk and family dynamics. Therapy efforts target self-regulation of mood problems and building coping skills. 24% of students were referred to individual therapy as their insurance dictated.

593 students all enrolled in 9<sup>th</sup> grade completed the AlcoholEdu. Students increased their knowledge in all areas by about 10 percentage points in each area, with students averaging 90% or greater on post test scores.

**Shawnee Mission School District**

Johnson County  
Residents Served:  
**887 youth**

**Description:** ATF supported Shawnee Mission School District's implementation of the full suite of EverFi virtual learning resources, including AlcoholEdu, Vaping: Know the Truth, Mental Wellness Basics, Prescription Drug Safety and other programs sponsored by the ATF through Johnson County Mental Health Prevention Services. These programs are primarily implemented in all five high schools.

ATF Award: \$0\*

**Outcomes achieved:** 887 students participated in AlcoholEdu across five district high schools, spending 1,303 hours of learning. Average knowledge gains across all units of AlcoholEdu for Johnson County students was 21%, with the Know Your Influences module demonstrating the greatest increase from 67% to 91%.

*\*Shawnee Mission School District did not request funds beyond those allocated for EverFi's programming coordinated through Johnson County Mental Health Prevention.*

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### 10<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court and Programs of Johnson County Government

<b>10th Judicial District Court</b>	<b>Description:</b> The 10th District Court is a trial court with jurisdiction over criminal and civil cases. The District Court is committed to increasing justice access and using evidence-based approaches to address the criminal cases under its jurisdiction. To support the work of its specialized courts, which include the Veterans Court and new Behavioral Health Court and Adult Drug Treatment Court, the Court used ATF funds to subsidize urinalysis testing for substances, including alcohol, tobacco, prescription and illicit substances for adult probation clients who are assessed as at moderate to high risk of re-offending and/or are facing revocation of probation due to technical violations of probation related to substance abuse issues.
Johnson County Residents Served: <b>19 adults through 1,011 urinary analysis tests</b>	Failure of clients to complete urinalysis testing is one of the most common violations resulting in probation revocation. The cost of testing becomes a barrier to compliance as often clients are required to test multiple times per week. All participants in the Adult Drug Treatment Court have significant substance abuse and/or cooccurring substance abuse and behavioral health issues which directly have contributed to the criminal cases or charges for which the District Court has jurisdiction.
OSF Award: \$20,000	
<b>OSF Abatement Strategies:</b> Prevention, Recovery, and Public Safety	<b>Outcomes achieved:</b> The Adult Drug Treatment Court program is 18 months long. Each participant is required to test a minimum of two times per week and is entered into the Aversys system for random scheduling. During 2024, the 10 <sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court served 19 adults, scheduling participants for 1,583 urinalysis tests. There were 1,494 subsidized tests submitted for a 94% success rate.
<b>Johnson County Department of Corrections: Voucher Assistance</b>	<b>Description:</b> The DOC Voucher Assistance Program supports substance use disorder evaluations and treatment for adult offenders who face financial barriers to obtaining those services. Voucher assistance is provided to adults in the Adult Residential Center (ARC), Intensive Supervised Probation, House Arrest, or Bond Supervision, and clients who are graduating from the in-patient Therapeutic Community and require continued outpatient treatment. Evaluation and treatment services is provided by providers who maintain licensure pursuant to the Kansas Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board and who have demonstrated success in keeping clients engaged.
Johnson County Residents Served: <b>53 adults through 48.5 vouchers for assessment or treatment</b>	<b>Outcomes achieved:</b> In 2024, 75% of voucher clients referred completed their evaluation within 30 days of voucher approval. 81% of voucher clients scheduled their treatment within 60 days of initial evaluation. 74% of those clients released from the Treatment Center (TC) have remained in outpatient treatment for three months.
ATF Award: \$26,000	
<b>Johnson County Department of Corrections: Treatment Center</b>	<b>Description:</b> OSF funds supported the delivery of services at the Treatment Center (TC), a 6- month substance abuse and co-occurring behavioral health and substance abuse residential treatment program in the Adult Residential Center (ARC) in New Century, Johnson County operated by the Johnson County Department of Corrections. This program focuses on long-term behavioral change for justice-

Johnson County  
Residents Served:  
**20 adults through  
20 hours of  
programming**

OSF Award:  
\$100,000

**OSF Abatement  
Strategies:**  
Treatment,  
Recovery, Public  
Safety

involved individuals. Individuals incarcerated due to substance abuse-related crimes who have substance abuse or co-occurring substance abuse and behavioral health issues require treatment of these underlying issues to support recovery and reintegration and to reduce recidivism. Successful recovery and reduced recidivism reduce costs to local governments and the justice system. The OSF funds allowed the hiring of an additional substance abuse counselor to expand and provide more intensive services to additional individuals. The TC had a 90-day waiting list.

**Outcomes achieved:** The additional counselor was hired in July and it has allowed the program the opportunity to implement a new curriculum that is very intense, thorough and lasts the duration of a client's program. 47 individuals successfully completed this new curriculum. Additionally, hiring an additional substance abuse counselor allowed Corrections to reduce caseload sizes from 13 to 10 clients, and has made it possible for the Department of Corrections to apply to increase by 10 beds. 89% of all therapeutic community admissions successfully completed the program and were released back into community supervision, or are still in treatment.

**Johnson County  
District Attorney's  
Office: Juvenile  
Drug Court, Minor  
In Possession of  
Alcohol, and Drug  
and Alcohol  
Diversion**

Johnson County  
Residents Served:  
**245 youth**

ATF Award: \$84,920

**Description:** The Juvenile Drug Court serves first-time drug offenders seeking diversion who present with serious drug and alcohol issues. Youth are closely monitored for compliance with treatment, substance use, attendance at court appearances, completion of community service, and adherence to a curfew. The overarching programmatic goal is to help youth who are prone to relapse to develop tools to overcome substance abuse dependence. The Minor In Possession (MIP) program is a non-court resolution of a police report that involves a juvenile in possession of alcohol. Drug and Alcohol Diversion includes other juvenile cases with drug/alcohol contacts that do not reach the higher level of drug court, or the lower level of MIP. These cases are an immediate intervention which require participants to participate in drug and alcohol education classes, intervention (counseling), and/or completing random drug screens in addition to the requirements of the standard contract. ATF funds provide for the Drug Court/Drug Diversion/MIP Officer, who monitors each participant's outpatient drug and alcohol counseling, participation in Drug and Alcohol classes, completion of random drug screens, completion of community service, and adherence to all Diversion guidelines.

**Outcomes achieved:** The goal of the Johnson County District Attorney Office's Juvenile Drug Court program is to increase motivation to remain drug free as measured by improvement in school grades, involvement in pro-social activities, drug screens and parental feedback. The average semester GPA of participants at the start of Drug Court was 2.8, increasing to 3.4 at program completion. In 2024, 1,032 drug screens were submitted and 72% were negative for all substances. Clients in the Drug Court program are incentivized with early release after they hit a milestone, such as having 90 straight days of clean drug screens. 21 clients were released early from the Drug Court program.

**Johnson County  
Mental Health  
Center: Adolescent  
Center for  
Treatment (ACT)**

Johnson County  
Residents Served:  
**20 youth through  
432 bed days with  
supporting services**

ATF Award:  
\$242,170

**Description:** The Adolescent Center for Treatment (ACT) is a 10 bed, residential substance use disorder treatment facility for adolescents (ages 12-18). Each client receives a thorough bio-psychosocial assessment and receives an individualized treatment plan. Youth participate in over 50 hours of structured activities per week including at least 10 hours of clinical therapy hours. Activities include addiction and health education, anger management, 12-step meetings and recreation. Youth also attend academic programming during the school year. ACT is the only residential, community-based treatment center for adolescents in Kansas; the cost of residential treatment is significantly less than hospital, psychiatric residential, or detention facility stays.

**Outcomes achieved:** In 2024, ACT clients had an average length of stay of 23 days. 76% of ACT first-time clients remained in residential treatment for a minimum of 21 days. 83% of ACT re-admitted clients remained in residential treatment for a minimum of 14 days. 73% of clients received a successful completion upon discharge as indicated by the completion of their treatment plan goals. The average client satisfaction score was 4.5 out of 5.

**Johnson County  
Mental Health  
Center: Adolescent  
Center for  
Treatment (ACT)**

Johnson County  
Residents Served: **2  
youth with MAT  
services**

**OSF Award: \$45,198**

**OSF Abatement  
Strategies:**  
Treatment, Harm  
Reduction,  
Recovery, Providers  
and Healthcare

**Description:** OSF funds supported Johnson County Mental Health's Adolescent Center for Treatment (ACT) residential program. Local opioid use and addiction among adolescents continues to rise with youth diagnosed with opioid use disorder (OUD) comprising 55% of admissions at the ACT program. To address the growing OUD population in achieving and maintaining recovery, Johnson County Mental Health implemented an additional treatment track specifically designed to address opioids for OUD clients.

**Outcomes achieved:** In 2024, ACT served a total of 37 youth, including two youth from Johnson County. 19 youth received Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) services while a resident at ACT. Of those 19 youth, 26% received the Vivitrol Injections, and 79% received MAT oral medication.

Of the 19-youth placed on MAT medications while at ACT, 79% successfully completed residential level of care. The average length of stay for those youth that were on MAT and successfully completed treatment was 26 days. The average length of stay for all youth on MAT medications was 21 days.

75% of the youth who entered ACT with an identified opioid use disorder successfully completed residential SUD treatment. The average length of stay for all youth with an opioid use disorder was 14 days.

75% of the youth surveyed scored at or above 86% correct on the post survey. 81% of the youth scored below the target baseline on the survey prior to the beginning of residential treatment.

**Johnson County  
Mental Health  
Center: Adult  
Detoxification Unit  
(ADU)**

**Description:** Johnson County Mental Health Center's Adult Detoxification Unit (ADU) is an 8-10 bed unit which is staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to admit and monitor individuals who may present a danger to the public or themselves due to alcohol/drug intoxication or withdrawal. ADU is the only social detoxification program in the Kansas City Metro area that admits uninsured individuals. Services are provided at no



<p>Johnson County Residents Served: <b>281 adults through 881 bed days with supporting services</b></p> <p>ATF Award: \$276,835</p>	<p>cost to participants and serve as a safety net for individuals with serious substance use disorders. Licensed addiction counselors provide an assessment and recovery plan, with a 3-day average length of stay. ADU is part of Johnson County Mental Health Center's division of Addiction and Residential Services and shares a residential unit with the Crisis Recovery Center (CRC). Behavioral health staff are trained in both ADU and CRC services, and clients may transition from ADU to CRC when they need additional mental health supports or are waiting on a bed elsewhere. Johnson County ADU patients with other mental health needs are offered an intake and service referrals from an ADU-adjacent office.</p> <p><b>Outcomes achieved:</b> In 2024, 91.7% of ADU clients remained in social detox until staff recommend discharge. The average length of stay was three days. 84.9% of clients received a written discharge plan documenting a referral for ongoing primary health, behavioral health or community services (excluding clients who were referred to a higher level of care from the unit). Discharged clients completed a satisfaction survey with six areas of program quality and staff performance; the average rating of ADU was 4.7 on a 5-point scale.</p>
<p><b>Johnson County Mental Health Center: Adult Detoxification Unit (ADU)</b></p> <p>Johnson County Residents Served: <b>62 adults through 24 harm reduction kits</b></p> <p>OSF Award: \$55,897</p> <p><b>OSF Abatement Strategies:</b> Recovery, Linkage to Care, Harm Reduction, Public Safety</p>	<p><b>Description:</b> OSF funds supported Johnson County Mental Health Center's Adult Detoxification Unit (ADU) expansion of services focused on harm reduction and long-term recovery of clients. This includes the implementation of Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT), testing supplies, naloxone, and client supportive services, including connection to and support in obtaining recovery housing for unhoused clients.</p> <p><b>Outcomes achieved:</b> In 2024, an average of 35% of ADU clients with an Opioid Use Disorder left the facility with their own box of Narcan. ADU has not been able to offer testing for Opioid Use Disorder to any client on the unit. Data for 2024 shows that approximately 7% of clients with an Opiate Use Disorder discharge to a higher level of care due to severity of symptoms. Approximately 20% of clients with an Opiate Use Disorder discharge prior to experiencing a reduction in overall withdrawal symptoms. This data suggests some clients experiencing an Opiate Use Disorder discharge early due to a lack of treatment options to help manage their withdrawal symptoms at this level of care. ADU has onboarded a nurse and nurse practitioner, and has been developing new protocols for standing orders for withdrawal medications.</p>
<p><b>Johnson County Mental Health Center: Dual Diagnosis Outpatient Program (DDOP)</b></p>	<p><b>Description:</b> ATF funds supported Johnson County Mental Health Center's Dual Diagnosis Outpatient Program (DDOP) which includes the Adolescent Outpatient Addiction Services (AOAS). DDOP provides integrated outpatient services for individuals 12 and over with co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders. DDOP's target population includes uninsured, underinsured, and indigent patients. The program provides a sliding fee scale to assist those unable to pay for services. Clients receive one to eight hours of weekly counseling group or individual sessions</p>

Johnson County  
Residents Served:  
**610 (532 adults and  
78 youth) through  
6,558 clinical hours  
of service**

per week, focusing on basic alcohol/drug education, recovery, and relapse prevention skills, as well as helping clients understand and manage mental health issues that complicate recovery. DDOP provides connection to community treatment and supportive services, including psychological testing and therapy, and psych and medication evaluations. In collaboration with the Medical Services Team, DDOP also administers Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT), as appropriate, for clients.

ATF Award:  
\$223,044

**Outcomes achieved:** In 2024, 68% of adults in the Adult Dual Diagnosis Outpatient program remained in treatment for at least eight sessions. 70% of adults served reported a reduction in their alcohol and drug use during the last 30 days. 98% of adults served in the program did not engage in new criminal activities while participating in the program. Additionally, 82.6% of youth in the Adolescent Outpatient program remained in treatment for at least 6 sessions. 53% of youth served reported a reduction in their alcohol and drug use during the last 30 days.

**Johnson County  
Mental Health  
Center: Dual  
Diagnosis  
Outpatient Program  
(DDOP)**

**Description:** Johnson County Mental Health Center's DDOP used OSF funds to purchase and implement an additional evidence-based curriculum focused on addressing opioid abuse as well as to support implementation of Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) services, as appropriate and prescribed, for OUD adults and youth.

Johnson County  
Residents Served:  
**13 (11 adults and 2  
youth) through 242  
clinical hours of  
service**

**Outcomes achieved:** In 2024, JCMH's DDOP served a total of 17 clients, with 13 being Johnson County residents. DDOP clients with an Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) diagnosis that were participating in the Adolescent Outpatient Addiction Services (AOAS) program were provided with information about Harm Reduction Strategies as well as harm reduction care packages, including access to naloxone and Fentanyl test strips, and were referred for MAT services. A contingency management system with rewards for engaging in treatment and achieving self-identified recovery milestones was also implemented.

OSF Award: \$50,000

60% of adults in the Adult Dual Diagnosis Outpatient program with an OUD received MAT services. 70.5% of adults in the program were engaged in employment, academic instruction or skill development. 66% of youth in the Adolescent Outpatient program with an OUD received MAT services.

**OSF Abatement  
Strategies:**  
Treatment,  
Recovery, Harm  
Reduction,  
Providers and  
Healthcare

**Johnson County  
Mental Health  
Center: Prevention  
Services**

**Description:** ATF funds supported programming provided by Johnson County Mental Health Center's Prevention Services such as EverFi's AlcoholEdu, which is accessible to Johnson County school districts. This includes other programs that promote youth mobilization, education and training, and community engagement like End the Trend: an anti-vaping social media campaign, Youth Leadership Summit, School Prevention

Johnson County  
Residents Served:  
**5,057 (2,429 adults  
and 2,628 youth)  
through 16,636  
hours of direct  
service and over  
940,000 social  
media impressions**

ATF Award:  
\$170,000

Roundtable (SPARK), Café Conversations for middle school families, and the Strengthening Families Program (SFP) for high-risk students and families.

**Outcomes achieved:** In 2024, JCMHC's Prevention Services co-hosted five Connected Conversations events in collaboration with Olathe and Gardner Edgerton School Districts and community organizations across Johnson County, like Overland Park Lutheran Church.

SPARK hosted five virtual sessions to support educators in Johnson County. Across all sessions, participants reported a notable increase in knowledge and confidence, with self-reported evaluations showing an average of 100% improvement in awareness. AlcoholEdu participants reported a 17% increase across all five modules in relevant knowledge based on pre- and post-surveys.

97.4% of Youth Leadership Summit participants reported being more likely to stay drug-free as a result of participating in the event. Five families or 100% of Strengthening Families Program participants reported an increased level of knowledge and confidence related to substance use prevention.

In addition, the *End the Trend* campaign continues to gain traction in its second year by generating nearly a million impression, interactions, and engagements across social media platforms and website view results (Snapchat, YouTube, and Website views).

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### Nonprofit Community-Based Programs Serving Johnson County Residents

#### **Artists Helping the Homeless (AHH)**

Johnson County residents served:  
**211 adults through 8,725 support service interactions and nights of housing**

ATF Award: \$90,000

**Description:** Artists Helping the Homeless (AHH) assists homeless adults in addressing alcohol and substance use issues by providing supportive services tailored to the needs of the individual. Three levels of support are available: gap services, intervention, and reintegration. AHH is unique in filling gaps with transportation, interim housing and assistance with meeting admission requirements to other agencies. AHH staff meets with individuals referred by hospitals, detox, law enforcement and other agencies to develop a discharge plan to secure housing and services. When housing gaps develop, AHH often fills that gap. AHH opened a respite house in Johnson County in 2022. AHH's respite homes are often the first step in AHH's reintegration program. Monitored 24/7, respite home residents access AHH's full array of services including AA/NA meetings, counseling, legal assistance, job training and educational programs, health care services, as well as community service, social reintegration, and physical fitness activities. As residents gain independence, they may continue to build resources and peer support at AHH's apartment building, Finnegan Place. The goal of this residential program is for residents to recover, reintegrate, and thrive in the community. Other facilities include Concord House - houses up to 8 individuals at a time, and Kahana House – houses approximately 16 individuals.

**Outcomes achieved:** In 2024, Concord housed 33 men, 61% were Johnson County residents. Each of the 30 departures were a step forward in their recovery. The house relapse sobriety rate was 85% with Johnson County residents faring better at 90%. Concord house residents had no interactions with law enforcement and no emergency department visits due to events occurring after entering the program. In addition, 38 Johnson County residents were at Kahana and another 10 at Finnegan Place.

#### **Artists Helping the Homeless (AHH)**

Johnson County residents served:  
**57 adults through 2,790 support service interactions and nights of housing**

OSF Award: \$15,000

**OSF Abatement Strategies:** Linkage

**Description:** OSF funds enabled AHH to support additional Johnson County clients with an opioid use disorder through the BE THE CHANGE program, which supports unhoused men with substance use disorders through its respite houses. BE THE CHANGE fills a critical gap in the continuum of care by providing shelter, food, and basic needs, free of charge, in a clean environment with peer support so residents can focus on recovery. BE THE CHANGE uses a Housing First, recovery-oriented model and a strengths-based approach.

**Outcomes achieved:** In 2024, 87% of residents were sober at Concord House while housed. All 15 residents moved forward in their recovery with 1 person leaving without a job after more than 30 days. The additional capacity of Kahana, opened in early 2024, enabled the program to exceed the goal. BE THE CHANGE program continues to work with recovery programs to expand sourcing and services available to participants.

to Care, Harm  
Reduction, Recovery

**Boys and Girls Club  
of Greater Kansas  
City**

Johnson County  
residents served:  
**460 youth through  
105 program  
sessions**

ATF Award: \$20,000

**Description:** At its Olathe Club location, Boys and Girls Club implements SMART Moves (Skill Mastery and Resistance Training) during after-school, winter break, and summer programming for youth (5 to 18 years-old). SMART Moves helps to prevent alcohol and drug use and other risky behavior through education and building of skills and techniques to recognize and resist media and peer pressure. The program helps participants develop the protective factors necessary to resist influences toward negative behaviors and the confidence and knowledge to make informed, positive decisions. Boys and Girls Club has established relationships with corporate partners like Comcast, Sysco, Garmin, and Compass Minerals to support older youth with job experience opportunities. The Olathe School District provides transportation to the Club from Central Elementary, Oregon Trail Middle School, Washington Elementary, and Olathe North High School.

**Outcomes achieved:** Pre-tests and post-tests showed 91% of program participants demonstrated increased knowledge of the dangers of alcohol and drug use. 89% of participants also increased their knowledge of tools and strategies to resist peer pressure and media influence. 89% of participants increased their skills to resolve conflict non-violently.

**Boys and Girls Club  
of Greater Kansas  
City**

Johnson County  
residents served:  
**460 youth through  
168 program  
sessions**

OSF Award: \$20,000

**OSF Abatement  
Strategies:**  
Prevention

**Description:** OSF funds enabled Boys & Girls Club to implement its Positive Action program, which promotes positive behaviors, character development, and academic success to additional children and teens. Positive Action, endorsed by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), provides after school activities, mentoring, academic support, and life skills training, designed to foster personal growth, social-emotional development, and resilience. The program emphasizes the importance of positive decision making, conflict resolution, and building healthy relationships. These skills increase protective factors in youth and reduce risk factors for substance use so that youth are better equipped to avoid substance abuse and to self-regulate without the use of substances.

**Outcomes achieved:** In 2024, 88% of participants demonstrated increased academic achievement such as improved grades or test scores. 90% of participants demonstrated an increased knowledge of resisting peer pressure of media influence. 91% of participants demonstrated an increase in knowledge of how to resolve conflict non-violently. On average, 90.5% of participants had greater involvement and positive community contributions, measured by community service hours performed, surveys, and feedback from community organizations.

**Cornerstones of  
Care**

**Description:** ATF funds supported Cornerstones of Care Functional Family Therapy (FFT) program for families dealing with a substance use related issue. The FFT program is a short-term (12-14 sessions), evidence-based, in-home, intensive family-based treatment program for youth ages 11-17, who are at risk for substance use,

Johnson County residents served: **98 (49 youth and 49 adults) engaged in 380 service encounters, including telehealth**

ATF Award: \$80,000

including those with co-occurring mental health issues, and those involved in child welfare or juvenile justice systems. Through FFT, families enhance protective factors and interrupt patterns that contribute to substance use. FFT is provided at no cost to families, which are referred by Johnson County Juvenile Intake and Assessment Center, Court Services, Corrections, and schools.

**Outcomes achieved:** In 2024, 60% of youth completed FFT. 90% of youth who completed Functional Family Therapy had no subsequent charges related to drugs and/or alcohol. As a result of FFT, youth and parents completing a closing assessment reported an average score of 3.4 (between “3 = some better” and “4= a lot better”) for improved family relationships as evidenced by reduced levels of conflict and improved communication.

#### **First Call Alcohol/Drug Prevention and Recovery**

Johnson County residents served: **121 (46 adults and 75 youth) through 1,136 hours of support through direct service and outreach events**

ATF Award: \$72,847

**Description:** First Call provides effective, no-cost prevention programming to children and youth at nine Johnson County school sites, naloxone (generic Narcan for opioid overdose reversal) to schools and other programs requesting it, recovery support (at First Call and virtually), and a 24/7 crisis call line. First Call’s prevention programming includes the *How to Cope* program for families with a member who has substance abuse disorder; *Caring for Kids* program (psycho-educational program on effects of substance abuse disorder and establishing protective factors) at local schools; sobriety and life skills groups at local high schools and virtually; Prevention Education Presentations for school-aged youth and the general community; and recovery support, clinical care, and a 24/7 hotline for the community. Within the Shawnee Mission, Olathe, and Blue Valley School Districts, First Call’s programming reduces students’ risk factors and increases their protective factors.

**Outcomes achieved:** In 2024, 95% of individuals who participated in *How to Cope* reported increased knowledge about substance use disorder after their participation. 80% of children who participated in *Caring for Kids* reported increased knowledge about substance use disorder after their participation. 100% of adolescents who participated in First Call's Adolescent Relapse Prevention were able to identify triggering situations and at least three new coping mechanisms for dealing with stress. Participating students in First Call's School-Based Prevention Education demonstrated a 10% increase over their baseline score in knowledge and positive attitude related to protective life skills and the harmful effects of drugs, alcohol, and tobacco.

#### **First Call Alcohol/Drug Prevention and Recovery**

Johnson County residents served: **2,201 (1,901 adults and 300 youth)**

**Description:** OSF funds supported First Call’s expansion of its Linkage to Care programming to Johnson County with a focus on providing outreach, recovery support, and harm reduction. Harm Reduction, launched in 2022, uses practical approaches to reduce negative consequences of drug use, including naloxone distribution. First Call’s 24/7 crisis line provides counseling and referrals to address substance use disorders and mental health crises.

**Outcomes achieved:** In 2024, 81% of Crisis Call Line participants received at least one appropriate referral. Recovery Advocacy Services participants averaged a 50%

through 2,201 hours of support through harm reduction services and outreach events

decrease in Addiction Severity Index (ASI) scores, and participants experienced an average increase of 81% in Arizona Self-Sufficiency Matrix (ASSM) scores. First Call distributed 468 units of naloxone in Johnson County, 1,410 substance use test strips, and provided 7 naloxone administration trainings for 750 people.

OSF Award: \$72,847

**OSF Abatement Strategies:**

Prevention,  
Treatment,  
Recovery, Harm  
Reduction, Public  
Safety

**Friends of Recovery Association (FORA)**

Johnson County  
Residents Served:  
**998 (858 adults and 140 youth)**  
through 3,128 hours of services

**Description:** Friends of Recovery Association's (FORA) Oxford Houses are self-sustaining, democratically run, transitional homes that help participants live productive, meaningful lives in recovery from substance abuse. Participants include adults who are experiencing homelessness or in danger of homelessness, individuals with mental health challenges, and adults recently released from incarceration. FORA utilizes a peer mentorship model (alumni or current residents) to help newly-recovering residents. ATF funding supported 45 Johnson County Oxford Houses through startup activities like house identification, lease negotiation, charter establishment as well as intervention and recovery services and training.

ATF Award: \$60,000

**Outcomes achieved:** The average recidivism was 1.2% for clients housed at Oxford Houses. About 90% of residents remained employed during their stay in Oxford Houses, and 5% relapsed. Approximately 43% of residents successfully transitioned out of Oxford House and reintegrated back into the community in 2024.

**Friends of Recovery Association (FORA)**

Johnson County  
Residents Served:  
**922 (848 adults and 74 youth)**  
through 2,254 hours of naloxone training

**Description:** OSF funds supported FORA's purchase of drug testing and naloxone kits to be deployed in all Johnson County Oxford Houses as well as training for naloxone deployment.

OSF Award: \$10,000

**Outcomes achieved:** In 2024, all Oxford Houses in Johnson County are now equipped with two doses of nasal spray naloxone, with additional supplies available at the FORA office to replenish expired naloxone or replace doses used in the event of an overdose. All staff serving Johnson County have been trained to identify symptoms of withdrawal, identifying overdoses, and the usage and impact of naloxone. Additionally, FORA purchased medication lock boxes for all Johnson County Oxford Houses. This initiative ensures the safety of all residents by securing each individual's medications and keeping them separate, thereby promoting a safe and organized living environment.

**OSF Abatement Strategies:**

**Health Partnership  
Clinic (HPC)**

Johnson County  
Residents Served:  
**61 (58 adults and 3  
youth)  
through 519 patient  
visits**

ATF Award: \$80,590

**Description:** Health Partnership Clinic (HPC) is a Patient-Centered Medical Home and the only Federally Qualified Healthcare Center (FQHC) in the region that provides care for low-income and uninsured populations through primary and dental care, mental health and substance use related care. As a “medical home”, HPC is uniquely equipped to address a full range of substance use and health concerns for its clients; individuals with a substance use disorder are more likely to have a serious medical or mental health issue and may be more susceptible to serious infections. HPC’s approach to whole patient care results in cost-savings in treatment and comprehensive support for clients. The Substance Use Disorder program provides early intervention and outpatient treatment for adults and adolescents, including up to 6 hours of programming per week for adolescents and 8 hours per week for adults. Treatment includes behavioral intervention, relapse prevention, social support, and education in individual, group, and family therapy settings. The cost of treatment is provided on a sliding scale to accommodate financial need of clients. HPC utilizes the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) endorsed Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) tool during primary care visits and Hazelton’s Living in Balance treatment (endorsed by National Institute on Drug Abuse) including cognitive behavioral and experimental therapeutic methods for substance use disorder treatment. In substance use disorder treatment, HPC utilizes evidence-based Motivational Interviewing and Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) to support recovery of clients.

**Outcomes achieved:** In 2024, HPC provided substance use disorder and MAT services to 92 patients through 720 patient visits. 94.6% of patients indicated they were either satisfied or very satisfied with the overall care they received.

100% of patients receiving substance use disorder services who reported homelessness on the PRAPARE tool were referred to homeless shelters. Patients reporting homelessness were referred to and are currently in contact with resources to help with their current housing situation, such as services from Catholic Charities, United Way, or Salvation Army. Of the patients receiving MAT services, 70% were compliant with their medications. HPC had six patients who successfully discharged from SUD services as well as 11 compliant MAT patients (compliant with treatment, medical services and negative urinary analysis).

**Heartland Regional  
Alcohol and Drug  
Assessment Center**

Johnson County  
Residents Served:  
**190 adults through**

**Description:** Heartland Regional Alcohol and Drug Assessment Center (HRADAC) provides Intensive Case Management services (ICM) to Johnson County adults who are homeless and have a substance use disorder and a co-occurring mental and/or physical health issue. Services focus on risk-reduction and stabilization, while also addressing individual goals around substance abuse and recovery, mental health services, and housing. When clinically appropriate, HRADAC assists clients in accessing care such as Medication Assisted Treatment. Recovery coaching and peer



**190 service encounters**

mentorship, provided along with case management and care coordination services, complement the clinical work of ICM and help clients maintain recovery.

ATF Award:  
\$225,000

**Outcomes achieved:** During 2024, 94% of clients accessed recovery activities while receiving ICM Services. 67% clients accessed substance abuse treatment. 70% of clients accessed 12-step and other recovery support groups and 44% of clients engaged in Recovery-Oriented Systems of Care (ROSC) activities with a Recovery Coach. Additionally, 76% of individuals secured safe housing while receiving services. 37 individuals secured permanent housing, 109 individuals secured transitional housing, and 28 individuals secured permanent housing. 180 HRADAC clients had co-occurring mental health issues, of those, 51% were receiving mental health services when they began and 68% were receiving mental health services by the end of 2024.

**KidsTLC**

Johnson County  
Residents Served: 7  
**youth through 36  
clinical and  
education hours**

**Description:** ATF funds supported KidsTLC's Psychiatric Residential Drug and Alcohol Program which provides substance abuse screening/assessment, evaluation, prevention/education, and clinical treatment for youth participants (ages 13-18). Clinical treatment is provided to youth with a dual diagnosis of substance use disorder and mental health issues. The evidence-based Seeking Safety curriculum is utilized in treatment as well as Eye Motion Desensitization Reprocessing (EMDR). Relapse prevention and prevention education, utilizing the Positive Action evidence-based program, are provided to all youth in the Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF).

ATF Award: \$59,617

**Outcomes achieved:** In 2024, 87% of youth receiving substance use services abstained from drugs/alcohol during passes (break outside of the PRTF facility) with a parent/guardian as measured by a physician-ordered urine analysis upon the youth's return. 95% of youth demonstrated an improved outlook after treatment, measured by their self-assessment of change on the substance use survey between admission and discharge. 66% of youth who have been discharged from the PRTF program and who have received substance use treatment self-reported maintenance or a decrease in problem severity between admission and discharge as measured by the Ohio Scales.

95% of youth reported an increase in hopefulness and increase in functioning (Ohio Scales). 100% of youth rated 4 or 5 on the substance use program satisfaction survey that they felt that "my counselor is willing to help me access services that I need." 100% of youth discharging from the substance use program had at least one community follow-up appointment scheduled at the time of discharge. 91% of youth in the three adolescent units in the PRTF program (ages 13+), regardless of their substance use screening at intake, received one 60-minute psychoeducation prevention group each week during their treatment.

**KVC Behavioral  
HealthCare**

**Description:** KVC's Family Substance Abuse Recovery Services assists caregivers and youth in identifying lasting supports and walks alongside families toward recovery from substance abuse. This program serves Johnson County families who have had

Johnson County  
Residents Served:  
**41 (30 adults and 11 youth) received 414 hours of assessment and treatment**

ATF Award: \$66,000

children removed to foster care and have been assessed by a KVC case manager or therapist, or who have been referred by Kansas Department of Children and Families (DCF). If there is evidence of substance abuse, a Licensed Addiction Counselor (LAC) administers the KS Client Placement Criteria (KCPC) and works with case workers, therapists, and behavioral/mental healthcare and medical staff to find the best level of care and wraparound services. For positive family outcomes, KVC utilizes ecomapping to help clients identify sources of support, including community resources, government services, friends, family, treatment options. Outpatient in-home therapy, is guided through the KCPC and the family's willingness to participate. Other options include referral to local support groups, and inpatient therapy.

**Outcomes Achieved:** In 2024, 83% of KVC's outpatient services were provided in home or via telehealth in the clients home, when requested by the client. 17% of services were provided in the office when requested by the client due to lack of internet access, privacy or safety in the home. Based on the AWARE relapse assessment and Ecomaps, 19% of clients remained in the lowest probability group for relapse after intake, 64% were in the mid-range and 17% were in the highest risk range. Of the 21 clients who responded to subsequent post discharge AWARE assessments, five clients were in the lowest risk range, three were in the mid-range, and 13 were in the highest risk range for relapse. Ecomaps data showed average community connections per client at admission was three, and all clients at least maintained their connections by the time of discharge despite challenges engaging and sustaining treatment. Of the clients served, 20% doubled their number of connections. KVC has seen clients with higher acuity and treatment resistance than in prior years.

#### **Lorraine's House**

Johnson County  
Residents Served:  
**106 adults received 20,687 bed days**

ATF Award: \$21,481

**Description:** Lorraine's House is a structured transitional living program for women recovering from addiction. Founded in 2016, Lorraine's House currently operates four homes located in Johnson County and serves women who are transitioning from residential treatment, incarceration, unhealthy living environments or detox. In 2022, Lorraine's House received National Alliance of Recovery Residences Level 2 accreditation through a Missouri affiliate. Lorraine's House is considered a non-therapeutic milieu. Residents receive partial case management and houses have on-site house managers, who serve as peer mentors. Clients are expected to follow house rules, pay rent, be employed (or actively seeking employment), remain abstinent, and participate in recovery-oriented groups.

**Outcomes Achieved:** During 2024, 90% of Lorraine's House clients remained employed. 61% of clients completed four outcomes including substance use free, exit to stable housing, maintain employment, and develop social support within the recovering community. 75% of clients completed at least 2 components. The average length of stay was 150 days. 82% of residents engaged in community based recovery meetings three times per week.

## **Mirror**

Johnson County  
Residents Served:  
**99 adults through  
3,111 days of  
service**

ATF Award:  
\$210,000

**Description:** ATF funds supported Mirror's Co-occurring Disorder (COD) Residential Treatment Program for Johnson County residents. The COD program serves clients living below 200% of Federal Poverty Level, reduces barriers to treatment and shortens wait time for clients (5-day wait for ATF clients vs. 21.5 days for Block Grant funded clients). Expedited services help clients stabilize and engage in recovery sooner, increasing the likelihood of successful treatment. Clients receive substance abuse and mental health services through individualized treatment plans and coordinated services. Support also addresses barriers to recovery such as legal, housing, health and employment issues.

**Outcomes achieved:** In 2024, COD clients had a 71.39% successful completion rate. COD clients' confidence in handling high-risk situations that can lead to substance use rose by 69% while in treatment. 100% of COD clients who successfully completed were given appropriate referrals within their home community. 100% of COD clients who successfully completed and applied for assistance towards Oxford House deposits were approved. 58 clients received Oxford House deposits of \$200.

## **NCircle**

Johnson County  
Residents Served:  
**108 adults through  
2,420 hours of  
service**

OSF Award: \$57,853

**OSF Abatement  
Strategies:**  
Recovery, Public  
safety

**Description:** OSF dollars supported the partnership between NCircle and Johnson County Department of Corrections to provide the College of Trades program on-site for individuals who are incarcerated in the residential substance use Treatment Center (TC) in Johnson County. College of Trades (COT) provides employment and life skills training for individuals at high-risk of unemployment or recidivism upon release, with a goal to end the cycle of incarceration and stabilize families. Program participants are assessed utilized the Employment Readiness Scale (ERS) before and after training completion. NCircle coordinates with Johnson County Community College, Engage South KC, the Johnson County Library, and the Johnson County Community College Foundation to deliver job training, classes, and credentials, such as OSHA-10 and welding certificates. There is no charge for participants to participate in this program and to obtain trade certifications.

**Outcomes achieved:** In 2024, COT participants had ERS results increase by 12% in Job Maintenance, 21% increase in social supports and 22% increase in career decision making. 93% of participants completed Essential Skills for Workplace Advancement. NCircle in partnership with Johnson County Department of Corrections collected first year data about individuals receiving services and will be able to download customizable reports to track progress.

## **Preferred Family Healthcare (PFH)**

Johnson County  
Residents Served:  
**195 (168 adults and  
27 youth) engaged**

**Description:** ATF funds supported the delivery of services provided by Preferred Family Healthcare (PFH). PFH provides outpatient substance abuse treatment and treatment for co-occurring substance use and mental health disorders to Johnson County residents with limited or no resources to pay for services. PFH operates multiple facilities in multiple states, including a Level I Outpatient Treatment and Level II Intensive Outpatient Treatment center in Olathe providing assessment, individual and group counseling, and drug testing. Treatment interventions include Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy,

**in 5,974 hours of treatment services**

Motivational Interviewing, and Motivational Enhancement Therapy. PFH offers services on an income-based sliding fee scale.

ATF Award:  
\$130,000

**Outcomes achieved:** In 2024, PFH provided substance use disorder (SUD) treatment services to individuals with documented need who could not otherwise afford treatment. Services were provided in person or via telehealth, for those unable to participate in person. 100% of clients who could not afford treatment services were able to receive services on a sliding scale. 64% of the clients who were tested demonstrated abstinence from substance use. Clients who test positive for any substance were offered additional counseling and resources. 60% of the clients who were discharged maintained/obtained employment or academic activities. 67% of clients who received at least one service following admission completed the treatment program and were successfully discharged.

**The Family Conservancy**

Johnson County  
Residents Served:  
**657 (241 adults and 416 youth) through 5,687 hours of services including coaching sessions**

ATF Award: \$40,000

**Description:** In 2024, The Family Conservancy used ATF to support two programs: Substance Use Screening and Education, and implementation of *Conscious Discipline* programming in four Johnson County childcare centers that serve families living at or below the federal poverty level. Those who screen positive for substance misuse receive substance use education as needed and are referred to community resources, when appropriate. *Conscious Discipline* is an evidence-based self-regulation program that integrates social-emotional learning and discipline, fostering healthy development to reduce future risk of substance abuse.

**Outcomes achieved:** 79% of individuals had a successful completion of their counseling treatment plan. Data demonstrated an improvement of 100% of clients who self-identified as having a family member with substance misuse concerns had improved knowledge or experienced attitude changes that support the family's health at closure of case. 43 individuals participated in at least one family class. Ten individuals scored in the low to moderate range in the pre assessment who also attended three or more classes. A total of 80% of individuals increased in at least 4 of 7 areas as measured by the Mindset Assessment Pre/Post. An additional 5 individuals attended at least three or more classes but did not score in the low to moderate range in the pre assessment. 100% of parents and/or teachers who attend at least 3 classes of a five-session *Conscious Discipline* parent class indicated utilization of five positive impacts or successful applications of the strategies learned.

**Valley Hope Foundation**

Johnson County  
Residents Served:  
**366 adults through 363 hours of treatment services**

**Description:** Valley Hope Foundation used ATF funds for the Patient Assistance Program which provides financial assistance to Johnson County clients who are otherwise unable to pay for necessary substance abuse treatment services. Valley Hope provides intensive outpatient services in Overland Park for adults with substance use disorder and has an Alumni Program serving clients who have completed treatment through Valley Hope.

ATF Award: \$30,000      **Outcomes achieved:** In 2024, Valley of Hope Foundation provided 25 Johnson County patients financial assistance with the cost of treatment. 96% of patients in the program completed at least half of the recommended length of stay in residential care. 75% of the Johnson County patients joined the Alumni Program.

## APPENDIX A: 2024 DRUG AND ALCOHOLISM COUNCIL OF JOHNSON COUNTY MEMBERS

*Sharon Morris, Chair, Community Volunteer*  
*Piper Reimer, Vice Chair, City of Prairie Village Representative*  
*Steven Shrout, Secretary, City of Lenexa Representative*  
*Jason Bohn, LPC, Renew Counseling Center*  
*Mike Brouwer, Johnson County Government\*\**  
*Major Chris Brokaw, Merriam Police Department, City of Merriam Representative*  
*Bethany Butler Myers, LSCSW, LCSW, City of Leawood Representative*  
*Jenny Cappelatti, City of Gardner, City of Gardner Representative*  
*Vicki Charlesworth, City of Shawnee Representative*  
*Meredith Conklin, Overland Park Municipal Court, City of Overland Park Representative*  
*Michelle Decker, City of Olathe Prosecutor's Office, City of Olathe Representative*  
*Dr. Sarah Gilliland, DNP, Olathe School District, School District Representative\*\**  
*Stefanie Kelley, DNP, RN, Tomahawk Elementary, Community Volunteer*  
*Judge John McEntee, 10<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, Community Volunteer*  
*Sandra Miller, 10<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, Community Volunteer*  
*Ashley Reece, Community Volunteer*  
*Joy Springfield, Kansas Legal Services, Community Volunteer*  
*Judge Catherine Triplett, City of De Soto Representative*  
*Michelle Van Doren, MSW, City of Mission Representative*  
*Pastor Chris Winn, Community Life Church, Johnson County Board of County Commissioners Representative*

**\*\*Denotes Non-Voting Member**

*DAC membership is comprised of individuals with professional and/or personal interest in alcohol and other drug issues and includes representatives from education, law enforcement, health, city and county government, and interested citizens. Participating jurisdictions are invited to appoint one individual for membership to serve as a liaison to that jurisdiction, which provides a powerful geographic basis to ensure the strength of the substance use continuum of care throughout the county.*

### *UCS Staff Support*

*Erika García Reyes, Director of Resource Allocation*  
*Jackie Gildo, Special Project Intern*

## APPENDIX B: DRUG & ALCOHOLISM COUNCIL of JOHNSON COUNTY FUNDING PRIORITIES

### Alcohol Tax Funds (ATF)

By legislative mandate (KSA §79-41a04 as amended), ATF dollars must be used to fund services or programs whose principal purpose is substance abuse education, prevention, detoxification, intervention and/or treatment. Programs funded through the ATF grant process create a substance use continuum of services. Programs are defined as follows:

- Education and Prevention programs are designed to promote awareness and self-efficacy, and provide information, activities, and skill building to prevent problems with, or addiction to, alcohol and/or drugs.
- Intervention programs are designed to interrupt alcohol and/or drug use and may include involvement in activities applied during early stages of substance use which may prevent the transition from drug use to abuse.
- Substance Abuse Treatment programs are licensed by the State of Kansas to provide substance use disorder treatment services, including detoxification, and are designed to assist clients with discontinuing the use of alcohol and drugs and recovery programs supporting a reduction in relapse.

### Opioid Settlement Funds (OSF)

OSF are special purpose, special revenue funds distributed by the Kansas Attorney General's Office to municipalities that joined the statewide opioid settlement agreement. Pursuant to state statute and a Memorandum of Understanding, funds are distributed based on each municipality's population and must be used for **"projects and activities that prevent, reduce, treat, or mitigate the effects of substance abuse and addiction or to reimburse the State or Political Subdivisions for previous expenses related to substance abuse mitigation or arising from covered conduct."** KSA 75-775—781.

The national opioid settlement agreements governing this funding provide a [List of Opioid Remediation Uses](#), including Core Strategies and nonexclusive Approved Uses to support treatment of Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) and co-occurring Substance Use Disorder or Mental Health (SUD/MH) conditions through evidence-based or evidence-informed programs and strategies, such as:

- Naloxone and Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) distribution, education, and training.
- Treatment, intervention, and wrap-around services to specialized populations, such as pregnant and postpartum women and families and incarcerated individuals.
- Expansion of recovery and reintegration services for OUD, SUD and SUD/MH, including peer support and comprehensive wrap-around services such as housing, transportation, job training/placement, education, and/or childcare.
- Education and prevention programs, including media campaigns, K-12 education, drug disposal, diversion programs, and syringe service programs.

### JOHNSON COUNTY REGION FUNDING PRIORITIES FOR SUF

**In addition to consideration of core purposes of ATF and OSF referenced above, overall priority is given to:**

- Programs that target populations who are at-risk for substance use or abuse including individuals who have mental health issues, people who are homeless and/or have other co-occurring issues, women who are pregnant or nursing, and individuals involved in the child welfare or criminal justice system.
- Programs that address barriers to service including hours of operation, transportation, lack of care for children of parents seeking services, and physical location.

- If fees are charged for services, there are accommodations for clients with no ability, or limited ability, to pay the fees including a sliding fee scale based upon income.
- Programs that demonstrate competency in addressing language and cultural barriers and provide bilingual services in multiple languages, such as Spanish.
- Programs that provide services to meet a current community need defined through indicator data or *Communities That Care* survey trends.
- Programs that demonstrate an awareness of the negative impact of trauma in the prevention and treatment of substance use and co-occurring substance use and mental health disorders and utilize a trauma-informed care approach in the delivery of services.
- Programs that are evidence-based or reflect a best or promising practice and include measures to ensure fidelity.
- Programs that utilize measurable outcome data to improve service delivery.
- Strategies and services that involve families, parents, guardians, and/or other support systems.
- Programs that demonstrate coordination and collaboration with other agencies that support the substance abuse continuum of services in Johnson County and provide connection to community supports.
- Programs that demonstrate through service delivery, competency in addressing the interrelationship between substance use/abuse and other risk factors as defined above.

**Priorities for Education and Prevention Programs include:**

- Strategies that seek to delay the onset of the initial use of substances.
- Programs that target use of gateway drugs and address new trends in drug use across all age groups.
- Programs that utilize *Risk and Protective Factors* strategies across all age groups.

**Priorities for Treatment and Intervention Programs include:**

- Programs that provide effective treatment strategies for individuals with co-occurring substance use and mental health disorders.
- Programs that serve targeted populations and introduce early intervention strategies.
- Programs that incorporate Recovery Oriented Systems of Care (ROSC) which sustain and support recovery. These include providing peer support, housing, case management, and/or to linkages to recovery communities and activities.

***For Opioid Settlement Funds only, priorities further include:***

- Programs that support early education evidence-based prevention programs and mental health services and supports in schools, including school-based contacts and outreach.
- Programs and services providing training and workforce development for individuals providing support for this population.
- New and/or expansions of existing evidence-based or evidence-informed programs specifically focused on OUD and OUD/MH.
- Programs that expand warm hand-off and recovery services for OUD, SUD and SUD/MH to provide comprehensive wrap-around services, including housing, transportation, education, job training, and childcare.
- Programs that expand reintegration services for individuals in recovery, including recovery centers and peer support as well as supportive housing, and community navigators.

*Approved by Drug and Alcoholism Council*

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