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2026 SUBSTANCE USE CONTINUUM OF CARE FUND (SUF) RECOMMENDATIONS REPORT DRUG and ALCOHOLISM COUNCIL OF JOHNSON COUNTY

Participating jurisdictions: Johnson County, De Soto, Gardner, Leawood, Lenexa, Merriam, Mission, Olathe, Overland Park, Prairie Village, and Shawnee

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

The ATF is derived from a state excise tax on liquor sold by the drink. Part of the tax is returned to the jurisdiction (city or county) in which it was collected, with the stipulation that a specified portion be used for programs “whose principal purpose is alcoholism and drug abuse prevention or treatment of persons who are alcoholics or drug abusers or are in danger of becoming alcoholics or drug abusers” (KSA 79-41a04). OSF are derived from national opioid settlement agreements in which Kansas joined other states in lawsuits against opioid manufacturers and distributors. The State passes through a portion of the OSF dollars received to cities and counties. OSF dollars are anticipated to be distributed through 2040. Statutes and settlement agreements limit the use of OSF dollars, including to address substance use. These agreements also mandate reporting on the usage of funds to the State.

This report is a result of DAC grant review and evaluation processes. The purpose of the DAC’s grant review process is to direct local ATF and OSF *effectively* to substance use education, prevention, intervention, treatment, recovery, and reintegration programs that serve Johnson County residents. The entire community benefits when substance abuse is prevented and/or effectively treated. A continuum of services from education through recovery and reintegration is vital to reducing drug and alcohol use and addiction. This continuum of services lowers healthcare costs, reduces crime and child abuse and neglect, while lowering associated public costs and increasing employment productivity.

The DAC’s grant review process provides an efficient, structured, and accountable system that allows organizations access to funds from multiple jurisdictions, through one annual application. The recommendations are guided by funding priorities. These priorities are developed through a formal planning and research process that includes input from key stakeholders, literature review, and analysis of indicator data in Johnson County. The 2023-28 Funding Priorities Report is available on the UCS website at ucsjoco.org.

The Board of County Commissioners and city councils have ultimate authority and responsibility for determining which organizations receive funds from their respective jurisdictions based upon the recommendations in this report. Jurisdictions are asked to accept the recommendations by no later than December 31, 2025. Together, Johnson County Government and ten cities committed **\$3,159,125** for 2026 SUF: \$2,676,125 in ATF and \$483,000 in OSF (see page 28). This funding is an increase from 2025, as jurisdictions exercise the foresight to combine ATF and OSF to strengthen the substance use continuum of care for Johnson County.

The 2026 SUF grant cycle was very competitive with 22 applicants requesting a total of **\$3,465,516** in funding. After reviewing applications, interviewing the agencies, and deliberating, the DAC developed the following funding recommendations for 22 grantees. These recommendations are distributed by fund source – ATF or OSF.

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RECOMMENDATIONS						
Applicant	Fund	2024 Allocation	2025 Allocation	2026 Request	2026 Allocation	Program Description & Opioid Abatement Strategy^
Johnson County School District Applicants						
Blue Valley USD 229	ATF	\$37,329	\$25,200	No request	No request	School & Community Prevention: coordinates prevention in all schools through EverFi programs, <i>Signs of Suicide</i> , and outreach. Adding specialist certifications to address tobacco and vaping.
De Soto USD 232	ATF	\$27,129	\$27,129	\$45,129	\$45,129	Prevention: implements EverFi programs and social workers to support students dealing with substance use.
	OSF	\$4,831	\$4,831	\$5,000	\$5,000	Drug Awareness and Prevention program with specialized drug education/outreach. Strategy: prevention, harm reduction.
Olathe USD 233	ATF	\$17,796	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$1,823	Safe & Drug-Free Schools: implements EverFi programs, <i>Guiding Good Choices</i> , <i>Project Alert</i> , <i>Botvin LifeSkills</i> , and after-school supports through <i>The Spot</i> .
	OSF	\$27,704	\$35,500	\$35,550	\$13,178	Opioid & Substance Use Education & Prevention through education, intervention, and naloxone availability. Strategy: prevention, linkage to care, harm reduction, providers & health.
Spring Hill USD	ATF	\$13,560	No request	No request	No request	
School District Subtotals:	ATF	\$95,814	\$62,329	\$55,129	\$46,952	
	OSF	\$32,535	\$40,331	\$40,550	\$18,178	
10th Judicial District Court and Programs of Johnson County Government						
10th District Judicial Court	OSF	\$20,000	No request	No request	No request	
JoCo Corrections: Voucher + Treatment	ATF	\$26,000	\$26,000	No request	No request	Expanding deployment of substance use assessment and treatment vouchers for those under corrections supervision.
	OSF	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$13,500	\$13,500	Maintaining residential substance use disorder at the Adult Residential Center. Strategy: treatment, harm reduction, providers & health.
JoCo District Attorney/Drug Court Diversion	ATF	\$84,920	\$102,656	\$109,864	\$109,864	Supervision for youth drug court diversion and minor-in-possession cases.
	OSF	\$0	\$0	\$45,623	\$45,623	Expand: supervision support for youth clients with co-occurring substance use/mental health in drug court diversion. Strategy: prevention, treatment, recovery, linkage to care, harm reduction, providers & health, public safety & first responders.

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JCMHC Adolescent Center for Treatment (ACT)	ATF	\$242,170	\$274,132	\$306,093	\$306,093	Residential youth substance abuse disorder program.
	OSF	\$45,198	\$49,115	\$25,000	\$25,000	Recovery and relapse prevention and education services. Medication-assisted withdrawal management. Strategy: treatment, harm reduction, recovery, providers & health.
JCMHC Adult Detoxification Unit (ADU)	ATF	\$276,835	\$276,835	\$349,908	\$285,238	Residential, social adult detoxification program.
	OSF	\$55,897	\$55,897	\$55,897	\$39,244	Medication support for detoxification and support for recovery housing, transportation, employment, and care coordination. Strategy: treatment, recovery, linkage to care, harm reduction, public safety.
JCMHC Dual Diagnosis Outpatient (DDOP)	ATF	\$223,044	\$223,044	\$281,918	\$281,918	Outpatient substance use and co-occurring services for adults and youth.
	OSF	\$50,000	\$58,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	Expand: medication assisted treatment and client assistance. Strategy: treatment, recovery.
JCMHC Prevention	ATF	\$170,000	\$170,000	\$210,000	\$210,000	Provides support to school programs and outreach, pays EverFi contract for all JoCo schools.
	OSF	\$0	\$0	No request	No request	
Court/Govt. Subtotals:	ATF	\$1,022,969	\$1,072,667	\$1,257,783	\$1,193,113	
	OSF	\$271,095	\$263,012	\$215,020	\$198,367	
Nonprofit Community-Based Programs Serving Johnson County Residents						
Artists Helping the Homeless	ATF	\$90,000	\$90,000	\$125,000	\$90,000	Be The Change: gap services, discharge planning/support, and residential recovery with comprehensive wraparound services for clients with substance use/co-occurring disorders.
	OSF	\$15,000	\$15,000	No request	No request	
Boys & Girls Club (Olathe)	ATF	\$20,000	\$25,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	Provides the Journeys: Paths to Adulthood Targeted Program, focused on substance use prevention after school and in summers.
	OSF	\$20,000	\$25,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	Positive Action program after school and in summers. Strategy: prevention, linkage to care, harm reduction.
Church of the Resurrection*	OSF	\$0	No request	No request	No request	
Cornerstones of Care	ATF	\$84,000	\$84,000	\$175,000	\$129,500	Provides Functional Family Therapy at no cost to Johnson County families referred with substance use/co-occurring disorders.
DCCCA	ATF	No request	No request	\$92,950	\$92,950	Outpatient and intensive outpatient (IOP) substance use disorder treatment services, including clinical assessments and evaluations, individual therapy, and group counseling for high-risk adults.
First Call	ATF	\$72,847	\$72,847	\$71,163	\$71,163	Prevention Services: coordinated with families and in school through <i>Caring for Kids</i> , <i>How to Cope</i> , <i>Botvin LifeSkills</i> and sobriety groups.
	OSF	\$43,517	\$43,517	\$52,568	\$52,568	Community Outreach, Family Services with naloxone support. Strategy: recovery, linkage to care, harm reduction.

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Friends of Recovery	ATF	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$144,588	\$60,000	Recovery housing, including opening additional Oxford Houses throughout Johnson County.
	OSF	\$10,000	No request	\$184,638	\$75,000	Expand: harm reduction and peer-led support. Strategy: prevention, treatment, recovery, linkage to care, harm reduction, providers & health, public safety & first responders.
Health Partnership Clinic	ATF	\$80,590	\$89,250	\$99,363	\$89,250	Provides outpatient substance use treatment through medication assisted treatment and counselor as part of comprehensive medical services.
Heartland RADAC	ATF	\$225,000	\$230,000	\$243,800	\$243,800	Intensive Case Management and barrier reduction (transportation/housing) for adults with substance use/co-occurring disorders.
	OSF	\$0	No request	No request	No request	
KidsTLC	ATF	\$59,617	\$60,397	\$60,397	\$60,397	Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility for youth with substance use and co-occurring disorders.
KVC Behavioral HealthCare	ATF	\$66,000	\$66,000	\$93,515	\$66,000	Family Substance Abuse Recovery Services for families with youth in foster care.
	OSF	\$0	\$0	\$22,165	\$0	Substance abuse training for youth and caregivers, and distribution of naloxone and fentanyl test strips.
Lorraine's House*	ATF	\$21,481*	\$0	No request	No request	
	OSF	\$0	No request	No request	No request	
Mirror Inc.	ATF	\$210,000	\$301,510	\$302,000	\$302,000	Residential adult co-occurring disorder program, including case management, housing and employment supports.
	OSF	\$0	\$5,227	\$5,227	\$5,227	MAT, employment and housing supports. Strategy: treatment, recovery, linkage to care.
NCircle	OSF	\$57,853	\$57,913	\$74,660	\$74,660	Works with Corrections to provide on-site employment and life skills training to support reintegration and reduced relapse and recidivism. Strategy: prevention, harm reduction, workforce development.
Preferred Family Healthcare	ATF	\$130,000	\$100,000	No request	No request	
	OSF	\$0	No request	No request	No request	
The Family Conservancy	ATF	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	Substance use assessments and Conscious Discipline training for families and daycare centers throughout Johnson County.
Valley Hope Foundation	ATF	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	Funding for Patient Assistance Program to help reduce financial barriers for patients unable to afford treatment.
	OSF	\$0	No request	No request	No request	
Nonprofit Subtotals:	ATF	\$1,189,535	\$1,249,004	\$1,527,776	\$1,325,060	
	OSF	\$146,370	\$146,657	\$369,258	\$237,455	

SUF Funding Summary									
	ATF				OSF				2026 Totals
	2024	2025	2026		2024	2025	2026		
Grant Requests	\$3,111,990	\$3,069,304	\$2,840,688		\$1,635,313	\$697,504	\$624,828		\$3,465,516
Grant Allocations	\$2,308,318	\$2,384,000	\$2,565,125+		\$450,000	\$450,000	\$454,000		\$3,019,125
Administrative Fees (UCS)	\$155,000	\$155,000	\$161,000		\$30,000	\$30,000	\$29,000		\$190,000
Total Allocations	\$2,463,318	\$2,539,000	\$2,726,125		\$480,000	\$480,000	\$483,000		\$3,209,125

NOTES:

*Applicant received funding for the program described from the state level opioid settlement funds allocated by the Kansas Fights Addiction Board, reducing applicant need for funds from SUF.

^Opioid Abatement Strategy: Opioid settlement funds are distributed by the Kansas Attorney General's Office to local jurisdictions. Local jurisdictions report annually on usage of opioid settlement funds, including the abatement strategies employed through programs using these funds. Abatement strategies include prevention, treatment, recovery, linkage to care, harm reduction, providers & health systems, and public safety & first responders.

+This amount includes \$50,000 in unspent funds by a 2025 grantee.

2026 SUBSTANCE USE CONTINUUM OF CARE FUND (SUF) GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS

*SUF supports programs offered by three core sets of providers: **public school districts, departments of Johnson County government, and programs delivered by nonprofit community-based organizations.** Together these programs comprise the substance use continuum of care for Johnson County residents. These programs provide substance abuse education, prevention, detoxification and intervention, treatment, recovery, and reintegration services for individuals and families dealing with substance abuse and co-occurring substance abuse and behavioral health diagnoses. Grantee programs convene at minimum quarterly to learn about emerging best practices, to discuss trends in substance abuse and treatment, to identify gaps in services, to share new program efforts, and to coordinate delivery of services for Johnson County residents.*

***Public school districts** are critical partners focused on preventing and reducing substance abuse and addressing risk factors associated with substance abuse, such as disruptive behavior, suicide, and truancy. **Departments of Johnson County government** provide programs, at low or no-cost, focused on diversion, treatment, recovery, and successful reintegration into the community for **all** Johnson County residents. **Nonprofit community-based agencies** provide a full range of services—both for individuals experiencing substance use and co-occurring substance use and behavioral health challenges, as well as for family members. The services of nonprofit community-based programs help lower rates of substance abuse. These lower rates result in lower mental and physical healthcare costs, along with reduced costs for law enforcement and the criminal justice system. Funding recommendations are based upon a review of each proposal (see Appendix A for criteria) and consider program type, outcome data, and accountability.*

Note:

- Grant recommendations may include carryover as approved by the DAC. Any carryover for ATF or OSF will be used in accordance with Kansas statutes.
- Carryover for School District is defined as unused funds by the time of application submission in the summer, as school districts operate in a fiscal cycle ending in June. Funds are then carried into the next school year.
- Carryover for other programs, such as departments of Johnson County government or nonprofit community-based organizations, is accounted for by the agency and allowed to be used in the next grant year.

Public School District Programs

Each school district offers a unique combination of programs to its students and parents—and each district has multiple funding sources to support these programs. Consequently, SUF recommended programs and fund allocation differ for each district. At a minimum, all Johnson County school districts, public and private, receive a subscription for EverFi's programs, including, but not limited to: *AlcoholEdu, Vaping: Know the Truth, Mental Health Basics, and Prescription Drug Safety.* Funding for EverFi, and its associated navigation support, are provided by an ATF grant to Johnson County Mental Health Center's Prevention Services, which secured a lower cost for these programs than school districts were able to obtain individually. Each school district reports on its students' outcomes for these programs, while Johnson County Mental Health Center reports the total number of students who participated in the programming each year.

Note: Blue Valley School District, Gardner Edgerton School District, Shawnee Mission School District and Spring Hill School District did not apply for SUF. However, these districts maintain access to EverFi's substance use education and prevention programming through Johnson County Mental Health Center's Prevention Services.

Blue Valley School District

ATF Request: \$0

ATF Recommendation: \$0

ATF Description: The DAC recommends Blue Valley School District to use \$44,105 in carryover for 2026. Blue Valley plans to use ATF funding for its School and Community Prevention Program, including funding to facilitate certification of 14 Tobacco Treatment Specialists (TTS) for all middle schools and high schools for the 2025-26 school year. Blue Valley's Drug and Alcohol Prevention Task Force (DAPT) guides programming efforts. This programming is conducted by qualified, licensed professionals who use evidence-based curricula, such as Everfi's *AlcoholEdu* and Mindwise' *Signs of Suicide*. Funding will support curriculum subscriptions, no-cost drug and alcohol assessments, national speakers for community events, and modest stipends for coordinating the task force. New Tobacco Treatment Specialists (TTS) will include counselors and nurses who will achieve certification through the University of Kansas and the University of Kentucky. The TTSs provide support for students and families challenged with tobacco and substance use/addiction. They also serve as liaisons to community providers.

Results Projected: The goals of the School and Community Prevention Program are to increase protective factors and reduce risk factors for students, while promoting healthy decisions both now and in the future. Programming funded with ATF dollars will increase students' knowledge of substance abuse, develop skills to resist social pressures related to drug and alcohol use, reduce favorable attitudes towards drug and alcohol use, and provide information about available resources. Early intervention is provided through no-cost drug and alcohol assessments for students who show signs of misuse and/or have received a discipline infraction. During the 2026 school year, the district anticipates serving approximately 21,994 students through ATF-supported programs.

Outcomes Achieved During 2024: Blue Valley School District served a total of 68,020 youth in Johnson County during the 2024 school year. Everfi's prevention education was offered to 3,241 middle school and high school students during that 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 DAPT committee completed the initial round of curriculum writing in four core areas: Suicide Prevention, Bullying Prevention, Personal Safety, and Anxiety. This curriculum supports drug and alcohol prevention for kindergarten through 12th grade counselor or advisory lessons. The implementation of the new curriculum began in the fall semester, 2024 (August-December) and will continue during the spring semester, 2025. The DAPT committee met 11 times over the school year to plan several community presentations focused 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 Academics and Activities Board Advisory 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 free drug and alcohol screenings provided by a community partner.

De Soto School District

ATF Request: \$45,129

ATF Recommendation: \$45,129

ATF Description: The DAC recommends an ATF award of \$45,129, an \$18,000 increase from 2025, to De Soto School District. ATF funds support De Soto's Prevention program, which provides instruction, student engagement, and Tier 2 and Tier 3 interventions with social work staff. Instruction is offered in health classes, using *AlcoholEdu* and *Vaping: Know the Truth*. 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 for social workers who assess students for risk and provide the appropriate intervention and/or referrals to outside agencies for additional support.

Results Projected: The goals of De Soto's Prevention program are education and prevention of substance use, reduction in drug and alcohol related offenses, and reduced cost of intervention. *PRIDE Club* will focus on vaping prevention and cessation in high school buildings. *AlcoholEdu* participants will demonstrate an average of at least 15% points in the three categories of Student Learning Objectives. Students who use social work services will demonstrate an improved ability to resist using substances as a way to cope by demonstrating an understanding of coping strategies and then reporting that the use of these strategies/skills deterred their use of substances. Improved student abilities and understanding will be measured through social work interviews and documentation using qualitative analyses of their responses. The district anticipates serving approximately 2,485 students through ATF-supported programs during the 2026 school year.

Outcomes Achieved During 2024: 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/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 in documented incidents compared to the prior year.

De Soto School District

OSF Request: \$5,000

OSF Recommendation: \$5,000

OSF Abatement Strategies: Prevention, Harm Reduction

OSF Description: The DAC recommends an OSF award of \$5,000, a \$169 increase from 2025, for DeSoto's Drug Awareness and Prevention. The district will host at least one drug and alcohol education event and two Student Wellness Series events, in addition to regular communications through social media posts. This program fosters open dialogue and educates students about healthy choices and taking action for creating healthy communities.

Results Projected: Possession/consumption incidents at the High School level will decrease by the end of the 2026 school year. Various events will be hosted, including at least one school-wide event and at least two Student Wellness Series district-wide events. Social media messaging will also continue to reach students online. The district anticipates serving over 2,000 students during the 2026 school year.

Outcomes Achieved During 2024: A drug prevention community night was hosted in spring 2024, highlighting a presentation by *Hidden in Plain View*. During the event, more than 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 Center 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

ATF Request: \$10,000

ATF Recommendation: \$1,823

ATF Description: The DAC recommends an ATF award of \$1,823 to Olathe School District, combined with \$8,177 in carryover. This will result in a total budget of \$10,000. ATF funding will be used to continue the Olathe Safe and Drug Free Schools Program. The program uses a two-pronged approach: reducing students' perception of social benefits associated with substance use, while increasing access to pro-social afterschool activities to provide students with a safe, productive place to spend time and build positive relationships. The district provides transportation support for afterschool programs, including the Boys and Girls Club, and supports *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. Collaboration with ATF-funded agencies, such as First Call, assists the district to further address substance use issues through student drug assessments and sobriety groups. Olathe uses education, prevention, and intervention curricula including *AlcoholEdu*, *Project Alert*, *Second Step*, *Guiding Good Choices*, and *Botvin Life Skills* to increase protective factors, such as student social competency, along with problem-solving skills to prevent and reduce substance use.

Results Projected: Olathe's initiatives provide evidence-based substance abuse prevention programs to increase student social competency and problem-solving skills. Goals for the 2026 school year include: decreasing the need for drug assessments, which have remained steady; reducing, by five percent, the number of students who indicated they have a perceived availability to drugs; and continuing to monitor data from *AlcoholEdu* and *Guiding Good Choices* to demonstrate improvement and understanding. During the 2025-2026 school year, the district anticipates serving 2,534 students through ATF-supported programs.

Outcomes Achieved During 2024: 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 the 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. The district, in collaboration with Johnson County Mental Health, hosted a Café Conversations event and over 25 parents participated.

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

Olathe School District

OSF Request: \$35,500

OSF Recommendation: \$13,178

OSF Abatement Strategies: Prevention, Linkage to Care, Harm Reduction, Providers & Health

OSF Description: The DAC recommends an OSF award of \$13,178, combined with \$22,322 in carryover. This will result in a total budget of \$35,500 for Olathe Safe and Drug Free Schools Program. Fentanyl awareness and prevention have been a strong focus for the district. Funds support a full-time position to ensure that the materials are developmentally and culturally appropriate and evolve with current drug trends. During the 2026 school year, Olathe School District will have a stronger focus on vape prevention and cessation, as well as support for student mental health.

Results Projected: Olathe's goal for 2026 is to expand program awareness, with added emphasis on vaping prevention. Pre- and post-surveys will demonstrate an increase in participant knowledge of opioid harm, risk, and protective factors; safety strategies; recognition of warning signs of misuse or overdose; and use of harm-reduction strategies, including reversal medications such as Naloxone. Naloxone will be purchased and placed with each district AED (110 boxes to replace expired doses). A minimum of five people will be trained in emergency opioid overdose response. The district will continue to increase awareness of its Facing Fentanyl OPS 233 website which contains up-to-date information and resources.

Outcomes Achieved During 2024: During school year 2024, Olathe School District hired a Fentanyl and Substance Abuse Educator. The educator engaged over 1,500 middle and high school students, as well as parents, through more than 40 opioid education sessions and presentations. Students participated in two one-hour sessions. The first session offers 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. Afterwards, 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. During the second session, feedback and questions are reviewed. These educational sessions have increased student knowledge of opioid misuse and addiction, safe medication use, overdose identification, and where to seek help, if needed.

Johnson County Government Programs

Programs supported by Johnson County government occupy a critical part of the Johnson County substance use continuum of care. Johnson County Mental Health Center provides a range of education and prevention services, including technical assistance for school districts, as well as detoxification and in-patient and outpatient treatment services. The District Attorney's Office prioritizes substance use intervention and treatment through diversion programs for justice-involved youth who have significant substance use or co-occurring substance use and behavioral health issues. The Department of Corrections provides in-patient residential treatment for justice-involved individuals with substance use or co-occurring substance use and behavioral health needs. Department of Corrections also provides critical support through employment and recovery programs.

Johnson County Department of Corrections: Voucher Assistance

ATF Request: \$0

ATF Recommendation: \$0

ATF Description: The DAC recommends the Department of Corrections to use the \$15,199 in carryover for their Voucher Assistance program in 2026. From 2018-2023, Johnson County experienced a 19% increase in stimulant drug filings and a 67% increase in criminal filings for opioids. The Voucher Assistance program intervenes by providing support to address substance use disorder evaluations and treatment. This program assists adult offenders who have financial barriers to obtaining those services and are less likely to successfully recover from substance abuse without treatment. Evaluation and treatment services will be available through providers who maintain licensure pursuant to the Kansas Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board and who have demonstrated success in keeping clients engaged.

Results Projected: The goal of the Voucher Assistance Program is to reduce or eliminate the financial barriers associated with accessing alcohol/drug evaluations and treatment in a timely manner. In 2026, at least 80% of clients referred for evaluation will receive their drug/alcohol evaluation within 30 days of voucher approval. At least 70% of voucher clients recommended for treatment will undergo intake within 60 days, and at least 60% of clients receiving evaluations will be moderate to high risk in the domain of drug and alcohol, as identified by the Level of Service-Case Management Inventory (LSCMI) or the Women's Risk Need Assessment (WRNA). Corrections anticipates serving 54 Johnson County individuals during 2026.

Outcomes Achieved During 2024: In 2024, the Voucher Assistance Program provided 53 Johnson County adults with 48.5 total vouchers for assessment or treatment. 75% of the 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 Department of Corrections' Therapeutic Community (TC) have remained in outpatient treatment for three months.

Johnson County Department of Corrections: Therapeutic Community

OSF Request: \$13,500

OSF Recommendation: \$13,500

OSF Abatement Strategies: Treatment, Harm Reduction, Providers & Health

OSF Description: The DAC recommends an OSF award of \$13,500, in addition to \$76,564 in carryover, to result in a total budget of \$90,064 for the Department of Corrections' Therapeutic Community (TC). The TC is a 6-month substance abuse and co-occurring behavioral health and substance abuse residential treatment program located in the Adult Residential Center. This program is focused on long-term behavioral change for justice-involved individuals, including successful recovery and reduced recidivism. OSF dollars will continue to support the substance abuse counselor, while maintaining the expansion and more intensive services to additional individuals. The TC is currently licensed for 52 beds, and an additional counselor allows the counselor caseload to remain at 10 patients, increasing treatment capacity and targeted interventions for those struggling in the program.

Results Projected: Corrections will continue to offer three curriculums to TC participants. Each counselor will continue to deliver two additional client treatment hours per week, along with Hazelden co-occurring disorder treatment classes. 79% of all TC admissions will successfully complete the program and be released back into community supervision. Recidivism rates for TC graduates 1 year after completion will decrease as compared to nonparticipants.

Outcomes Achieved During 2024: In 2024, the TC served 20 Johnson County adults through 20 hours of programming. An additional counselor was hired in July, which allowed the program to implement a new, more intense and thorough curriculum that runs 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. OSF awards also made it possible for the Department of Corrections to apply to increase by 10 beds. 89% of all TC 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 Diversion and Minor-In-Possession Programs

ATF Request: \$109,864

ATF Recommendation: \$109,864

ATF Description: The DAC recommends an ATF award of \$109,864, an increase of \$7,208 from 2025, to Johnson County District Attorney's Office to support Juvenile Drug Court Diversion, the Minor-In-Possession (MIP) program, and other clients who have drug/alcohol contract cases. The Juvenile Diversion Unit provides programming and supervision to youth referred for juvenile offenses. Youth with misdemeanor or felony violations who have a substantial drug or alcohol problem are diverted to the eight-month Drug Court program, which offers a higher level of supervision and closely monitors treatment compliance. The MIP program is a non-court resolution of a police report indicating a juvenile has been in possession of alcohol. Drug/Alcohol contract cases are Intermediate Intervention for juveniles who have a drug/alcohol problem that require education, intervention, and/or completing random drug screens in addition to standard contacts. Supervision of diversion cases interrupts alcohol and/or drug use that has become problematic personally and legally for participants. The programs support clients in completing treatment and changing behavior.

Results Projected: The overarching programmatic goal is to help youth who are prone to relapse to develop tools to overcome substance abuse dependence. In 2026, 70% of the drug screens will be negative for all substances; 75% of the Drug Court clients will successfully complete the Drug Court program; of those that complete, their school grade point average will be monitored to show impact. 90% of the Drug Court clients will not reoffend during the course of their contract, and the recidivism rate will be 10%. 55% of participants will participate in a pro-social activity. During 2026, the District Attorney's Office anticipates serving 267 Johnson County youth.

Outcomes Achieved During 2024: In 2024, the Juvenile Drug Court Diversion and Minor-In-Possession Programs program served 245 Johnson County youth. 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 and increased to 3.4 at program completion. Through the Minor-In-Possession program, 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 District Attorney's Office: Juvenile Drug Court Diversion and Minor-In-Possession Programs

OSF Request: \$45,623

OSF Recommendation: \$45,623

OSF Abatement Strategies: Prevention, Treatment, Recovery, Linkage to Care, Harm Reduction, Providers & Health, Public Safety & First Responders

OSF Description: The DAC recommends an OSF award of \$45,623 to Johnson County District Attorney's Office to support the Mental Health and Drug Treatment Diversion program. This program addresses an increased need for services for high-risk youth with dual diagnoses. Programming focuses on mental health treatment, drug abuse prevention, alcohol abuse, and alcohol- and drug-related detoxification treatment intervention. Services are individualized for each youth and include community supervision strategies to monitor program progress and decrease future substance abuse and re-offending. Funds will support a part-time officer who will focus on serving youth with dual diagnoses.

Results Projected: The overarching programmatic goal is to support high-risk youth with dual diagnoses. In 2026, 70% of drug screens will be negative for all substances; 75% of youth diverted to the Immediate Intervention Program will successfully complete the immediate intervention contract with no filed charges. 85% of youth diverted to the mental health Immediate Intervention Program will have been successfully discharged from mental health treatment or actively engaged in mental health treatment by the completion of their immediate intervention contract. During 2026, the District Attorney's Office Mental Health and Drug Treatment program anticipates serving 34 Johnson County youth.

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

ATF Request: \$306,093

ATF Recommendation: \$306,093

ATF Description: The DAC recommends an ATF award of \$306,093 for Johnson County Mental Health Center's Adolescent Center for Treatment (ACT), an increase of \$31,961 from 2025. ACT is an 11-bed, residential substance use disorder treatment facility for adolescents age 12-18. Each client receives a thorough bio-psychosocial assessment and individualized treatment plan; and participates in over 50 hours of structured activities per week including at least 10 hours of clinical therapy. Activities include research-based Positive Behavior Supports (PBS), Mapping Enhanced Counseling, and Living in Balance and Stacked Deck curricula. Youth also attend academic programming during the school year. The cost of the residential treatment provided by ACT is significantly less than hospital, psychiatric residential, or detention facility stays.

Results Projected: ACT assists youth with substance use disorder to begin their recovery in a safe and sober environment. In 2026, 75% of ACT clients will remain in residential treatment for a minimum therapeutic length of stay (21 days for first admits, 14 days for re-admissions). 75% of clients will successfully complete treatment plan goals at discharge. Clients will rate satisfaction with program quality and staff performance an average of four out of five on discharge surveys. ACT anticipates serving 38 Johnson County youth in 2026 and will continue to work with the Dual Diagnosis Outpatient Program to connect youth with outpatient services upon completion of ACT inpatient treatment.

Outcomes Achieved During 2024: In 2024, ACT served 20 Johnson County youths through 432 bed days. 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)**OSF Request: \$25,000****OSF Recommendation: \$25,000****OSF Abatement Strategies:** Treatment, Harm Reduction, Recovery

OSF Description: The DAC recommends an OSF award of \$25,000, to support Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) clients in the ACT residential program. OSF funding supports detox services for uninsured/underinsured individuals, recovery counseling, harm reduction education, opioid addiction, and Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT). Developmentally appropriate services address the unique issues of adolescents, including peer pressure, impulsiveness, risk-taking, and moral development.

Results Projected: In 2026, 70% of OUD clients will demonstrate increased knowledge of opioid addiction and harm reduction strategies based on pre/post surveys. 75% of OUD clients will be referred for MAT to support stabilized recovery and reduce likelihood of relapse, as appropriate. A total of 60% of OUD clients will successfully complete the Opioid Track programming. ACT anticipates serving 10 Johnson County youth through the Opioid Track in 2026.

Outcomes Achieved During 2024: In 2024, ACT served a total of 37 youth, including two youth from Johnson County. 19 youth received MAT services while residents 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 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 substance use disorder 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)**ATF Request: \$349,908****ATF Recommendation: \$285,238**

ATF Description: The DAC recommends an ATF award of \$285,238, an increase of \$8,403 from 2025, to the Johnson County Mental Health Center Adult Detoxification Unit (ADU). ADU provides 24/7 services to admit and monitor individuals with alcohol/drug intoxication or withdrawal. It is also the only program in the Kansas City metropolitan area that provides medical detoxification at a higher level of care for uninsured/underinsured individuals. Services are provided at no cost to participants, and the program serves as a safety net for individuals with serious substance use disorders. ADU often diverts clients from seeking detox services at hospitals/emergency rooms. Licensed addiction counselors provide an assessment and recovery plan, and ADU operates in accordance with [SAMHSA's](#) principles and protocols of social detoxification. ADU shares a residential unit with Johnson County Mental Health Center's Crisis Recovery Center (CRC). Direct care Behavioral Health Specialists are trained in the services provided for both populations, and clients benefit from the combined expertise of both mental health and substance use programming.

Results Projected: ADU aims to provide social detoxification that protects individuals from negative effects of withdrawal and protects the public from the risks associated with having intoxicated individuals on their streets. In 2026, 75% of ADU clients will remain in social detox until discharge is recommended, based on symptom reduction or transfer to a higher care level. 75% of ADU clients will have a written discharge plan with referral to primary care, behavioral health, or community

services. Client satisfaction surveys at discharge will rate ADU, on average, at least five out of six possible points for program quality and staff performance. ADU anticipates serving 635 Johnson County clients in 2026.

Outcomes Achieved During 2024: In 2024, ADU provided 281 Johnson County adults with 881 bed days of service. 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.

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

OSF Request: \$55,897

OSF Recommendation: \$39,244

OSF Abatement Strategies: Treatment, Recovery, Linkage to Care, Harm Reduction, Public Safety, Medication, and Recovery Housing

OSF Description: The DAC recommends an OSF award of \$39,244, for Johnson County Mental Health's Adult Detoxification Unit (ADU). Like other providers in Johnson County, the ADU program has seen an increase in the number of clients referred from emergency rooms, law enforcement, or other agencies who have an opioid addiction, often concurrent with addictions to alcohol or other substances. OSF funding will support move-in costs associated with recovery housing. Recovery housing supports are intended to allow clients a safe space to continue their recovery journey.

Results Projected: Program goals are to reduce harm caused by an OUD and adulterated substances that contain opioids; promote addiction recovery; and provide supportive services to reduce barriers to care. In 2026, 100% of clients will be provided a box of Narcan at time of discharge. 100% of clients will have the option of pursuing standing-order medication supports, approved by a licensed prescriber. 50% of clients who receive financial assistance with recovery housing will remain in their recovery housing for at least 2 weeks. During 2026, ADU anticipates serving 50 Johnson County clients.

Outcomes Achieved During 2024: In 2024, ADU served 62 Johnson County adults through 24 harm-reduction kits. An average of 35% of ADU clients with an OUD left the facility with their own box of Narcan. ADU has not been able to offer testing for OUD to any client on the unit. Data for 2024 shows that approximately 7% of clients with an OUD were discharged to a higher level of care due to severity of symptoms. Approximately 20% of clients with an OUD 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 to develop new protocols for standing orders for withdrawal medications.

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

ATF Request: \$281,918

ATF Recommendation: \$281,918

ATF Description: The DAC recommends an ATF award of \$281,918, an increase of \$28,874 from 2025, to support 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 years old and above 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. Combined with ACT and ADU, DDOP is a critical part of Johnson County Mental Health's substance use continuum of care. Clients receive 1 to 8 hours of weekly counseling group or individual sessions per week where they focus on basic alcohol/drug education, recovery, and relapse prevention skills; and help clients understand and manage mental health issues that complicate recovery. DDOP provides connections 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.

Results Projected: The goal of the program is to provide integrated outpatient services for individuals aged 12 and over with mental health and substance use disorders. In 2026, DDOP expects to serve 592 Johnson County residents. 65% of adult clients discharged from DDOP will complete at least 8 hours of integrated treatment. 70% of adult DDOP clients will remain alcohol/drug free during participation, and 80% of enrolled adult clients will not engage in new criminal activity while in the program. For AOAS, 60% of all youth clients admitted will remain in treatment for at least six sessions, and 50% of youth clients served will have reported a reduction in alcohol/drug use during the prior 30 days.

Outcomes Achieved During 2024: In 2024, the DDOP and AOAS programs served 610 Johnson County residents (532 adults and 78 youth) through 6,558 clinical hours of service. 68% of adults in DDOP 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 AOAS program remained in treatment for at least six 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)

OSF Request: \$75,000

OSF Recommendation: \$75,000

OSF Abatement Strategies: Treatment, Recovery

OSF Description: The DAC recommends an OSF award of \$75,000, an increase of \$17,000 from 2025, for Johnson County Mental Health Center's Dual Diagnosis Outpatient Program (DDOP). Like other treatment providers in Johnson County, the DDOP program is moving with intentionality to address the specialized needs of clients with opioid use disorder (OUD). OSF funding will help DDOP meet the increased demand for clients with OUD and for Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) services for adults and adolescents.

Results Projected: In 2026, DDOP will use OSF funding to serve 128 Johnson County clients with an OUD. 75% of adult clients with OUD will be referred for MAT services. 50% of adult MAT clients will be actively engaged in employment, academics, or trade/skills development in support of continued recovery. All OUD youth clients 15 and older will receive information about MAT, and 50% or more will be recommended for MAT services. 50% of youth who receive travel vouchers will report an overall improvement in their recovery, demonstrated by stable or increased attendance in therapy appointments. 50% of youth who receive incentives through contingency management will demonstrate a reduction in use or abstinence as evidenced by urinalysis and self-report.

Outcomes Achieved During 2024: In 2024, DDOP served 13 Johnson County residents (11 adults and two youth) through 242 clinical hours of service. An additional four clients were served who were not

residents of Johnson County. DDOP clients with an OUD diagnosis that were participating in the 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. 60% of adults in DDOP 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.

Johnson County Mental Health Center: Prevention Services

ATF Request: \$210,000

ATF Recommendation: \$210,000

ATF Description: The DAC recommends an ATF award of \$210,000, an increase of \$40,000 from 2025, to Johnson County Mental Health Center's Prevention Services to support the cost of prevention efforts for Johnson County youth through public and private schools. Programming funded by ATF includes: *AlcoholEdu*; *End the Trend (ETT)*: an anti-vaping social media campaign; Youth Leadership Summit; School Prevention Resources Awareness and Knowledge (SPARK); and Connected Conversations. The program is also focused on strengthening caregiver supports through the new Parenting A Second Time Around (PASTA). PASTA is an 8-week parenting program designed for relative caregivers who are not the biological parents of the children in their care. The program provides information, skills and resources to enhance caregiver ability to provide effective care for their children.

Results Projected: The Prevention Services Program seeks to increase protective factors for youth within Johnson County—and decrease risk factors for substance misuse. At least 90% of participants in the 2026 YLS will indicate increased knowledge about alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs (ATOD) prevention as measured by self-report evaluation. SPARK will host five discussions sharing best practices in prevention. At least 90% of SPARK participants will indicate increased knowledge/awareness of the topic presented, as measured by self-report evaluation. Prevention Services will host four Connected Conversations for middle or high schools during the fiscal year. 80% of participants will indicate increased knowledge and awareness, and increased confidence in family communication skills, as measured by self-report evaluation. *ETT* will earn 200,000 social media impressions in 2026. *ETT* website users and page views will increase by 10%. At least 5,000 high school students will use *AlcoholEdu* in 2026 and demonstrate at least a 15% increase in knowledge across the five program modules, as measured by in-platform assessments. 80% of caregivers completing PASTA will report increased confidence and skills after completing the program. Prevention Services anticipates serving 5,780 Johnson County residents in 2026.

Outcomes Achieved During 2024: In 2024, ATF funded services for 2,429 adults and 2,628 youth residents of Johnson County through 16,636 hours of direct service and more than 940,000 social media impressions. In 2024, Prevention Services co-hosted five Connected Conversations events in collaboration with Olathe and Gardner Edgerton School Districts and community organizations across Johnson County, including 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/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 one million impressions, interactions, and engagements across social media platforms and website view results (Snapchat, YouTube, and website views).

Nonprofit Community-Based Programs

Nonprofit community-based programs fill in linkages to care in the substance use continuum of care. For example, some community-based programs partner with school districts to provide education, prevention, and treatment programs on campus for students at low or no cost. Other programs provide substance use and behavioral health assessments that support the justice system and school districts. Other programs provide substance use and behavioral health in-patient and outpatient treatment to support individuals and families in recovery through recovery housing, case management, and employment supports. These programs also work closely with law enforcement and the Department of Corrections to support individuals who are being released back into the community through the recovery process. Support areas include transportation and housing, employment training and connections, peer recovery, and linkages to care.

Artists Helping the Homeless

ATF Request: \$125,000

ATF Recommendation: \$90,000

ATF Description: The DAC recommends an ATF award of \$90,000, level funding from 2025, to Artists Helping the Homeless (AHH). AHH's *Be The Change* program addresses the complex intersection of homelessness and substance use disorders (SUD) for adult males and helps break the cycle of recovery, reuse, homelessness, and incarceration. ATF dollars will support discharge planning and residential recovery services for Johnson County residents who are unhoused and dealing with substance abuse issues. The program fills a critical gap for unhoused adult males seeking recovery, and provides shelter, food, and basic needs in a sober environment with peer support. Referrals to AHH come from hospitals, agencies providing recovery and treatment supports, law enforcement, Johnson County Mental Health Center, and state mental health and aging services. The program uses Housing First, Recovery Oriented Systems of Care, and a strengths-based management approach with clients.

Results Projected: The goal of the program is for participants to maintain sobriety, reintegrate, and lead fulfilled lives as contributing members of society, along with the need and cost of substance use treatment and homelessness. In 2026, AHH will assess, place and/or assist 210 Johnson County residents at risk of alcohol or drug abuse referred from Johnson County sources. The program will provide residential recovery services, including housing and support services, to 45 Johnson County residents at risk of alcohol or drug abuse referred from Johnson County sources. 85% of participants will be successfully discharged from the program, and 80% of participants will be employed at discharge. 100% of participants will avoid interaction with law enforcement after entering the program, and 90% will not require emergency room or ambulance calls after entering the program.

Outcomes Achieved During 2024: In 2024, AHH provided 8,725 support service interactions and nights of housing to 211 unhoused Johnson County individuals recovering from SUD. 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.

Boys and Girls Club

ATF Request: \$30,000

ATF Recommendation: \$30,000

ATF Description: The DAC recommends an ATF award of \$30,000, an increase of \$5,000 from 2025, to the Boys and Girls Club for its Journeys: Path to Adulthood Targeted Program in Olathe. This program is a comprehensive prevention initiative that educates members (youth ages 5 to 18) about the dangers of substance abuse and develops their skills to resist negative influences. The program provides a range of services focused on empowering and educating participants. These services include evidence-based curricula, interactive workshops, and mentoring. The core focus of Journeys: Paths to Adulthood Targeted Program is to equip participants with the skills and knowledge needed to make informed decisions and resist engaging in risky behaviors such as drug use, alcohol abuse, and early sexual activity. Through the program, participants receive education on topics such as drug prevention, violence prevention, conflict resolution, and personal safety. The Olathe School District provides transportation to the Club from various schools. Boys and Girls Club has established relationships with corporate partners, such as University of Kansas Medical Center, Center of Grace, CarMax, Opus Group, Garmin, TVH Parts, Sysco, Harmon Construction, Olathe Police Department, Atmos, and Subaru of Olathe, to support older youth with job experience opportunities.

Results Projected: The objective of our Journeys: Paths to Adulthood Targeted Program is to prevent or delay the onset of alcohol and drug use, as well as involvement in other risky behaviors by youth. In 2026, 85% of participants will demonstrate an increased knowledge of the dangers of alcohol and drug use; 85% of participants will demonstrate an increased knowledge of tools to resist peer pressure and media influence; 85% of participants will demonstrate an increased knowledge of how to resolve conflict non-violently; 95% of participants will self-report abstinence from drug and alcohol use. Journeys: Paths to Adulthood Targeted Program will serve 550 Johnson County youth in 2026.

Outcomes Achieved During 2024: In 2024, Boys and Girls Clubs provided 105 program sessions, both after school and all-day during the summer to 460 Johnson County youth. Pre/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

OSF Request: \$30,000

OSF Recommendation: \$30,000

OSF Abatement Strategies: Prevention, Linkage to Care, Harm Reduction

OSF Description: The DAC recommends an OSF award of \$30,000, an increase of \$5,000 from 2025, to support its Positive Action program, which promotes positive behaviors, character development, and academic success among children and teens. Positive Action, endorsed by [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 and reduce risk factors for substance use in youth. As a result, youth are better equipped to avoid substance abuse and to self-regulate without the use of substances.

Results Projected: Positive Action is designed to empower young people and promote positive behaviors, character development, and personal growth. In 2026, 85% of participants will demonstrate increased academic achievement through improved grades or test scores; 85% of participants will show increased understanding and use of skills to resist peer pressure and critically evaluate media influences; 85% of participants will have greater involvement and positive community contributions, measured by community service hours performed, surveys, and feedback from community organizations. During 2026, Boys & Girls Club expects to serve 550 youth with Positive Action.

Outcomes Achieved During 2024: In 2024, Boys and Girls Clubs served 460 Johnson County youth through 105 program sessions provided both after school and all day during the summer. 88% of participants demonstrated increased academic achievement such as improved grades or test scores. 90% of participants demonstrated an increased knowledge of resisting the peer pressure of media influence. 91% of participants demonstrated an increased 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

ATF Request: \$175,000

ATF Recommendation: \$129,500

ATF Description: The DAC recommends an ATF award of \$129,500, an increase of \$45,500 from 2025, to Cornerstones of Care for the implementation of Functional Family Therapy (FFT) 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. This includes youth with co-occurring mental health issues and those involved in the child welfare or juvenile justice systems. FFT addresses risk factors in the personal and family domain that influence a youth's choice to use and helps children and their families enhance protective factors. FFT is provided at no cost to families who are referred by Court Services, Corrections, and schools.

Results Projected: The goal of FFT is to help at-risk children and families reach their potential through counseling, social services, and education—and divert them from justice involvement. In 2026, following the completion of FFT, 80% of the program youth will not be adjudicated on a violation of the law or charges related to drugs or alcohol for one year after completion; 80% of program youth and families will report improvements in their ability to communicate with one another; 80% of program youth and families will report the level of conflict has decreased in their family. During 2026, Cornerstones anticipates serving 150 Johnson County residents whose problems are related to substance abuse.

Outcomes Achieved During 2024: In 2024, 98 Johnson County residents (49 youth and 49 adults) participated in 380 FFT service encounters, including telehealth. 60% of youth completed FFT. 90% of youth who completed FFT 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.

DCCCA

ATF Request: \$92,950

ATF Recommendation: \$92,950

ATF Description: The DAC recommends an ATF award of \$92,950 to DCCCA for the expansion of outpatient and intensive outpatient (IOP) substance use disorder treatment services in Johnson County. Services assist individuals in reducing or discontinuing the use of alcohol and other substances. The program offers clinical assessments and evaluations, individual therapy, and group counseling to adults referred from the criminal justice system, adults with and without insurance and uninsured/underinsured. Evidence-based practices, such as Motivational Interviewing, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT), and Seeking Safety, are provided by a team of licensed professionals and support long-term recovery, community reintegration, and improved quality of life.

Results Projected: The goal of this program is to assist individuals in reducing or abstaining from alcohol and other substances and promote improved quality of life, diversion from the criminal justice system, and reduced dependence on social services. Clients engaging in DCCCA services will demonstrate a 60% reduction in substance use at 90 days post-intake; 70% of clients will complete outpatient and IOP services, and 40% will report a reduction in Emergency Department visits or law enforcement contact six months post-treatment. Additionally, 60% of clients will report improved housing, employment, and/or vocational services within six months of treatment completion. In 2026, DCCCA anticipates serving 125 Johnson County residents.

First Call

ATF Request: \$71,163

ATF Recommendation: \$71,163

ATF Description: The DAC recommends an ATF award of \$71,163 to First Call for Prevention Services. First Call will provide effective, no-cost prevention programming for children and youth in seven Johnson County school districts. First Call's prevention programming includes the *How to Cope* program for families with a member who has a substance abuse disorder. Additional programming includes *Caring for Kids* (a psycho-educational program on effects of substance abuse disorder and establishing protective factors) at local schools, along with sobriety and life skills groups at local high schools. Virtual programming includes *Botvin Life Skills & "Too Good"* Curriculum in which students learn how to identify and respond to stressful situations without the use of nicotine, alcohol, or drugs. Presentations can be customized to address school violence and suicide prevention. First Call also offers the Adolescent Relapse Prevention counseling group for students who have already faced disciplinary action due to nicotine, alcohol, or drug use. Schools frequently offer Adolescent Relapse Prevention as an alternative to suspension.

Results Projected: The overall goal is that participants lead safe, healthy lives and avoid substance use, misuse, and addiction. 80% of participants in *How to Cope* and *Caring for Kids* will increase knowledge of the harmful effects of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs. Participants in *Life Skills Training* will demonstrate positive change, 7% increase, in knowledge and attitudes related to alcohol, tobacco, drugs and protective life skills as demonstrated from their pre/post-evaluations. 80% of participants in the Adolescent Relapse Prevention program will be able to identify triggering situations and at least three new coping mechanisms to deal with stress. First Call anticipates serving 137 Johnson County residents in 2026.

Outcomes Achieved During 2024: In 2024, First Call served 121 Johnson County clients (46 adults and 75 youth) with 1,136 hours of support through direct service and outreach events. 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 a positive attitude related to protective life skills and the harmful effects of drugs, alcohol, and tobacco.

First Call

OSF Request: \$52,568

OSF Recommendation: \$52,568

OSF Abatement Strategies: Recovery, Linkage to Care, Harm Reduction

OSF Description: The DAC recommends an OSF award of \$52,568, an increase of \$9,051 from 2025, to support First Call's Linkage to Care programming in Johnson County focused on providing outreach, recovery support, and harm reduction. Linkages to Care, First Call's 24/7 Crisis Call Line, serves as many clients' first point of connection with the agency. Counselors provide brief interventions for people experiencing mental health crises, referrals to support services, and linkages to Recovery Advocates. Recovery Advocates provide therapeutic case management and care coordination to help people navigating a challenging path to recovery. Harm Reduction, launched in 2022, was the first of its kind in the region and continues to be one of the largest providers of no-cost naloxone. The Harm Reduction Specialist employs a set of life-affirming strategies to mitigate the negative health impacts of drug use, with a focus on preventing and reversing overdoses. First Call provides training to civic, religious, and business groups on a wide range of topics, including harm reduction and current drug trends. First Call further participates in resource fairs and operates educational booths at festivals and community events.

Results Projected: Implementation of Harm Reduction strategies will result in decreases in community emergency department use, overdose deaths, and unaddressed medical needs. In 2026, 85% of callers to First Call's 24/7 Crisis Call Line will receive at least one appropriate referral. First Call will distribute 500 units of naloxone, distribute 500 substance use test strips, and train at least 250 people in how to spot an overdose and administer naloxone. Participants in recovery support will achieve a 60% decrease in Addiction Severity Index (ASI) scores. First Call anticipates serving 2,060 Johnson County residents in 2026.

Outcomes Achieved During 2024: In 2024, First Call served 2,201 Johnson County residents (1,901 adults and 300 youth) through 2,201 hours of support with harm reduction services and outreach events. 81% of Crisis Call Line participants received at least one appropriate referral. Recovery Advocacy Services participants averaged a 50% 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 seven naloxone administration trainings for 750 people.

Friends of Recovery Association

ATF Request: \$144,588

ATF Recommendation: \$60,000

ATF Description: The DAC recommends an ATF award of \$60,000, level funding from 2025, for Friends of Recovery Association (FORA) to expand recovery housing services in Johnson County through the opening of four new Oxford Houses, creating at least 32 additional recovery beds. 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 are in danger of homelessness, individuals with mental health challenges, and adults recently released from incarceration. FORA uses a peer mentorship model (alumni or current residents) to help newly recovering residents. Additionally, ATF funding will support substance use prevention education sessions that focus on delaying the onset of substance use in youth, along with increasing linkages to care.

Results Projected: The goal of the program is to increase awareness, positive activities, self-efficacy, and skill building with a Recovery Center model to allow those in recovery to remain alcohol and drug free. In 2026, FORA projects that 75% of Oxford House residents will remain in housing for 90 days or more. FORA will deliver prevention education to at least 200 Johnson County residents. Additionally, at least 75% of clients served by outreach staff will remain engaged in services for 90 days or longer. FORA anticipates serving 1326 Johnson County residents in 2026.

Outcomes Achieved During 2024: FORA served a total of 998 Johnson County individuals (858 adults and 140 youth) with 3,128 hours of service units in 2024. 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

OSF Request: \$184,638

OSF Recommendation: \$75,000

OSF Abatement Strategies: Recovery, Harm Reduction, Public Safety

OSF Description: The DAC recommends an OSF award of \$75,000 for Friends of Recovery Association (FORA). FORA did not have a 2025 OSF request and was awarded \$10,000 in 2024. OSF funds will be used to expand recovery support and harm reduction services in Johnson County through the distribution of naloxone kits, overdose prevention training, and access to Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT). Additionally, FORA will expand their Recovery Resource Center to include walk-in screenings, psychoeducational workshops, bi-weekly, peer-led recovery support groups, and service navigation. Services utilize evidence-based and promising practices endorsed by the [CDC](#) and [SAMHSA](#). These are delivered by a certified Peer Mentor and/or Recovery Coach, with oversight from a Clinical Coordinator.

Results Projected: The goal of the program is to support harm reduction, early intervention, and recovery support services. In 2026, FORA will reach 1,000 Johnson County residents through its naloxone distribution initiative, including training 500 individuals on overdose response. At least 40% of Recovery Resource Center participants will be linked to appropriate treatment or services. Additionally, 75% of peer-led recovery group participants will attend at least three sessions. FORA anticipates serving 1,200 Johnson County residents in 2026.

Outcomes Achieved During 2024: In 2024, Oxford Houses served 922 Johnson County residents (848 adults and 74 youth) through 2,254 hours of naloxone training. All Oxford Houses in Johnson County were equipped with two doses of naloxone nasal spray, 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 were trained to identify symptoms of withdrawal and overdoses, along with the usage and impact of naloxone. Additionally, FORA purchased medication lock boxes for all Johnson County Oxford Houses. This initiative ensured the safety of all residents by securing each

individual's medications and keeping them separate, thereby promoting a safe and organized living environment.

Health Partnership Clinic (HPC)

ATF Request: \$99,363

ATF Recommendation: \$89,250

ATF Description: The DAC recommends an ATF award of \$89,250, level funding from 2025, to support Health Partnership Clinic's (HPC) Substance Use Disorder Services. This includes partial funding for a psychiatric nurse practitioner who will provide Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) and a contracted substance use counselor. HPC is a Patient-Centered Medical Home and the only Federally Qualified Healthcare Center (FQHC) in the region and provides care for low-income and uninsured populations on a sliding scale. HPC's Substance Use Disorder program provides up to 5 hours of programming per week for adolescents and 8 hours per week for adults, including behavioral intervention, relapse prevention, social support and education in individual, group, and family therapy settings. HPC utilizes the [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 MAT to support recovery of clients.

Results Projected: The overall program goal is for patients to successfully complete recommended treatment and remain sober. In 2026, HPC projects serving 83 Johnson County clients through 555 patient visits; 90% of patients will indicate that they are satisfied with the services they receive through post-treatment surveys. Patients without housing will be connected to housing resources. MAT services will be provided to patients who demonstrate a need, with at least 70% of clients remaining in compliance with MAT services.

Outcomes Achieved During 2024: In 2024, HPC provided substance use disorder and MAT services to 61 Johnson County patients (58 adults and three youth) through 519 visits. An additional 31 patients who did not reside in Johnson County were served through 201 patient visits, for a total of 92 patients and 720 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 successfully discharged from SUD services as well as 11 compliant MAT patients (compliant with treatment, medical services and negative urinary analysis).

Heartland Regional Alcohol & Drug Assessment Center (RADAC)

ATF Request: \$243,800

ATF Recommendation: \$243,800

ATF Description: The DAC recommends an ATF award of \$243,800, an increase of \$13,800 from 2025, to support HRADAC's Intensive Case Management (ICM) program. The ICM program focuses on crisis management, intervention and stabilization, connection to recovery services (both SUD and mental health issues) and assistance in securing safe and sober housing. The ICM program applies a whole-person approach. Services begin with intensive outreach and engagement, clinical case management and Recovery Coach (RC) support, and barrier reduction funds to stabilize individuals and initiate

recovery, regardless of their current substance use and other co-occurring issues. ATF supports staff salaries and direct assistance for housing services and barrier reduction.

Results Projected: The overarching goal of HRADAC's program is to intervene with individuals who have substance use disorder and other co-occurring issues, stabilize them in their home community, and engage in recovery activities. In 2026, 76% of HRADAC ICM clients will secure safe housing while receiving services. A total of 94% of clients will address substance use during the program by engaging in recovery activities. 68% of clients will access mental health services after enrollment. HRADAC's ICM program expects to serve 145 Johnson County residents in 2026.

Outcomes Achieved During 2024: During 2024, HRADAC served 190 Johnson County adults through 190 service encounters. 94% of clients accessed recovery activities while receiving ICM Services. 67% of 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

ATF Request: \$60,397

ATF Recommendation: \$60,397

ATF Description: The DAC recommends an ATF award of \$60,397 to KidsTLC for its Psychiatric Residential Drug and Alcohol Program (PRTF). Funding will support individual and group substance use therapy and prevention/education services to youth 13 and older who struggle with co-occurring mental health and substance use issues. The evidence-based Seeking Safety curriculum is utilized in treatment, as well as Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT), Eye Motion Desensitization Reprocessing (EMDR), Dialectical Behavioral Therapy (DBT), and Motivational Interviewing. Additionally, family involvement is a high priority, and parents and caregivers may participate in family therapy and regular peer support and education sessions.

Results Projected: KidsTLC provides substance use prevention groups and intervention/therapy services for youth. In 2026, 10 Johnson County youth will receive 40 total clinical service hours of Substance Abuse Therapy as part of PRTF. 100% of youth in the three PRTF adolescent units will participate in one 60-minute psychoeducation prevention group each week during their treatment, regardless of initial substance use screening results. 80% of program participants will abstain from drugs/alcohol during passes/breaks, and 80% of youth in treatment will respond favorably regarding program access on the program satisfaction survey. Pre/post-treatment assessments will show 80% of participants will gain an improved outlook. 90% of substance use program participants will have at least one community follow-up appointment scheduled at the time of discharge.

Outcomes Achieved During 2024: In 2024, PRTF provided 36 clinical and education hours to 7 Johnson County youth. 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 “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 PRTF program adolescent units (ages 13+) received one 60-minute psychoeducation prevention group each week during their treatment—regardless of their substance use screening at intake.

KVC Behavioral HealthCare

ATF Request: \$93,515

ATF Recommendation: \$66,000

ATF Description: The DAC recommends an ATF award of \$66,000, level funding from 2025, to KVC Behavioral HealthCare for its Family Substance Abuse Recovery Services. The Family Substance Abuse Recovery Services provide in-home substance abuse treatment and recovery services to caregivers and youth who are being served within the child welfare system. During assessment by the case manager, caregivers and family members are screened using UNCOPE, a substance use disorder tool used in child welfare settings. If indication of substance abuse exists, professionals will refer them to Family Substance Abuse Recovery Services. Outpatient, in-home treatment will be determined using the KS Client Placement Criteria (KCPC) recommendations and the families' willingness to participate. When the KCPC indicates that a higher level of service is needed, the Substance Abuse Counselor works with the family and the case team to refer for services and reduce barriers to obtaining treatment. Referrals to KVC come from the Kansas Department for Children and Families, along with case management and therapist staff.

Results Projected: KVC provides the treatment and recovery services necessary to youth and adults and acts as a referral source for additional services that impact social determinants of health. 80% of outpatient services will be provided in home, and 80% of families will report increased efforts to improve family stability through lifestyle changes. Each family works with KVC to set and monitor outcome goals. Goals may include maintaining sobriety and housing stability, avoiding criminal activities, and retaining access to and/or actively connecting to resources and services that can help them maintain their program goals. KVC projects that 80% of program participants will maintain established goals at both 30 and 60 days, post-program completion. KVC anticipates serving 54 Johnson County residents in 2026.

Outcomes Achieved During 2024: Family Substance Abuse Recovery served 41 Johnson County residents (30 adults and 11 youth) through 414 hours of assessment and treatment in 2024. 83% of KVC's outpatient services were provided in home, or via telehealth in the client's 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.

Mirror, Inc.**ATF Request: \$302,000****ATF Recommendation: \$302,000**

ATF Description: The DAC recommends an ATF award of \$302,000, an increase of \$490 from 2025, to Mirror for its Co-Occurring Disorder (COD) Residential Treatment Program for Johnson County residents. More than half of COD program clients are justice-involved, and many have financial barriers to treatment, including a lack of health insurance. The COD program shortens wait time for clients, removing them from lengthy waitlists for state-funded beds. Expedited services help clients stabilize and engage in recovery sooner, increasing the likelihood of successful treatment. Mirror's services include access to person-centered case management (PCCM) and peer mentoring services. The organization also makes transportation to mental health, dental, medical and other social service appointments available. All of Mirror's services are evidence-based or promising practices, and clinical and supervisory staff are required to maintain licensure through the Kansas Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board.

Results Projected: The goal of the program is to provide more timely access to treatment services for Johnson County residents with limited resources, allowing them to access support services and stable housing after treatment completion and discharge. Average waitlist time for Mirror COD clients is 15 days. Projected outcomes for 2026 include: 70% retention in the treatment program; increased confidence levels from admission to discharge; 80% of clients with an identified need will receive appropriate service referrals; and 80% of participants who identify as housing insecure will receive housing support services. Mirror projects serving 92 Johnson County residents with 1,500 COD service days in 2026.

Outcomes Achieved During 2024: Mirror served 99 Johnson County residents through 3,111 service days in the COD program in 2024. COD clients had a 71.39% successful completion rate. COD client confidence in their ability to manage high-risk situations that can lead to substance use rose by 69% while in treatment. 100% of COD clients who successfully completed the program 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.

Mirror, Inc.**OSF Request: \$5,227****OSF Recommendation: \$5,227****OSF Abatement Strategies:** Treatment, Recovery, Linkage to Care

OSF Description: The DAC recommends an OSF award of \$5,227 to Mirror, Inc. to continue its Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) services for clients with co-occurring substance use and mental health disorders. Additionally, funds will provide additional training for Mirror staff in crisis intervention and facilitate care coordination services through certified, person-centered case managers and peer mentors. Services will promote increased retention in treatment, abstinence, decreased hospitalizations, and increased employment.

Results Projected: In 2026, the program will retain 60% of COD clients in outpatient treatment. At discharge, 80% of employment-eligible COD clients will be employed, enrolled in an employment program, or participating in some form of education. Additionally, 80% of clients will be housing secure at discharge. Mirror projects serving 67 Johnson County adults through 5,313 units of individual or group intervention and/or transportation in 2026.

NCircle

OSF Request: \$74,660

OSF Recommendation: \$74,660

OSF Abatement Strategies: Prevention, Harm Reduction, Workforce Development

OSF Description: The DAC recommends an OSF award of \$74,660, an increase of \$16,747 from 2025, to NCircle. NCircle partners with Johnson County Department of Corrections to provide the College of Trades (COT) program on-site for incarcerated individuals in Johnson County's residential substance use Therapeutic Community. 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 using the Employment Readiness Scale before and after the 12-week training. 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 and classes. There is no cost to participate in this program.

Results Projected: In 2026, 90 participants will receive 2,800 hours of workforce development services through NCircle's COT. NCircle will use the Employment Readiness Scale (ERS) to measure program efficiency. NCircle anticipates an increase of 10% or more in job maintenance and social support, along with an increase of 10% or more in career decision making and job search, as measured by ERS pre/post-testing. Additionally, NCircle anticipates at least 75% of clients exiting the COT program will have secured employment prior to release. NCircle will track recidivism rates and report on the data when it is available.

Outcomes Achieved During 2024: In 2024, NCircle's COT served 108 Johnson County adults through 2,420 hours of service. 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 have ability to download customizable reports to track progress.

The Family Conservancy

ATF Request: \$40,000

ATF Recommendation: \$40,000

ATF Description: The DAC recommends an ATF award of \$40,000 to The Family Conservancy (TFC). ATF supports two programs: Substance Use Screening for new mothers experiencing substance misuse, and education and implementation of *Conscious Discipline* programming for 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 to foster healthy development and reduces future risk of substance abuse. Programming promotes positive parenting practices and strengthens the parent-child relationship by encouraging open communication.

Results Projected: During 2026, TFC anticipates serving 430 Johnson County residents. Among parents and caregivers who attend at least three of five *Conscious Discipline* program sessions, 80% will increase their positive parenting skills/abilities in at least 4 of 7 areas and will indicate utilization of five or more strategies learned. 100% of clients who self-identified as having a family member with substance misuse concerns will receive additional information or resources to support the family's

health. By the end of treatment, new mothers will no longer meet diagnostic criteria for the mental health condition(s) identified during intake.

Outcomes Achieved During 2024: In 2024, Family Conservancy served 657 Johnson County residents (241 adults and 416 youth) with 5,687 hours of programming, including coaching sessions. 79% of individuals achieved successful completion of their counseling treatment plan. Among clients who self-identified as having a family member with substance misuse concerns, data demonstrated a 100% improvement, including in increased knowledge or attitude changes that support overall family health at the closure of the 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 improved in at least 4 of 7 areas, as measured by the Mindset Assessment Pre/Post. An additional five 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 attended at least three 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

ATF Request: \$50,000

ATF Recommendation: \$50,000

ATF Description: The DAC recommends an ATF award of \$50,000, an increase of \$20,000 from 2025, for Valley Hope's Patient Assistance Program. The Patient Assistance Program 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 and Atchison for adults with substance use disorder. Financial assistance for treatment is distributed based on financial need and the patient's positive and productive engagement.

Results Projected: Within 12 months of enrollment, at least 30 Johnson County clients will receive funds from the Patient Assistance Program to complete their treatment. Patients supported by the Patient Assistance Program will complete at least 18 of the recommended 28-day length of stay in residential care. At minimum, 75% of patients will complete a discharge plan, prior to discharge, to ensure continued connection to treatment and a commitment to recovery. Valley Hope anticipates providing Patient Assistance funds to 23 Johnson County clients in 2026.

Outcomes Achieved During 2024: In 2024, Valley of Hope Foundation served 366 Johnson County adults through 363 hours of treatment. Valley of Hope Foundation provided 25 Johnson County patients financial assistance for 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.

**2026 Substance Use Continuum of Care Fund
Participating Jurisdictions**

Jurisdiction	2026
Johnson County Government	\$ 243,000
Johnson County OSF	\$ 100,000
De Soto	\$ 21,000
Gardner	\$ 38,000
Leawood	\$ 320,000
Leawood OSF	\$ 65,000
Lenexa	\$ 200,000
Lenexa OSF	\$ 50,000
Merriam	\$ 28,000
Mission	\$ 70,000
Olathe	\$ 250,000
Olathe OSF	\$ 25,000
Overland Park	\$ 1,326,152
Overland Park OSF	\$ 150,000
Prairie Village	\$ 50,000
Prairie Village OSF	\$ 23,000
Shawnee	\$ 130,000
Shawnee OSF	\$ 70,000
Total ATF	\$ 2,676,125
Total OSF	\$483,000
Total SUF Funds	\$3,159,125
ATF funds allocated to a 2025 grantee that were unspent due to closure of services. Returned to the pool for reallocation.	\$50,000
Grand Total SUF Funds	\$3,209,125

The recommended grant awards represent the maximum SUF award for the calendar year. They are based on estimates from local jurisdictions of local liquor tax revenue, along with estimates of opioid settlement fund distributions. Awards will only be made if jurisdictions receive adequate revenue. Actual dollars disbursed are dependent on local liquor tax revenue and opioid settlement fund distributions received by participating jurisdictions. Neither United Community Services (UCS), nor the Drug and Alcoholism Council, are responsible for a reduction in SUF awards payable by participating jurisdictions.

APPENDIX A

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.
- 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 the Drug and Alcoholism Council
April 18, 2025*

APPENDIX B

2025 DRUG and ALCOHOLISM COUNCIL of JOHNSON COUNTY 2026 SUF GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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