



***Substance Use Continuum of Care Fund: A Collaborative City/County Partnership***  
**2025 Year-End Report**

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

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

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

The DAC coordinates a review and recommendation process that allows eligible programs to access ATF and OSF from multiple jurisdictions through the Substance Use Continuum of Care Fund (SUF). 2025 DAC members are listed in *Appendix A*. UCS provides staff support to the DAC and facilitates quarterly meetings with the SUF-funded agencies focusing on collaboration, emerging issues and treatments, and best practices. Together, these efforts further support the regional substance use continuum of care.

In 2025, 23 grantees received allocations of \$2,834,000 to support programs and services for local residents. Together, these programs and services form a continuum of alcohol and substance abuse services for Johnson County residents. According to grantees’ year-end reports, over 90,000 Johnson County residents\* participated in programs or received services supported, in part, by ATF and OSF allocations. The following summary describes how these funds were used and outcomes achieved by supported programs. 2025 SUF funding priorities are listed in *Appendix B*.

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

<b>2025 SUF Funding</b>		
	ATF	OSF
Johnson County Government	\$232,500	\$100,000
Participating Cities	<u>\$2,306,500</u>	<u>\$380,000</u>
Total Dollars	\$2,539,000	\$480,000
UCS Administration	<u>-\$155,000</u>	<u>-\$30,000</u>
<b>Grant Awards</b>	<b>\$2,384,000</b>	<b>\$450,000</b>

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

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### Public School District Programs

School Districts report outcomes and the number of individuals served by school year, instead of calendar year. This enables schools to better use their outcome data (compare school year to school year) and respond with program changes when needed. To be in sync with the SUF disbursement process, school districts' financial reports continue to be on a calendar year basis. Most of the following school district information is for School Year (SY) 2025 (ended in June 2025); although some of the described activities took place during the last six months of 2025 (first semester of SY 2026). Due to the ongoing nature of school programming, schools do not track units of service. In 2020, funding for EverFi's AlcoholEdu, an online prevention program used in all school districts, was consolidated within the grant for Johnson County Mental Health Center's Prevention Services. Results of this consolidation included substantial savings to school districts and expanded access to EverFi's suite of programs, including mental wellness, AlcoholEdu, vaping prevention, and prescription drug safety. Prevention Services reports on district-wide knowledge gains related to AlcoholEdu. Each school district reports on the number of students utilizing EverFi's programs, and students' knowledge gained as a result of participating in AlcoholEdu.

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

Johnson County residents served:  
**31,563 youth**

ATF Award:  
\$25,200\*

\*Blue Valley School District was able to carry over \$37,017 in ATF into 2025, for a total budget of \$62,217

**Description:** Blue Valley's School & Community Prevention Education provides data-driven prevention and response activities in the Blue Valley School District. Activities are led by the Drug and Alcohol Prevention Task Force (DAPT), which is comprised of district leadership, school counselors and school police officer. The DAPT meets year-round to identify district needs and plan prevention and response activities such as AlcoholEdu, Project Alert, Signs of Suicide and sobriety supports. In addition, the school district continues to ensure there are sufficient Tobacco Treatment Specialists (TTS) for all high schools and middle schools. TTS receive specialized training and certification and serve as expert resources for students overcoming tobacco and substance use and addiction. These experts provide support to both students and families and act as liaisons to community providers.

**Outcomes achieved:** Blue Valley School District served a total of 31,563 youth in Johnson County during the 2025 school year. The DAPT held regular meetings to facilitate curriculum development, prevention education, and to serve as a resource for the Blue Valley Community. Everfi's prevention education reached 5,249 middle school and high school students across 18 curricular areas during the 2025 school year. Students from 4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade enrolled in Healthier Me: Intro to Wellness demonstrated 21% learning gains. Students from 6<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup> grade enrolled in Digital Wellness & Safety demonstrated 24% learning gains, and students enrolled in Character Playbook: Healthy Relationships demonstrated 13% learning gains. Students from 8<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> grade enrolled in Honor Code: Bullying Prevention demonstrated 20% learning gains. Students from 8<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade enrolled in Understanding Mental

Wellness demonstrated 17% learning gains; students enrolled in Vaping: Know the Truth demonstrated 33% learning gains; students enrolled in Prescription Drug Safety demonstrated 34% learning gains; and students enrolled in Alcohol Edu demonstrated 17% learning gains. Additionally, Drug and Alcohol Screening Vouchers from Johnson County Mental Health Center or First Call were offered to three students and families. However, these were not completed.

**De Soto School District**

Johnson County residents served:  
**2,412 youth**

ATF Award:  
\$27,129\*

**Description:** The De Soto School District’s substance abuse prevention program incorporates instruction, activities to engage students, and additional interventions alongside social work staff. Instruction is provided using Too Good for Drugs, health classes, AlcoholEdu, and Vaping: Know the Truth. 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. In addition, programming supports alcohol and drug screening for referred students, assessing student risk and providing appropriate interventions and/or referrals.

\*De Soto School District was able to carry over \$150 in ATF into 2025, for a total budget of \$27,279

**Outcomes achieved:** De Soto School District served a total of 2,412 Johnson County youth during the 2025 school year. Students enrolled in the AlcoholEdu program demonstrated 16% learning gains, students enrolled in Vaping: Know the Truth demonstrated 33% learning gains, and students enrolled in Prescription Drug Safety demonstrated 36% learning gains. Social workers continued to address substance abuse prevention and referred students for treatment, as needed. Students who engaged with Social Work staff reported that coping strategies helped reduce and/or eliminate illicit substance use. Additionally, during the 2025 school year, instances related to the consumption of illegal substances decreased by 50% (down from 10 instances in the 2024 school year to five in the 2025 school year).

**De Soto School District**

Johnson County residents served:  
**2,412 youth**

OSF Award: \$4,831

**OSF Abatement Strategies:**  
Prevention, Harm Reduction

**Description:** De Soto School District’s Drug Awareness and Prevention program includes several events, including a Student Wellness Series with a new 2025 session, “Connected Conversations”. This program fosters an atmosphere of open dialogue on mental health and substance use topics, providing families with valuable resources to continue these conversations at home.

**Outcomes achieved:** De Soto School District served a total of 2,412 Johnson County youth during the 2025 school year. Social workers at the high schools coordinated PRIDE Club activities and events and assisted with planning community outreach events. PRIDE Clubs hosted events related to Red Ribbon Week to interact with students and spread awareness of the pitfalls of substance abuse. Each high school coordinated with the district to host two Student Wellness nights. These events focused on illicit substance abuse, and included a

viewing of "Screenagers", a documentary about youth mental health, screen time, and digital wellness.

**Olathe School District**

Johnson County Residents Served: **2,177 youth**

ATF Award: \$10,000\*

**Description:** Olathe School District's Safe & Drug Free program focuses on reducing perceived social benefits associated with substance use. To support education, prevention, and intervention, the district delivers several programs including AlcoholEdu, Project Alert, Second Step, Guiding Good Choices—a parent focused support program, and Botvin Life Skills. Additionally, students have increased access to prosocial afterschool activities. Transportation to after-school programs, such as the Boys and Girls Club and The Spot, an afterschool program developed in collaboration with the Olathe Police Department, Fire Department and Library. The Spot provides homework support, mentoring, videogaming, sports, and mechanical low-rider bicycle building to engage students in increasing protective factors and reducing risk factors for substance use.

\*Olathe School District was able to carry over \$10,348 in ATF into 2025, for a total budget of \$20,348

**Outcomes achieved:** Olathe School District served a total of 2,177 Johnson County youth during the 2025 school year. The number of drug assessments conducted remained steady at 85, while the percentage of students who have a perceived availability to drugs increased from 18.11% to 19.59%. Despite these challenges, 1,051 students completed AlcoholEdu with over 3,000 hours of modules. Students enrolled in Vaping: Knowing the Truth demonstrated a 29% learning gains, students enrolled in Prescription Drug Safety demonstrated a 31% learning gains, and students enrolled in AlcoholEdu demonstrated a 16% learning gains. During the fall semester, the SPOT hosted 11 different after-school sessions. These sessions offered opportunities for 394 students to engage in positive social and academic activities, including homework assistance and support to stay on track toward graduation. Olathe School District was unable to host Guiding Good Choices during the school year but is in the process of evaluating the program's facilitation. One Life Skills Class was hosted during the fall semester, and the seven students who participated in 10 sessions showed an increase in knowledge of 2%.

**Olathe School District**

Johnson County Residents Served: **3,638 youth**

OSF Award: \$35,500

**Description:** In 2025, the Olathe School District expanded Facing Fentanyl OPS 233, the district's opioid and substance use education and prevention initiative. Programming for this initiative began in 2024 and serves to identify risk factors that increase student vulnerability to opioid use. The program also provides tangible resources to facilitate learning, and to prevent or delay the onset of substance use. Additionally, funding expands the district's current opioid and naloxone training and response. Prior to receiving funding in 2024, nurse 911 calls for suspected overdoses had increased by 120%, and 11 doses of naloxone had been delivered in the district since 2019.

**Outcomes achieved:** Olathe School District served a total of 3,638 Johnson County youth during the 2025 school year. Facing Fentanyl OPS 233 is now district wide

\*Olathe School District was able to carry over \$17,665 in OSF into 2025, for a total budget of \$53,165

**OSF Abatement Strategies:**

Prevention, Linkage to Care, Harm Reduction, Providers & Health

at 10 middle and five high schools and will continue to be developed and expanded. Pre/post-tests demonstrated that 350 participants increased their understanding of the harms caused by opioid, substance misuse and addiction, and increased their knowledge of risk and protective factors surrounding opioid use. They also increased their strategies for opioid safety, and their abilities to recognize the warning signs of opioid misuse or overdose and initiate an emergency response. Over 31 Narcan stations are publicly accessible at middle and high schools. The annual training on emergency opioid overdose response continues. Additionally, Olathe School District continues to partner with Johnson County Mental Health Center and their "You Never Know" campaign to more effectively reach district stakeholders.

**Spring Hill School District**

Johnson County Residents Served: **128 youth**

**Description:** ATF supported Spring Hill School District's implementation of the full suite of EverFi virtual learning resources have focused on forming healthy habits. These resources included AlcoholEdu, Vaping: Know the Truth, Mental Wellness Basics, Prescription Drug Safety and other programs sponsored by ATF through Johnson County Mental Health Center's Prevention Services. These programs were primarily implemented at the only high school in the district.

ATF Award: \$0\*

**Outcomes achieved:** 128 students participated in AlcoholEdu, completing 200 hours of learning and 601 modules.

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

**Shawnee Mission School District**

Johnson County Residents Served: **741 youth**

**Description:** ATF supported Shawnee Mission School District's implementation of the full suite of EverFi virtual learning resources have focused on forming healthy habits. These resources included AlcoholEdu, Vaping: Know the Truth, Mental Wellness Basics, Prescription Drug Safety and other programs sponsored by the ATF through Johnson County Mental Health Center's Prevention Services. These programs are primarily implemented at three middle schools and three high schools.

ATF Award: \$0\*

**Outcomes achieved:** 741 students participated in AlcoholEdu across six district schools and they completed 1,110 hours of learning and 3,331 modules. Average knowledge gains across all units of AlcoholEdu for Johnson County students was 28%. The Prescription Drug Safety: Know the Truth module showed the greatest increase of 39%.

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

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### Johnson County Government Programs

#### **Johnson County Department of Corrections: Voucher Assistance**

Johnson County  
Residents Served:  
**17 adults through  
14.5 vouchers for  
assessment or  
treatment**

ATF Award:  
\$26,000

**Description:** The Johnson County Department of Corrections' Voucher Assistance Program provides substance use disorder evaluations and treatment for adult offenders who face financial barriers to services. Voucher assistance is provided to adults on Intensive Supervised Probation, House Arrest, or Bond Supervision, and to residents of the Adult Residential Center (ARC). This assistance is also provided to individuals graduating from the in-patient Therapeutic Community who require continued outpatient treatment. Evaluation and treatment services are delivered by licensed providers with demonstrated success in client engagement.

**Outcomes achieved:** In 2025, 100% of clients referred for a drug/alcohol evaluation received it within 30 days of voucher approval. Additionally, 100% of clients recommended for treatment as the result of an evaluation scheduled their intake within 60 days. Two individuals who received vouchers in 2025 graduated from the Therapeutic Community and completed treatment.

#### **Johnson County Department of Corrections: Treatment Center**

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

OSF Award:  
\$100,000

**Description:** Johnson County Department of Corrections' Treatment Center (TC) is a six-month treatment program in the Adult Residential Center (ARC). Programming focuses on long-term behavioral change for justice-involved individuals who face incarceration due to substance abuse-related crimes. ARC clients have substance abuse or co-occurring substance abuse and behavioral health issues and require treatment to support recovery, reintegration, and to reduce recidivism. Programming includes the University of Cincinnati's Cognitive Behavioral Interventions for Substance Use Abuse. Additional classes include Smart Recovery's Inside Out Program, Change Companies Residential Drug Abuse Program, Addiction Education from Hazelden, The University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus' Dimensions Program for Tobacco Cessation, and Co-Occurring Disorders from Hazelden.

**Outcomes achieved:** In 2025, Corrections fully implemented the University of Cincinnati's Cognitive Behavioral Interventions for Substance Use Adult Curriculum to TC participants. This implementation allowed for smaller Substance Abuse Counselor caseloads and additional client treatment hours per week. 86% of all TC admissions either successfully completed the treatment or remained in treatment. The recidivism rate for clients who successfully completed the TC program in 2024 was 17%.

#### **OSF Abatement Strategies: Treatment, Recovery, Harm Reduction, Providers & Health**

#### **Johnson County District Attorney's**

**Description:** The Johnson County District Attorney's Office and Juvenile Drug Court Diversion and Minor in Possession Programs are focused on mental health

**Office: Juvenile Drug Court Diversion and Minor-In-Possession Programs**

Johnson County  
Residents Served:  
**234 youth**

ATF Award:  
\$102,656

treatment, drug abuse prevention, alcohol and drug related detoxification, and intervention for high-risk youth offenders. Youth with misdemeanor or felony violations, and personal and legally problematic substance use, are diverted to the eight-month Drug Court program. Drug Court offers a higher level of supervision and closely monitors treatment compliance. Mental Health and Drug Treatment programming delivers education, intervention, and random drug screens, in an effort to decrease future substance abuse and reoffending.

**Outcomes achieved:** In 2025, Drug Court conducted 2,004 drug tests. Clients exhibited increased motivation to remain drug free. 78% of Drug Court clients tested negative for illegal substances and 67% of clients participated in a prosocial activity. The average GPA for Drug Court clients was 2.7, increasing to 3.2 by program completion.

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

Johnson County  
Residents Served:  
**25 youth through 568 bed days**

ATF Award:  
\$274,132

**Description:** Johnson County Mental Health Center’s Adolescent Center for Treatment (ACT) is an 11-bed, residential substance use disorder treatment facility for adolescents (12 to 18 years). Each client receives a thorough bio-psychosocial assessment, individualized treatment plans, and academic programming during the school year. Youth participate 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. The cost of ACT residential treatment is significantly less than hospital, psychiatric residential, or detention facility stays, and qualifying individuals are never turned away due to inability to pay.

**Outcomes achieved:** In 2025, 75% of first-time ACT clients remained in residential treatment for the minimum 21-day therapeutic length of stay, and 91% of re-admissions remained for the 14-day minimum stay. Of the entire treatment community, 76% of clients successfully completed the ACT residential program. Overall, client satisfaction with residential treatment in eight areas of program quality and staff performance received an average 4 out of 5 rating, as measured on the discharge survey. Additionally, clients rated their feeling of safety an average of 4 out of 5 points.

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

Johnson County  
Residents Served:

**Description:** Johnson County Mental Health Center’s Adolescent Center for Treatment (ACT) supports detox services for uninsured and underinsured youth and diverts clients from hospital emergency department services. Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) is available as needed. In 2025, OSF funding supported the ACT residential program by bridging the gap between reimbursement rates and rising operating costs. In 2025, clients also received daily recovery services, relapse prevention, and education, along with harm reduction kits (one box of Naloxone and 10 Fentanyl test strips).

**25 youth through  
25 harm reduction  
kits**

OSF Award:  
\$49,115

**OSF Abatement  
Strategies:**

Treatment, Harm  
Reduction,  
Recovery

**Outcomes achieved:** In 2025, 83% of opioid use disorder (OUD) clients demonstrated increased knowledge of fentanyl addiction and harm reduction strategies based on pre/post survey responses. Of the 12-youth admitted to the ACT with an identified OUD, none were referred for MAT services due to prior referral and treatment, extended periods of abstinence from opioids, or disinterest in a MAT referral. 81% of OUD clients successfully completed residential Opioid Track programming, with an average length of stay of 26 days. 25 harm reduction kits were distributed, for a total of 25 boxes of Naloxone and 250 Fentanyl test strips.

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

Johnson County  
Residents Served:  
**224 adults through  
767 bed days with  
supporting services**

ATF Award:  
\$276,835

**Description:** Johnson County Mental Health Center’s Adult Detoxification Unit (ADU) provides 24/7 addiction and recovery services to admit and monitor individuals with alcohol/drug intoxication or withdrawal. ADU is the only program in the Kansas City metropolitan area that specifically provides social detoxification services for uninsured and underinsured adults. Services are provided at no cost to participants, and serve as a safety net for individuals with serious substance use disorders, diverting clients from seeking detox services at hospitals/emergency rooms. Licensed addiction counselors provide an assessment and recovery plan, and clients are routinely screened for suicide and other risks. ADU shares a residential unit with JCMHC’s Crisis Recovery Center (CRC). This allows clients to transition from the ADU to CRC, when additional mental health supports are needed or when waiting on substance use treatment in another program.

**Outcomes achieved:** In 2025, 85% of ADU clients remained in social detox until discharge was recommended (based on symptom reduction or transfer to a higher care level). At discharge, 92% of clients received a written discharge plan with referral to primary care, 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 evaluating six areas of program quality and staff performance. The average rating was 4.6 on a 5-point scale.

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

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

**Description:** Johnson County Mental Health Center’s Adult Detoxification Unit (ADU) provides recovery services, including harm reduction support to achieve long-term recovery of clients. This includes the implementation of Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT), testing supplies, naloxone, and client supportive services, including connection to and support in obtaining recovery housing for unhoused clients.

**Outcomes achieved:** In 2025, 100% of admitted clients were offered a box of Narcan at time of admission. Narcan was also offered to other members of the

**106 harm reduction kits**

OSF Award:  
\$55,897

**OSF Abatement Strategies:**

Treatment, Recovery, Linkage to Care, Harm Reduction, Public Safety, Medication

community, including staff and facilitators of recovery meetings on the unit. ADU planned to implement protocols to test 100% of MAT referred clients for opioid use but, due to a lack of 24/7 nursing support, ADU accepted client self-reporting. Opioid use testing is intended to inform prescribers, identify those who need a supply of Narcan, and to inform clients of possible adulteration of substances. 100% of clients with opioid use disorder were still offered the option of pursuing MAT from a licensed prescriber.

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

Johnson County Residents Served: **376 (211 adults and 165 youth) through 5,279 clinical hours of service**

ATF Award:  
\$223,044

**Description:** Johnson County Mental Health Center’s Dual Diagnosis Outpatient Program (DDOP) and Adolescent Outpatient Addiction Services (AOAS) provide integrated outpatient services for individuals 12 years and above who experience co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders. DDOP serves uninsured/underinsured patients, and programming provides a sliding fee scale to assist those unable to pay for services. Clients receive one to eight hours of weekly group counseling or individual sessions per week. This counseling focuses on basic alcohol/drug education, recovery, and relapse prevention skills, and helps 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.

**Outcomes achieved:** In 2025, 80% of adult clients discharged from DDOP completed at least 8 hours of integrated treatment, and 73% of adult DDOP clients remained alcohol/drug free during participation. Additionally, 98% of enrolled adult clients reported no new criminal activity while in the program. Among youth participating in AOAS, 79% remained in treatment for at least 6 sessions. 63% of youth served reported a reduction in alcohol/drug use during the prior 30 days.

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

**Description:** Johnson County Mental Health Center’s Dual Diagnosis Outpatient Program (DDOP) and Adolescent Outpatient Addiction Services (AOAS) provide weekly counseling focused on opioid use education, harm reduction, recovery, and relapse prevention. Additionally, OSF funds help meet the increased demand for clients with opioid use disorder who need Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT). Like other treatment providers in Johnson County, DDOP and AOAS programs are moving with intentionality to address the specialized needs of clients with opioid use disorder.

Johnson County  
Residents Served:  
**32 (30 adults and 2 youth) through 243 clinical hours of service**

OSF Award:  
\$58,000

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

**Outcomes achieved:** In 2025, 51% of adult DDOP clients with opioid use disorder (OUD) were recommended for MAT services. 80% of adult MAT clients were actively engaged in one or more of the following activities that supported continued recovery: employment, academics, or trade/skills development. Among youth participating in the AOAS program, 50% of OUD clients ages 15 and older were recommended for MAT services. 100% of OUD youth clients received education/information about harm reduction, including receiving a harm reduction care package and an overdose safety plan prior to discharge. Additionally, OUD youth clients were tested on their knowledge of opioids and harm reduction at discharge and answered 80% of the questions correctly on average.

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

Johnson County  
Residents Served:  
**3,959 (1,757 adults and 2,202 youth) through 11,154 hours of direct service and over 1,100,000 social media impressions**

ATF Award:  
\$170,000

**Description:** Johnson County Mental Health Center’s Prevention Services provide youth-focused programs, including EverFi’s AlcoholEdu, which is accessible to Johnson County school districts. Additional programs promote youth mobilization, education and training, and community engagement. These programs include End the Trend (ETT), an anti-vaping social media campaign, Youth Leadership Summit, School Prevention Roundtable (SPARK), and Connected Conversations. Caregiver supports include Parenting A Second Time Around (PASTA). PASTA is an eight-session parenting program designed for relative caregivers who are not the biological parents of the children in their care. PASTA provides information, skills and resources to enhance their ability to provide effective care for their children.

**Outcomes achieved:** In 2025, 97% of participants in the Youth Leadership Summit increased their knowledge about alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs (ATOD) prevention, as measured by self-report evaluations. Five SPARK discussions were hosted sharing best practices in prevention. 100% of SPARK participants indicated increased knowledge/awareness of the topic presented, as measured by self-report evaluations. Prevention Services hosted four Connected Conversations for middle or high schools during the fiscal year. 100% of participants indicated increased knowledge and awareness, and increased confidence in family communication skills, as measured by self-report evaluations. ETT earned over 1,100,000 social media impressions in 2025, and ETT page views were over 32,000. During the 2025 school year, 4,866 high school students participated in AlcoholEdu and demonstrated a 17% increase in knowledge across the five program modules, as measured by in-platform assessments. Additionally, 100% of caregivers who completed PASTA reported an increase in confidence and parenting skills.

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

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

Johnson County residents served:  
**202 adults through 6851 nights of housing**

ATF Award:  
\$90,000

**Description:** Artists Helping the Homeless (AHH) programming includes discharge planning and residential recovery services for Johnson County residents who are unhoused and dealing with substance abuse issues. AHH services address the complex interconnection of homelessness and substance use disorders (SUD) among adult males to help break the cycle of recovery, reuse, homelessness and incarceration. AHH programs fill a critical gap for unhoused adult males seeking recovery by providing 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. Programming includes Housing First, Recovery Oriented Systems of Care, and strengths-based management approach with clients.

**Outcomes achieved:** In 2025, AHH assisted 202 referred Johnson County residents at risk of alcohol or drug abuse. Of these referrals, 50 were provided residential recovery services. 94% of discharged participants left to their families, independent living or another step in their recovery. More than 80% of participants discharged were employed. Participants maintained a sobriety rate of 88%, based on urinalysis. No residents had interactions with law enforcement after entering the program, and only one resident required an emergency room visit.

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

Johnson County residents served:  
**50 adults through 2,743 nights of housing**

OSF Award:  
\$15,000

**OSF Abatement Strategies:**  
Prevention,  
Recovery, Linkage

**Description:** Artists Helping the Homeless' BE THE CHANGE program provides services for Johnson County unhoused men with substance use disorders through its respite houses. BE THE CHANGE fills a critical gap in the continuum of care by providing shelter, food, basic needs, and peer support so residents can focus on recovery. BE THE CHANGE uses a Housing First, recovery-oriented model and a strengths-based approach.

**Outcomes achieved:** In 2025, AHH assisted 50 Johnson County residents at detox/treatment facilities, physical and mental health hospitals, jails and other places throughout the county, as well as at AHH's respite and transitional houses. 22 Johnson County individuals received housing and supportive services. 87% of individuals enrolled in the program for more than 30 days successfully discharged. Participants maintained a sobriety rate of 86%, based on urinalysis. In 2025, AHH expanded its practices and programming to address challenges unique to prevention, use, and recovery from opioids. However, residents with opioid use disorder (OUD) had a lower discharge rate than the overall rate, indicating more

to Care, Harm Reduction

attention is needed to develop assessment criteria and support for this population.

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

Johnson County residents served: **414 youth through 75 program sessions**

ATF Award: \$25,000

**Description:** Boys and Girls Club’s Journeys: Path to Adulthood is an after-school, winter break, and summer program for youth (5 to 18 years). The Journeys: Paths to Adulthood is a comprehensive prevention initiative that educates youth 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 on topics such as drug prevention, violence prevention, conflict resolution, and personal safety. The Olathe School District provides transportation to programming from various schools. Additionally, 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.

**Outcomes achieved:** In 2025, pre/post-tests showed 71% of participants demonstrated increased knowledge of the dangers of alcohol and drug use. Additionally, 90% of participants increased their knowledge of tools and strategies to resist peer pressure and media influence. 100% of participants self-reported abstinence from drug and alcohol use.

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

Johnson County residents served: **414 youth through 112 program sessions**

OSF Award: \$25,000

**OSF Abatement Strategies: Prevention**

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

**Outcomes achieved:** In 2025, 93% of participants demonstrated increased academic achievement, such as improved grades or test scores. Additionally, 96% of participants demonstrated improved social and emotional competencies, such as communication, conflict resolution, and self-confidence. On average, 85% of participants had greater involvement and positive community contributions, measured by community service hours performed, surveys, and feedback from community organizations.

**Cornerstones of Care**

Johnson County residents served: **95 (43 youth and 52 adults) engaged in 247.5 service encounters, including telehealth**

ATF Award: \$84,000

**Description:** Cornerstones of Care provided the Functional Family Therapy (FFT) program to families navigating 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 (11 to 17 years) who are at risk for substance use. This includes youth with co-occurring mental health issues, and those involved in child welfare or juvenile justice systems. Through FFT, families enhance protective factors and interrupt patterns that contribute to substance use. Families are referred by Johnson County Juvenile Intake and Assessment Center, Court Services, Corrections, and schools, and services are provided at no cost.

**Outcomes achieved:** In 2025, 60% of program youth were not adjudicated on a violation of the law or charges related to drugs or alcohol. Additionally, 100% of program youth and families reported improvements in their abilities to communicate with one another, and 100% of program youth and families reported the level of conflict had decreased in their families.

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

Johnson County residents served: **108 (42 adults and 66 youth) through 979 hours of support services**

ATF Award: \$72,847

**Description:** First Call provides no-cost prevention programming for children and youth at nine Johnson County school sites, naloxone distribution and recovery support (at First Call and virtually), and a 24/7 crisis call line. First Call's prevention programming includes the following programs: 1) How to Cope, for families navigating substance abuse disorder; 2) Caring for Kids, an in-school psycho-educational program on effects of substance abuse disorder and establishing protective factors sobriety and life skills groups at local high schools and online; and 3) Botvin Life Skills & "Too Good" Curriculum, where students learn how to identify and respond to stressful situations without the use of nicotine, alcohol, or drugs. Additionally, First Call's Adolescent Relapse Prevention counseling group is an alternative to suspension for students who previously faced disciplinary action due to nicotine, alcohol, or drug use.

**Outcomes achieved:** In 2025, 100% of Caring for Kids participants and 97% of How to Cope participants increased their knowledge of substance use disorder, including the harmful effects of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs. 100% of adolescents who participated in First Call's Adolescent Relapse Prevention were able to identify at least three new coping mechanisms to deal with stress in triggering situations. Additionally, students who participated in Life Skills Training showed an 11% increase in their knowledge about alcohol, tobacco, drugs, and protective life skill as demonstrated on pre/post-program evaluations.

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

**Description:** First Call's Linkage to Care programming includes a 24/7 crisis call line in Johnson County. This program is focused on providing outreach, recovery support, and referrals to address substance use disorders and mental health crises. Launched in 2022, First Call's Harm Reduction services use practical approaches to reduce negative consequences of drug use, including naloxone

Johnson County residents served: **462 (412 adults and 50 youth) through 462 units of service**

OSF Award: \$43,517

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

**Friends of Recovery Association (FORA)**

Johnson County Residents Served: **1,012 (744 adults and 268 youth) through 5,009 hours of services**

ATF Award: \$60,000

**Health Partnership Clinic (HPC)**

Johnson County Residents Served: **85 (83 adults and 2 youth) through 620 patient visits**

distribution at resource fairs and other community events. First Call also provides training to civic, religious, and business groups on a wide range of topics, including harm reduction and current drug trends.

**Outcomes achieved:** In 2025, 99% of First Call’s crisis call line callers received at least one appropriate referral. Additionally, First Call distributed 145 units of naloxone and 155 substance use test strips in Johnson County. Recovery Support Service participants either did not complete the program successfully or have not been in the program long enough to have a valid Addiction Severity Index (ASI) or Arizona Self-Sufficiency Matrix (ASSM) score. One participant continues in the program.

**Description:** Friends of Recovery Association’s (FORA) Oxford Houses are self-sustaining, democratically run, transitional homes that help participants live productive, meaningful lives in recovery from substance abuse. Participants include adults who are experiencing homelessness or are at risk of homelessness, individuals with mental health challenges, and adults recently released from incarceration. FORA utilizes a peer mentorship model through alumni or current residents to help newly recovering residents.

**Outcomes achieved:** In 2025, FORA participants demonstrated a reduction in recidivism of approximately 52% when compared to 2024. Naloxone Administration and Education programming distributed a total of 224 naloxone kits to individuals, while 744 individuals received training on how to recognize the signs of an opioid overdose and properly administer naloxone. Additionally, 19 individuals received financial assistance for rent and other fees associated with entry into recovery housing.

**Description:** ATF funding supported Health Partnership Clinic’s (HPC) Substance Use Disorder Services, including partial funding for a psychiatric nurse practitioner providing 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. They provide care for low-income and uninsured populations on a sliding scale. HPC’s Substance Use Disorder program provides up to five hours of programming per week for adolescents and eight hours per week for adults. Additional programming includes behavioral intervention, relapse prevention, social support and education in individual, group, and family therapy settings. HPC utilizes the

ATF Award:  
\$89,250

SAMHSA-endorsed Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) tool during primary care visits. HPC utilizes Hazelton’s Living in Balance for substance use disorder treatment, and the evidence-based Motivational Interviewing and MAT to support recovery.

**Outcomes achieved:** In 2025, 94% of patients indicated they were satisfied with the overall care they received. 69% of patients receiving substance use disorder services who reported homelessness on the Protocol for Responding to and Assessing Patient Assets, Risks, and Experiences (PRAPARE) tool were referred to housing services. Of the 71% of patients receiving MAT services, 70% were compliant with their medications.

**Heartland Regional Alcohol and Drug Assessment Center (HRADAC)**

Johnson County Residents Served:  
**175 adults through 175 service encounters**

**Description:** Heartland Regional Alcohol and Drug Assessment Center’s (HRADAC) Intensive Case Management (ICM) provides services for Johnson County adults experiencing homelessness who have a substance use disorder and a co-occurring mental and/or physical health issue. The ICM program focuses on crisis management, intervention, stabilization, connection to recovery services, and assistance in securing safe and sober housing. Programming combines clinical services, peer support, and Barrier Reduction Dollars (BRD) to engage clients regardless of their current substance use and other co-occurring issues. In addition to program staff salaries, ATF supported direct assistance for housing services and barrier reduction, as well as access to Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) when clinically appropriate.

ATF Award:  
\$230,000

**Outcomes achieved:** During 2025, 95% of clients accessed recovery activities while receiving ICM Services. Additionally, 70% accessed substance abuse treatment; 75% of clients accessed 12-step and other recovery support groups; and 49% of clients engaged in Recovery-Oriented Systems of Care (ROSC) activities with a Recovery Coach. 70% of individuals secured safe housing while receiving services. 37 individuals obtained permanent housing, and 22 individuals obtained transitional housing. In 2025, 166 HRADAC clients had co-occurring mental health issues, and of those, 68% received mental health services.

**KidsTLC**

Johnson County Residents Served: **6 youth through 37 clinical and education hours**

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

ATF Award:  
\$60,397

**Outcomes achieved:** In 2025, 92% of youth receiving substance use services abstained from drugs/alcohol during passes (break outside of the PRTF facility), as measured by a physician-ordered urine analysis upon the youth's return. 100% of youth demonstrated an improved outlook after treatment, measured by their self-assessment at admission and discharge. 88% of youth who were discharged from the PRTF program and received substance use treatment self-reported a maintenance or decrease in problem severity between admission and discharge as measured by the Ohio Scales survey. The survey measures client satisfaction, problem severity, functioning, and hopefulness, is completed by both youth and parents/caregivers at admission, discharge, and every 30 days. 100% of youth who have been discharged from the PRTF program and who have received substance use treatment reported an increase in hopefulness and increase in functioning (Ohio Scales). 100% responded with a 4 or 5 (very confident or somewhat confident) indicating they feel that "my counselor is willing to help me access services that I need." 100% of youth discharged from the substance use program had at least one community follow-up appointment scheduled at the time of discharge. 100% of youth in the three adolescent units in the PRTF program (ages 13 and over) received one 60-minute psychoeducation prevention group each week during their treatment.

**KVC Behavioral HealthCare**

Johnson County Residents Served: **67 (36 adults and 31 youth) received 933 hours of assessment and treatment**

ATF Award: \$66,000

**Description:** KVC's Family Substance Abuse Recovery Services for Johnson County families support those who have had children removed to foster care or who have been referred by Kansas Department of Children and Families (DCF). Family Substance Abuse Recovery Services provide in-home substance abuse treatment and recovery services to caregivers and youth who are being served within the foster care 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 refer them to Family Substance Abuse Recovery Services. Outpatient, in-home treatment is determined using the Kansas Client Placement Criteria (KCPC) recommendations and the families' willingness to participate. When the KCPC indicates 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.

**Outcomes achieved:** In 2025, 82% of KVC's outpatient services were provided in home or via telehealth in the client's home, when requested by the client. Services provided in the office or community were requested by the client due to lack of internet access, privacy or safety in the home. Eco-Mapping was used to measure the number of supportive connections, thus contributing to stability and positive lifestyle change. Individuals engaged in treatment long enough to complete Eco-Mapping more than once showed a 25% increase in community connections. Based on the Advance Warning of Relapse (AWARE) risk assessment and Eco-Mapping, 37% of clients experienced a decrease in relapse risk after treatment,

50% experienced stable risk, and 16% showed an increase in relapse risk and were referred for additional treatment.

**Mirror, Inc.**

Johnson County  
Residents Served:  
**76 adults through  
2,359 days of  
service**

ATF Award:  
\$301,510

**Description:** Mirror’s Co-occurring Disorder (COD) Residential Treatment program for Johnson County residents serves clients living below 200% of Federal Poverty Level. This program reduces barriers to treatment and shortens wait times for clients by removing them from lengthy waitlists for state-funded beds. Expedited substance abuse and mental health 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), peer mentoring services, and transportation services for mental health, dental, medical, and other social service appointments. Additional support is provided to address barriers to recovery such as legal, housing and employment.

**Outcomes achieved:** In 2025, COD clients had a 74% successful completion rate. 58% of clients reported increased confidence when rating their ability to handle high-risk situations that can lead to substance use. 100% of clients with additional needs were referred to appropriate services within their community. Additionally, 100% of clients who identified as housing insecure received financial support, including deposits to Oxford House and other sober living options.

**Mirror, Inc.**

Johnson County  
Residents Served:  
**43 adults through  
516 intervention or  
transportation  
services**

OSF Award: \$5,227

**Description:** Mirror’s Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) provides services for clients with co-occurring substance use and mental health disorders who are unable to otherwise access MAT. MAT combines FDA-approved medications with counseling and behavioral therapies to treat substance use disorders. MAT clients also receive other COD services, including Person Centered Case Management (PCCM) and peer mentoring.

**Outcomes achieved:** In 2025, 67% of COD clients successfully completed outpatient treatment. At discharge, 83% of employment-eligible COD clients were either employed, enrolled in an employment program, or participated in some form of education. 83% of clients were housing secure.

**OSF Abatement  
Strategies:**

Treatment,  
Recovery, Linkage  
to Care

**NCircle**

Johnson County  
Residents Served:

**Description:** NCircle’s College of Trades (COT) partners with Johnson County Department of Corrections to provide on-site employment and life skills training for individuals who are incarcerated in the residential substance use Treatment Center (TC). COT is offered to individuals at high-risk of unemployment or

**130 adults through 2,869 hours of service**

OSF Award: \$57,913

recidivism upon release, with a goal to end the cycle of incarceration and stabilize families. Program participants are assessed using the Employment Readiness Scale (ERS) before and after training completion. NCircle coordinates with Johnson County Community College, Engage South KC, the Johnson County Library, and the Johnson County Community College Foundation to deliver job training and classes. There is no charge for individuals to participate in this program and to obtain trade certifications.

**OSF Abatement**

**Strategies:**

Prevention, Harm Reduction, Workforce Development

**Outcomes achieved:** In 2025, COT participants' ERS results increased by 18% in Job Maintenance, increased by 25% in social supports and increased by 25% in career decision making. 93% of participants completed Essential Skills for Workplace Advancement. 37% of clients completed at least two digital literacy certificates, and 100% of clients who were eligible for employment were employed at program completion. NCircle continues to partner with Johnson County Department of Corrections to collect data about individuals receiving services and track progress as well as recidivism.

**Preferred Family Healthcare (PFH)**

Johnson County Residents Served: **129 (116 adults and 13 youth) engaged in 1,862 hours of treatment services**

ATF Award: \$100,000

**Description:** Preferred Family Healthcare's (PFH) Olathe Substance Use Disorder (SUD) and Co-Occurring Disorder (COD) treatment center provided services for uninsured/underinsured and low-income clients. Evidence-based treatment interventions included Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Motivational Interviewing, and Motivational Enhancement Therapy. PFH offered services on an income-based sliding fee scale.

**Outcomes achieved:** In 2025, PFH provided substance use disorder (SUD) treatment services to individuals with documented need who could not otherwise afford treatment. Among participants who completed random urinalysis testing between January and June, 79% demonstrated abstinence from substance use. 29% of participants (who are not disabled or retired) obtained and/or maintained employment or academic activities. 40% of clients successfully completed the treatment program, as measured by PFH Olathe's discharge criteria. PFH stopped providing services in summer of 2025.

*Only \$50,000 was distributed due to early closure of services.*

**Futures First (Formerly The Family Conservancy)**

Johnson County Residents Served:

**Description:** Futures First's Conscious Discipline provides programming for children, families, and teachers at Johnson County Early Childhood Mental Health sites. Conscious Discipline is an evidence-based, self-regulation program that integrates social-emotional learning and discipline and fosters healthy development to reduce future risk of substance abuse. Additional resources include substance use screenings, creation and distribution of a newly developed and annually updated community resource guide on substance abuse/misuse,

**715 (277 adults and 438 youth) through 8,026 hours of services including coaching sessions**

ATF Award:  
\$40,000

substance use education and counseling services, and treatment referrals as appropriate.

**Outcomes achieved:** In 2025, 63 individuals attended at least one Conscious Discipline class. 100% of parents and caregivers who completed programming showed an increase in four of the program's seven positive parenting skills/abilities. 92% of parents and teachers reported they were able to apply at least 5 of 10 positive impact strategies learned. Additionally, clients exhibited improved mental health functioning due to access to therapy appointments, as indicated by 85% of available appointments utilized.

**Valley Hope Foundation**

Johnson County Residents Served:  
**36 adults through 36 patient assistance services**

ATF Award:  
\$30,000

**Description:** Valley Hope Foundation's 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 Atchison and Overland Park for adults with substance use disorder. They serve primarily middle- to low-income individuals, including a large veteran population. Patient Assistance Program funds are distributed based on financial need and the patient's positive and productive engagement in the treatment process.

**Outcomes achieved:** In 2025, Valley Hope Foundation provided 36 Johnson County residents financial assistance to complete their treatment. 96% of those patients completed at least 18 of the recommended 28-day stay in residential care or completed at least half of the appropriate outpatient or continuing care program. Additionally, 85% of patients completed a discharge plan, and 86% consented to ongoing communication and connection to treatment or their recovery community.

## APPENDIX A: 2025 DRUG AND ALCOHOLISM COUNCIL OF JOHNSON COUNTY MEMBERS

*Piper Reimer, Chair, City of Prairie Village Representative*  
*Steven Shrout, Vice Chair, City of Lenexa Representative*  
*Dr. Sarah Gilliland, DNP, Secretary, Olathe School District, School District Representative\*\**  
*Judge Jason Billam, Community Volunteer*  
*Jason Bohn, LPC, Renew Counseling Center*  
*Major Chris Brokaw, Merriam Police Department, City of Merriam Representative*  
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*Jenny Cappelatti, City of Gardner Representative*  
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*Elizabeth Landau, City of Olathe Representative*  
*Judge John McEntee, 10<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, Community Volunteer*  
*Sandra Miller, 10<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, Community Volunteer*  
*Sharon Morris, Community Volunteer\*\**  
*Ashley Reece, Community Volunteer*  
*Joy Springfield, Kansas Legal Services, Community Volunteer*

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

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

### *UCS Staff Support*

*Erika García Reyes, Director of Resource Allocation*  
*Erin Weston, Special Projects Manager*

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

### Alcohol Tax Funds (ATF)

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

Programs are defined as follows:

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

### Opioid Settlement Funds (OSF)

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

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

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

### JOHNSON COUNTY REGION FUNDING PRIORITIES FOR SUF

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- Programs that support early education evidence-based prevention programs and mental health services and supports in schools, including school-based contacts and outreach.
- Programs and services providing training and workforce development for individuals providing support for this population.
- New and/or expansions of existing evidence-based or evidence-informed programs specifically focused on OUD and OUD/MH.

- Programs that expand warm hand-off and recovery services for OUD, SUD and SUD/MH to provide comprehensive wrap-around services, including housing, transportation, education, job training, and childcare.
- Programs that expand reintegration services for individuals in recovery, including recovery centers and peer support as well as supportive housing, and community navigators.

*Approved by Drug and Alcoholism Council*

*April 12, 2024*