

Preliminary Committee Discussion Topics from Committee Conversation – November 17, 2020 – JCCJJO

- Encourage KDOC, DCF, OJA, and others involved with crossover youth to make these youth aware of funding available for higher education.
- Request committee introduction of the following six bills that passed the House or were recommended favorably by the House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice during the 2020 Legislature; that each bill be introduced both in the House and in the Senate; and that the chairperson and vice-chairperson of CJJO meet with leadership following the December elections to try to collaborate between chambers to expedite the consideration of the bills, including joint committee hearings between the House and Senate. The six bills are HB 2708; HB 2494; HB 2485; HB 2518; HB 2469; and HB 2484.
- Look at ongoing pilot projects involving early intervention and early childhood, and potential impact of these. Examples include Attachment Biobehavioral Catch-Up (ABC) and the Parent Project.
- Recommend Legislature hold firm on limitations placed on Evidence-Based Programs Account of the State General Fund and not use it to balance the state budget.
- Recommend an expedited study of the potential of repurposing the Kansas Juvenile Correctional Complex in Topeka, perhaps for adult DOC use, and create three smaller, regionally dispersed juvenile facilities in south-central, north-east, and possibly the former juvenile correctional facility in Larned; including the potential use of juvenile reinvestment funds and bonding paid through the juvenile detention facilities fund to fund such a project without new SGF funding. The purpose would be to keep juvenile offenders in closer proximity to families.
- Advancing the progress of juvenile crisis intervention centers.
- Address the systemic overpopulation of female inmates at the Topeka Correctional Facility.
- Explore improvements to juvenile legal defense system and juvenile expungement and their costs to juveniles.
- Recommend persons coming out of prison have the opportunity to be involved in Work Keys or another nationally-recognized educational program to prepare them for work, and that work preparation be emphasized.
 - Can CARES Act funding be used for some of these services for women?