

Juvenile Case Management

JIAC can provide up to twelve weeks of strengths-based case management free of charge to youth and their families.

Case managers work closely with youth and families to set attainable goals in areas such as family relations, employment, extracurricular activities, and education. Case managers focus on strengths of youth and families while also empowering them to set their own goals.

Case management services are voluntary but participation in case management is viewed favorably by the court and the District Attorney's Office.

Information Sharing

Confidential records obtained through the JIAC screening processes regarding individual youth and their families are protected and will be released to other agencies only as determined necessary by the JIAC Manager for the good of the youth to obtain access to needed services for the youth and their families and/or to further facilitate treatment. JIAC records are governed by state law.

As an important legal safeguard, JIAC screening information cannot be used

to determine guilt or innocence in court.

Johnson County JIAC provides community and state service providers with valuable information regarding trends in juvenile crime and delinquency by collecting data and comparing it to JIAC's throughout the state. This collection of information leads to higher quality services and a better distribution of resources throughout the state of Kansas.

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Frequently Asked Questions

Why has my child been brought to JIAC?

Youth can be brought to JIAC by any law enforcement officer. Youth can be brought in as either juvenile offenders or Children in Need of Care (CINC). If your child has been brought to JIAC, a police report has been written in his/her regard.

Why did I receive a Notice to Appear (NTA) with instructions to schedule an appointment with JIAC?

In some cases, law enforcement officers have discretion on whether to bring youth directly to JIAC or release them to parents with an NTA. In either case, JIAC is still mandated to screen the youth.

What happens at JIAC?

Fingerprints and DNA may be taken depending on why the youth has been brought to JIAC. This is done pursuant to Kansas statutes. JIAC staff will also complete state mandated and locally required screenings in order to offer appropriate services to youth and families.

Why youth are screened?

Screenings are done primarily so that appropriate services can be offered to youth and families. Data is also provided to the Kansas Juvenile Justice Authority pursuant to Kansas statutes.

What type of services may be offered?

There are a number of different services that can be offered to youth and families. Services may include case management, substance abuse services, mental health services, family counseling, and anger management.

Are these services mandatory?

All referrals made by JIAC are completely voluntary. However, participation in these services is viewed favorably by the District Attorney's Office and the courts, especially when diversion may be an option.

If my child is taken to JIAC, is he/she still in my custody?

When brought to JIAC, your child is in the custody of law enforcement. Every effort will be made to determine the safest and most appropriate release of your child, with most returned to their parents at the conclusion of the process.

Community safety has to be carefully monitored, and if a youth has serious offenses or a lengthy history of offenses, placement in the Juvenile Detention Center (JDC) may be warranted. Some youth continue in Police Protective Custody (PPC) and are considered Children In Need of Care (CINC). In these cases, the child will be placed in a foster home or shelter facility until a temporary custody hearing is held. If intake staff have any reason to believe a youth is not safe to return home, alternative placements may be pursued.

Does my child need an Attorney?

It is not necessary to have an attorney present for the JIAC screening. Information gained from these screenings cannot be used to determine guilt or innocence in court and will not be used by the District Attorney's Office when making decisions about possible charges.