

# Juvenile Crisis Intervention Center

*Group Boarding Home and Residential Center Regulations have not been updated since 1986.*



## Background

The Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF) has proposed the following rules and regulations for Juvenile Crisis Intervention Centers (JCIC) as set forth by 2018 House Substitute for SB 179. This bill defined JCIC's as facility that provides short term observation, assessment, treatment, and case planning, and referral for any juvenile who is experiencing a mental health crisis and is likely to cause harm to self or others. Once passed, K.S.A 65-563 (effective July 1, 2018) required DCF to being a JCIC by January 1, 2019 to meet these defined needs.

A comparative analysis was completed from other states for Juvenile Crisis Intervention Centers: The comparison involved Mobile Crisis Stabilization Regulations from Wisconsin, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Kentucky, Iowa and Florida.

The regulations were then drafted after reviewing new state Mobile Crisis Stabilization Regulations in K.S.A 65-536 requirements and Kansas Staff Secure Center Regulations.

In May 2018, during the initial phases of drafting the proposed regulations, staff from the DCF Foster Home and Residential Facility Licensing Division consulted with the Kansas Association of Community Mental Health Centers to gather input. Once a draft of the regulations was completed in August 2018, the draft was distributed to various Community Mental Health Centers for comment. These comments were compiled by the Kansas Association of Community Mental Health Centers and received and incorporated into the draft regulations by staff from the DCF Foster Home and Residential Facility Licensing Division in September 2018. Also in September 2018, staff met with the Director of Juvenile Services Center for Johnson County Department of Corrections.

Additionally, an initial public hearing was held in 2018/2019 on the drafted regulations where an individual representing Family Service and Guidance Center appeared to gather information but were not looking to open a JCIC.

Once agency drafting of the regulations were started and sent to the AOF and AG office, the regulations were reviewed and sent back for corrections. The agency decided to put the regulations on hold due to an absence of interest to open a JCIC and work stopped the revision process for a period of time and then resumed.

At the end of 2022 and through 2023 Johnson County stakeholders renewed interest and DCF restarted the process for final review and promulgation, which was completed in August 2023. The public comment hearing will be on March 8, 2024.

Currently, both Johnson and Sedgwick counties have conveyed interest in opening a JCIC facility.

## Helpful Definitions:

*A QRTP and YRC II are licensed as residential centers or Group Boarding Home.*

### **Group Boarding Home:**

- Twenty-four-hour nonsecure care for five to 10 children between the ages of infancy and 16 years of age.

### **Residential Center:**

- Twenty-four-hour nonsecure care for more than 10 children between the ages of infancy and 16 years of age.

### **Juvenile Crisis Intervention Center (JCIC):**

- A JCIC is a facility that provides short-term observation, assessment, treatment and case planning, and referral for any juvenile who is experiencing a mental health crisis and is likely to cause harm to self or others.

## Regulatory Comparison Residential Center and Juvenile Crisis Intervention Center

<b>Requirement/ Service</b>	<b>Residential Center</b>	<b>Juvenile Crisis Intervention Center</b>	<b>Statutory Requirement</b>	<b>Regulatory Reference</b>
<b>License capacity</b>	Based on square footage	Based on square footage and single occupancy bedrooms		30-47-107
<b>Staffing requirements</b>	1:7 day time hours 1:10 sleeping hours	1:6 Male/female staff required if male/female residents No fewer than 2 staff on duty		28-4-271
<b>Direct care staff qualifications</b>	18 years old, high school diploma or GED	21 years old high school diploma or Ged, 2 years' experience supervising children in a facility or 45 clock hours training in child care/child development/ psychology or related field before supervising youth		28-4-271 30-47-108

<b>Professional staff requirements</b>	Director	Psychiatrist Nurse Qualified mental health professional		28-4-271 30-47-110
<b>Training requirements</b>	18 hours annually	10 hours orientation training within 7 days of employment 40 hours additional training before the staff can count in ratio 20 hours annually		28-4-271 30-47-109
<b>Supervision sight/sound</b>		Direct supervision		30-47-110
<b>Education for youth</b>	Through local school district	Through local school district by a qualified teacher, may be online		30-47-116
<b>Library for youth</b>	Not required	Not required		n/a
<b>Single Occupancy Rooms</b>	Up to licensee	Single room occupancy required		30-47-107
<b>30 Day Stay</b>	N/A	Shall not exceed 30 days	Required by KSA 65-536	30-47-112
<b>Must be screened in by qualified screener</b>	N/A	Must be screened in to be admitted	Required by 65-536	30-47-112
<b>Food service</b>	Provided by licensee or catered	Provided by licensee or catered.		28-4-278 30-47-124
<b>Programming</b>	Licensee identifies what programming and services they provide	Assessment of juveniles mental health and current needs Case plan developed within 3 days of admission	KSA 65-536 requires 14 days of admission the treatment shall be in collaboration with the MCO as applicable	28-4-274 30-47-116