

# SB 123 Program Update

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- The mission of the SB 123 Program is to ensure **public safety** while effectively addressing prison **recidivism** by providing community-based substance abuse treatment to targeted, non-violent, drug offenders having substance abuse disorders.
- Since 2003, the SB 123 program has provided funding for thousands of Kansans struggling with addiction.

## SB 123 Mission Statement

# SB 123 Changes & Developments

Continued response  
to COVID-19  
pandemic  
conditions

KDOC's ATHENA  
data system  
(as of April 2021)

Adoption of HB  
2026 population

# SB 123 Continued Response to COVID-19 Pandemic

## Telehealth

- All Outpatient Modalities
- Audio/visual and telephonic platforms
- To continue indefinitely

## Timely Filing Waiver Review

- Review of requests for timely filing waivers
  - Staffing
  - Eligibility delays
- Billing education and coaching for providers with staffing changes through Beacon Health Options

# Direct Effects of COVID-19 on the SB 123 Program

- Reduced Total Expenditures
  - Providers were unable to render some services
    - Social Distancing/Quarantine requirements
    - Staff reduction, illness, or office closures
    - Policies regarding inpatient care and group size
  - Offenders were not being sentenced at the same rate
    - Fewer offenders entering the program
    - Staffing difficulties and delays in court and supervisory agencies
    - Continuing to see this trend
- Change in the utilization of modalities
  - Specifically, **Outpatient Group** (17%-22%) and **Reintegration** (10.9%-5.6%)
  - Staffing, bed space, illness protocols

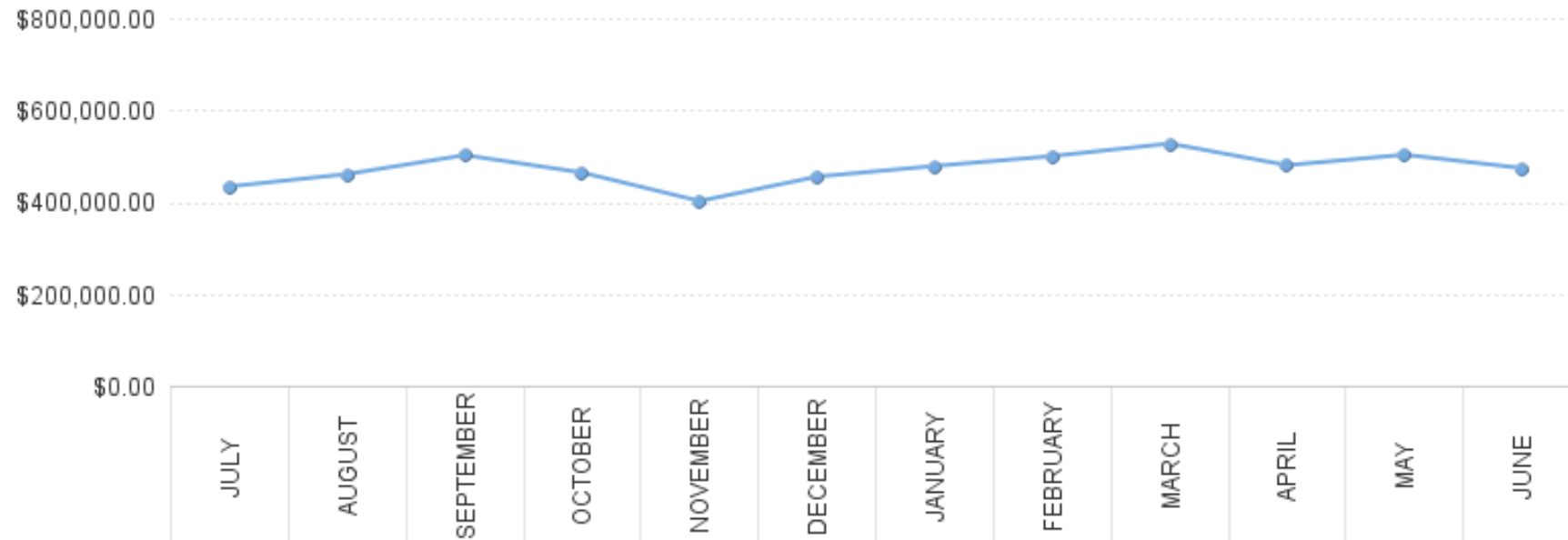
# FY21 Total Annual Expenditures

- Post-sentence assessment and treatment
  - \$5,678,580
  - Approximate cost per offender- \$3,640
- Pre-sentence assessment
  - \$197,400
- **Total**
  - **\$5,875,980**

FY21 continues with the **reduction in services and expenditure** seen over the course of the pandemic.

# FY21 Total Expenditures by Month

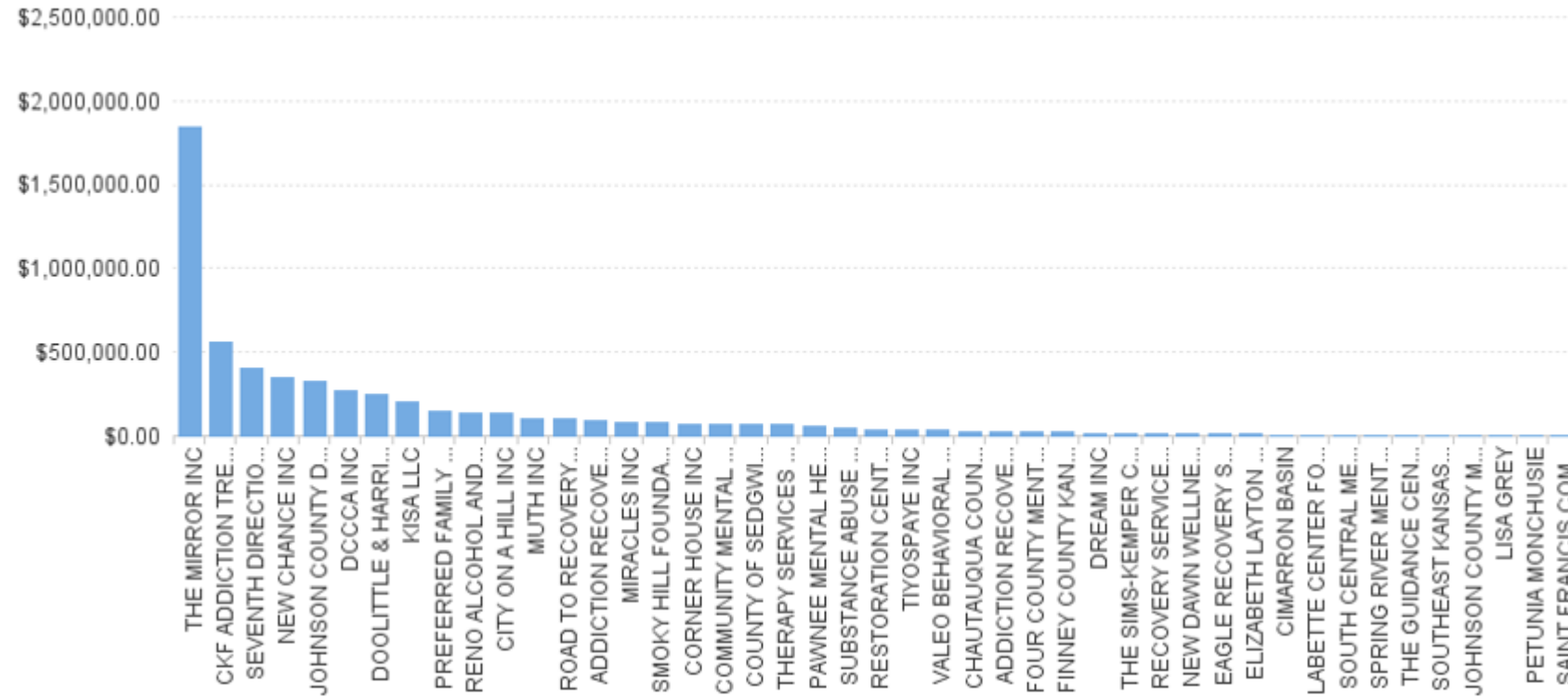
Total Paid Amount by Begin Service Month Name and Begin Service Year



\* Final Expenditure Numbers May Vary Slightly

# FY21 Expenditures by Provider

Total Paid Amount by Provider Name



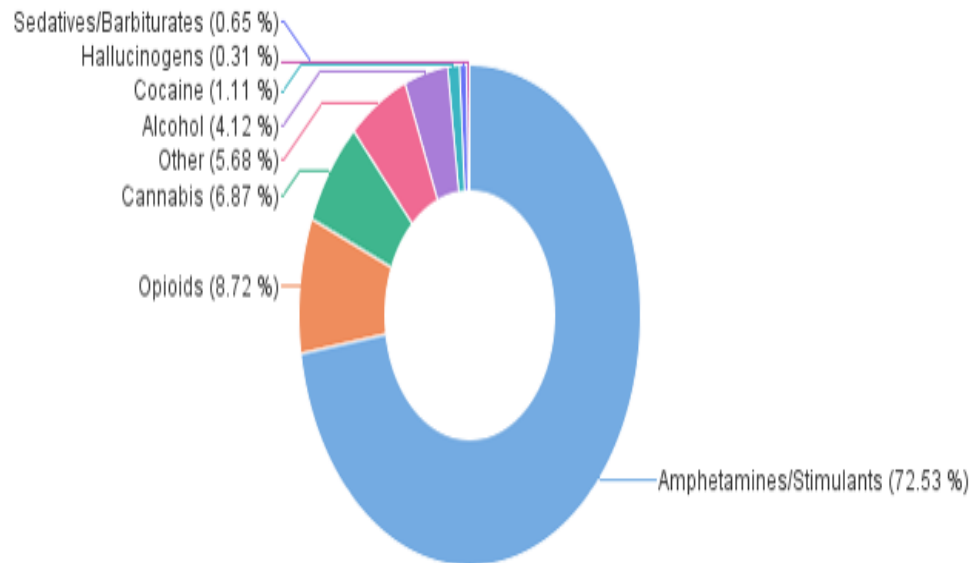


# Expenditures by Diagnosis

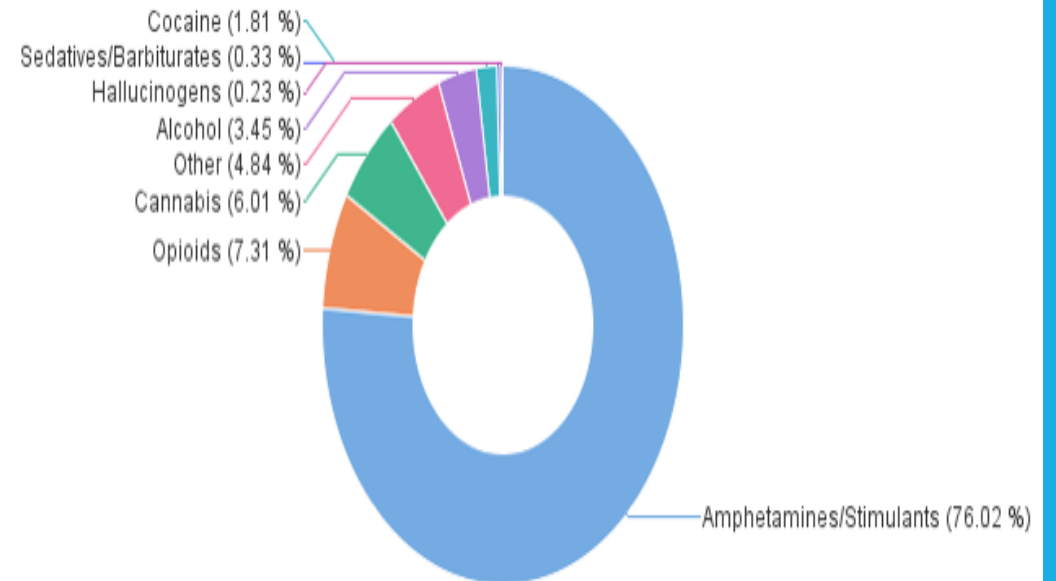
FY21

FY20

Total Paid Amount by Diagnosis



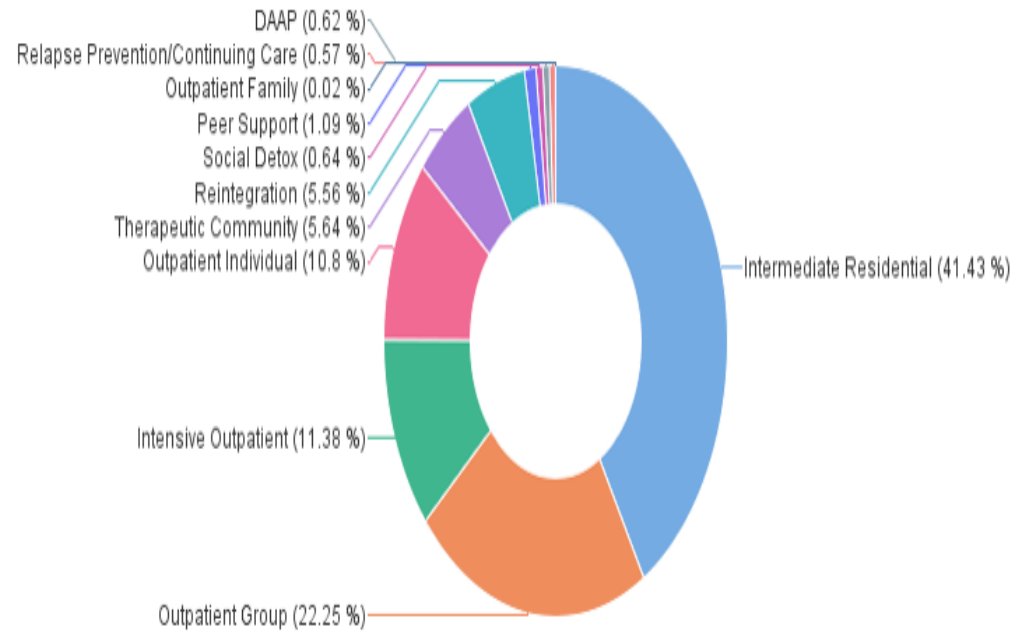
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# Expenditures by Modality

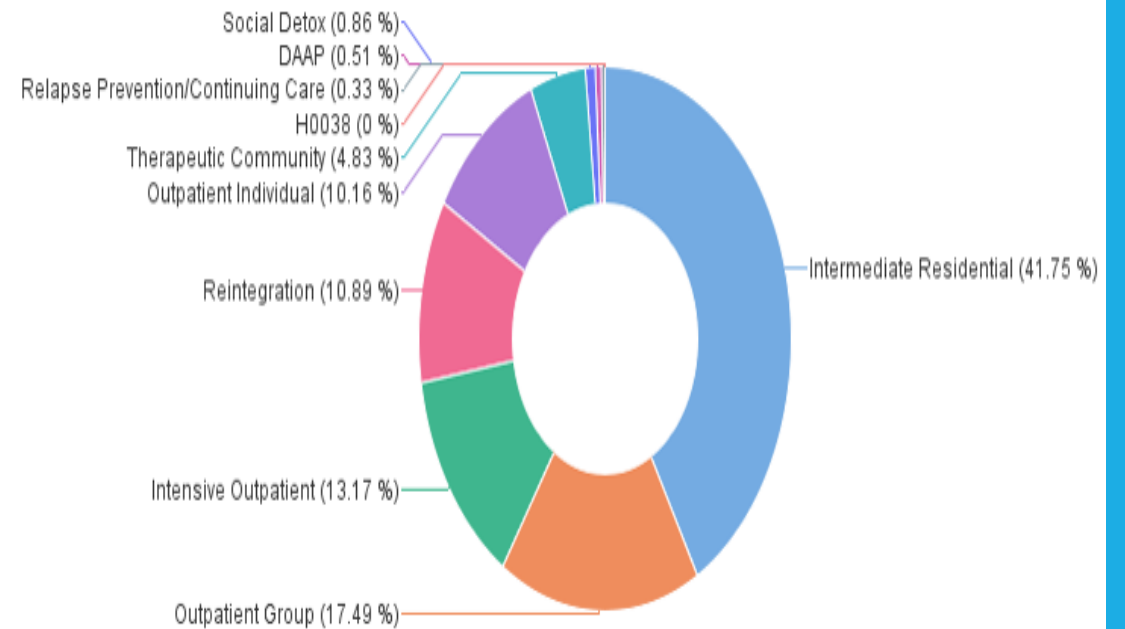
## FY21

Total Paid Amount by Service

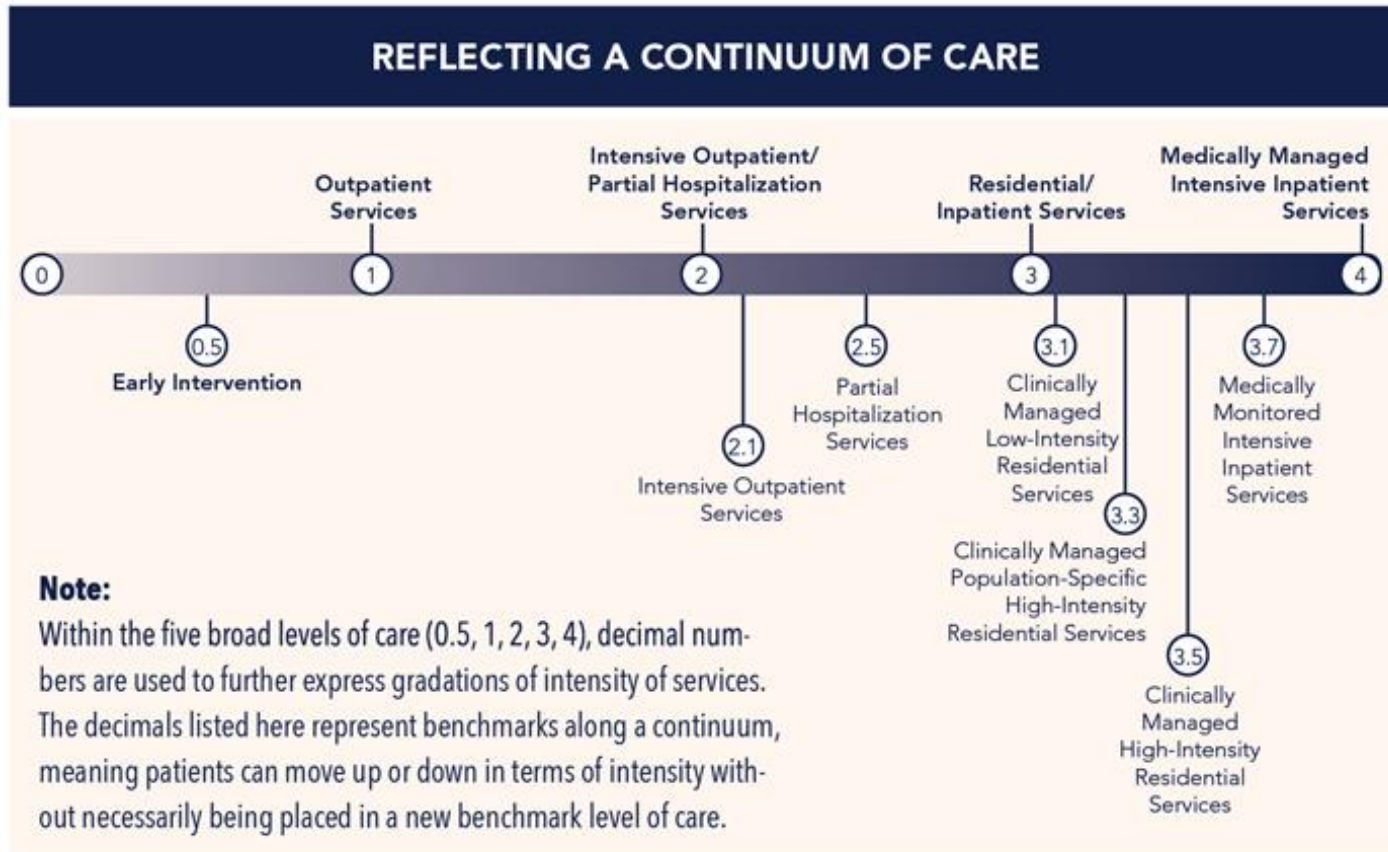


## FY20

Total Paid Amount by Service



# FY21 Trends (Non-COVID-19)



- Continuum of Care
  - Expectation for offender to attend treatment for duration of 18-month probation, as necessary
  - Trend utilizing more-intensive services for shorter duration
    - Revolving-door/antibiotic effect
    - Ongoing utilization issues with IOP
      - High utilization, Low weekly hours
- Response
  - Educational outreach
  - Consideration of incentives/consequences

# SB 18

- Allows access to funding for Level 4 offenders (small sales)
- Unclear how this will be utilized into the future

FY19

1 offender

FY20

28 offenders

# HB 2026

- Allows access to funding for those granted diversion
- Supervision
  - OJA
  - KDOC
  - DA's offices
- Entitled to same modalities over 18 months as SB 123 clients
  - Providers will be the same and be subject to certification requirements
  - May have different level of care needs
- Data collection & eligibility
  - Challenging
  - 3+ data sources
  - Entries contributed by a variety of professionals
  - Collaborating with Beacon Health Options on solutions for integrated data and eligibility collection and maintenance
  - Unique forms for HB 2026
- Funding
  - Payment for services will be paid out of SB 123 funding for this fiscal year

# FY21 SB 123 Program Growth

## Peer Mentorship

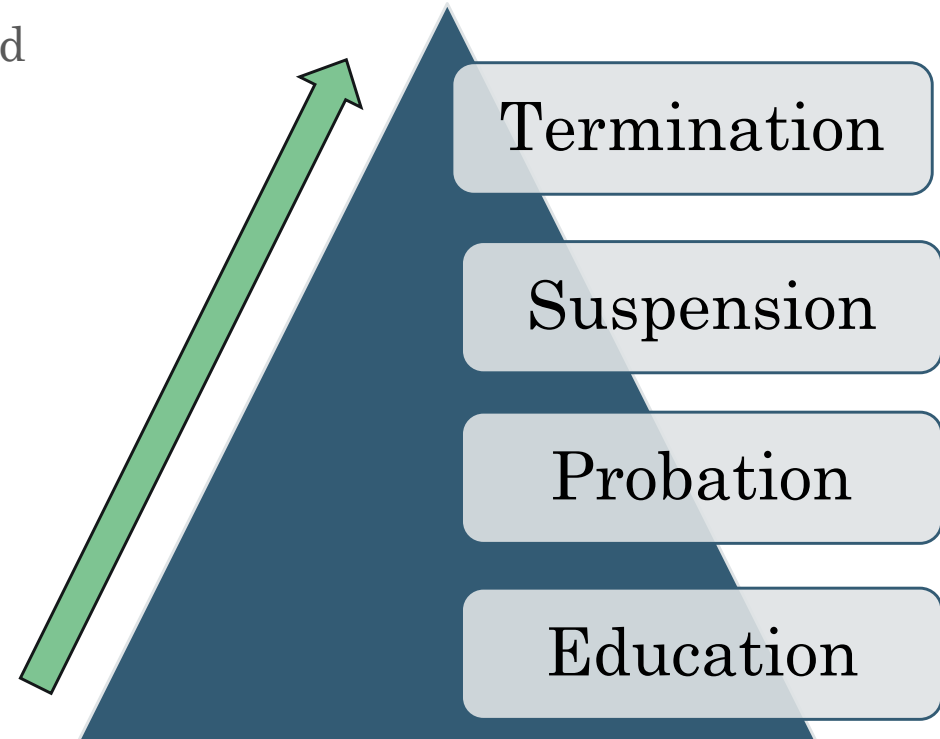
- Popular, efficacious, research-supported, inexpensive
- 33 peer mentors have completed KDOC certification training in FY21

## Telehealth

- Approved for all Outpatient services
- Public safety and access to services
- Informs the future of treatment funding

# SB 123 Program Growth

- Graduated Sanctions Model for Treatment Providers
  - Allows for **consistent, formally documented response** to violation of program policy and creation of structured corrective action plan
  - Majority of interventions in this model will be educational in nature
  - **Goal:** Ensure good stewardship of funding and increase positive outcomes
- Development of Anchored Audit Tool



- Incorporation of HB 2026
- Educational Outreach & Training
- Encouragement of appropriate utilization of evidence-based dose of treatment and continuum of care
- Creation of policy under the approved Graduated Sanctions Model
- Move payment of presentence assessments to Beacon Health Options
- Examine outcome data and increase outcome metrics
- Foster positive interactions among stakeholders

## Goals for FY22



**SB 123  
Virtual  
Conference**

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October 12, 2021

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Via Zoom

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Program update

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Specialized breakout sessions by  
stakeholder interest

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Free to stakeholders

(Now with greater Zoom capacity!)

# Thank you!

- On behalf of the SB 123 Team, thank you for doing your part to make this program a success and improve the lives and safety of Kansas citizens!



# Questions?

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