

Introduction:

The SB 123 Program (including SB 123, SB 123+, and the Recovery from Addiction Funded Treatment diversion program “RAFT”) provides funding for assessment and treatment services for qualifying adult offenders who are sentenced to probation or granted diversion and are required to successfully complete a certified substance use disorder (SUD) treatment program.

To be eligible for funding, SB 123 providers must be: licensed with the Kansas Department on Aging and Disability Services, (KDADS), employ licensed SUD counselors in active, good standing with the Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board (BSRB), and must be approved by the Kansas Sentencing Commission (KSSC) to provide various modalities of treatment to SB 123 offenders.

There are six primary partners involved in administration of the SB 123 program, each with their own responsibilities.

The Kansas Sentencing Commission (KSSC):

- *Determines billable services (treatment modalities and cost caps).*
- *Reimburses providers for SB 123 assessment & treatment services rendered.*
- *Analyzes SB 123 data to identify potential program improvements.*
- *Collaborates with Carelon Behavioral Health for billing, utilization data, and invoicing issues.*
- *Certifies and trains SUD treatment providers and their clinical staff who wish to receive funding for assessments and SUD treatment services to SB 123 clients.*
- *Monitors KDADS and BSRB license renewals/updates and training certifications for all SUD treatment providers and their staff.*
- *Coordinates and conducts treatment provider site visits and file reviews.*
- *Provides coaching and consultation with providers and clinical staff when necessary.*
- *Maintains accurate SUD provider locations and approved modalities.*
- *Collaborates with treatment providers in coordination with other SB 123 program partners.*

Treatment Providers:

- *Abide by applicable drug and alcohol licensing regulations/standards of the State of Kansas and SB 123 program policies established by KSSC.*
- *Adhere to all pre-service and ongoing training requirements for respective provider licensure.*
- *Maintain current records as required by KSSC and Community Corrections in a manner that meets the Kansas Department of Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) and Kansas Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board (KSBSRB) licensure standards.*
- *Maintain current licensure to practice in the state of Kansas and notify KSSC within 60 calendar days should licensure status change.*
- *Execute appropriate confidential release of information forms.*
- *Cooperate with auditing efforts for all governing and auditing agencies.*
- *Comply with the KSSC established cost caps for each approved treatment modality.*
- *Provide access to assessment and treatment services within three (3) business days of referral.*
- *Obtain and update training relative to required assessment tools and treatment curricula (as applicable).*

Community Corrections Agencies:

- *Completes offender criminogenic risk/needs assessment (LSCMI or WRNA).*
- *Supervises clients sentenced to probation and SB 123 treatment services.*
- *Refers clients to certified SB 123 providers for assessment and/or treatment.*
- *Communicates and collaborates with treatment providers and counselors to ensure supervision and treatment plans are in alignment.*
- *Holds offenders accountable for violations of supervision and/or treatment program requirements through use of graduated sanctions up to and including removal from treatment and revocation of supervision.*
- *Supervises some offenders granted diversion under the RAFT program.*
- *Completes accurate offender information in KDOC database “Athena”.*

Court Services Offices (CSO):

- *Supervises some offenders granted diversion under the RAFT program.*
- *Supervisory duties are similar to those for Community Corrections.*

The Kansas Department of Aging and Disability Services (KDADS):

- *The licensing and regulatory body for substance abuse treatment providers in Kansas.*

The Kansas Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board (BSRB):

- *The licensing and regulatory body for addictions counselors and other addiction/mental health professionals in Kansas.*

TREATMENT PROVIDER APPLICATION PROCESS – STEP 1

- ***Reach out to SB 123 Certification Specialist Gwyn Harvey (gwyn.s.harvey@ks.gov) to provide initial documentation and sign up for four-hour virtual training.***

TREATMENT PROVIDER APPLICATION PROCESS – STEP 2

- ***Identify Cognitive-Behavioral (CBT) Evidence Based Practice(s) that will be utilized to provide SUD treatment to offenders.***
 - *Evidence Based Practices (EBPs) are those that represent the conscientious and judicious use of current best evidence in conjunction with clinical expertise and patient values to guide treatment decisions. The research supporting the EBP must be recent, widely accepted by the professional community, and must be shown to be efficacious when working with SUD and legally involved populations.*
 - *These may include primary/core treatment curricula (e.g., Thinking for a Change, SAP, CBT SUD, etc.) and complementary treatment components (SAMHSA Anger Management, CBT Coping Skills).*
 - *At least one core treatment curriculum must be identified, and proof of appropriate training/certification provided for those administering and/or supervising the provision of services provided.*
 - *EBP curricula must be appropriate to the modality in which it will be delivered.*
 - *Cognitive Behavioral Intervention Concepts (CBIC) and Cognitive Behavioral Intervention Tools (CBIT), previously offered by KDOC, will no longer be approved for use with the SB 123 population.*

Each curriculum must be delivered with fidelity including the prescribed number of facilitators, group members, number of sessions, etc.

TREATMENT PROVIDER APPLICATION PROCESS – STEP 3

- **Complete KSSC Treatment Provider Certification Application.**
- **Complete an Implementation Plan to KSSC.**
 - *Implementation Plan must detail how the chosen curriculum will be integrated into treatment modalities offered (i.e., Outpatient Group, IOP). The EBP must be delivered with fidelity to the curriculum and in accordance with the KSSC Cost Caps and minimum service requirements.*
 - *Adjunctive EBPs must also be outlined and delivered with fidelity to the original source materials.*
 - *Include all relevant documentation:*
 - Copy of KDADS License*
 - Copy of KDADS Peer Mentor approval letter*
 - List of clinical staff and their work location(s)*
 - Proof of employed counselor's licensure by the BSRB*
 - Proof of employed counselor's training/certification in selected EBP curriculum*
 - Proof of employed counselor's training/certification to administer the Substance Abuse Screening Inventory (SASSI IV)*
 - Proof of employed peer mentors' KDADS certification (KCPMT or KCPM)*
- **Submit Application and Implementation Plan to KSSC via email.**
 - **Email: Gwyn.S.Harvey@ks.gov**

TREATMENT PROVIDER APPLICATION PROCESS – STEP 4

- Respond to KSSC questions, communications regarding required edits, etc. in a timely fashion (see below).
- Once approved, sign Qualified Service Organization Agreement with KSSC and contact Carelon (KansasClinical@Carelton.com) to establish a payment profile.

Please note:

- *Submission of an Implementation Plan does NOT guarantee approval to provide treatment under SB 123.*
- *Once an Implementation Plan has been submitted, the treatment provider will receive an email response from KSSC within 30 calendar days. Time from submission to approval for Implementation Plans may vary widely depending on appropriateness of content, responsiveness of the treatment provider to questions regarding Implementation Plan, and time for any required edits.*
- ***Agencies that do not respond to Implementation Plan inquiries posed by KSSC will not be approved. Any treatment provider/agency that does not respond to inquiries regarding the Implementation Plan within 30 calendar days by email to the KSSC will be removed from the potential applicant list and will need to reapply for certification.***
- *Approval of an Implementation Plan does NOT guarantee referrals.*
- *While treatment provider information will be added to the statewide list of KSSC approved providers maintained by KSSC, treatment providers are responsible to contact Community Corrections Agencies to secure client referrals.*
- *KSSC is not involved in the referral process and does not guarantee referrals to providers.*
- *Any unethical or illegal referral processes, such as kickbacks or treatment truncation or extension for reasons other than medical indication, are strictly prohibited and will result in loss of certification.*

- *Treatment providers not adhering to their approved Implementation Plan will be subject to graduated sanctions detailed in Operations Manual.*