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# **2022 Kansas Mental Health Summit**

## **Larned State Hospital April 13, 2022**

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Larned State Hospital

# Larned State Hospital

Larned State Hospital is owned and operated by the State of Kansas under the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS).

## Hospital Programs:

1. The Psychiatric Services Program
2. The State Security Program
3. The Sexual Predator Treatment Program



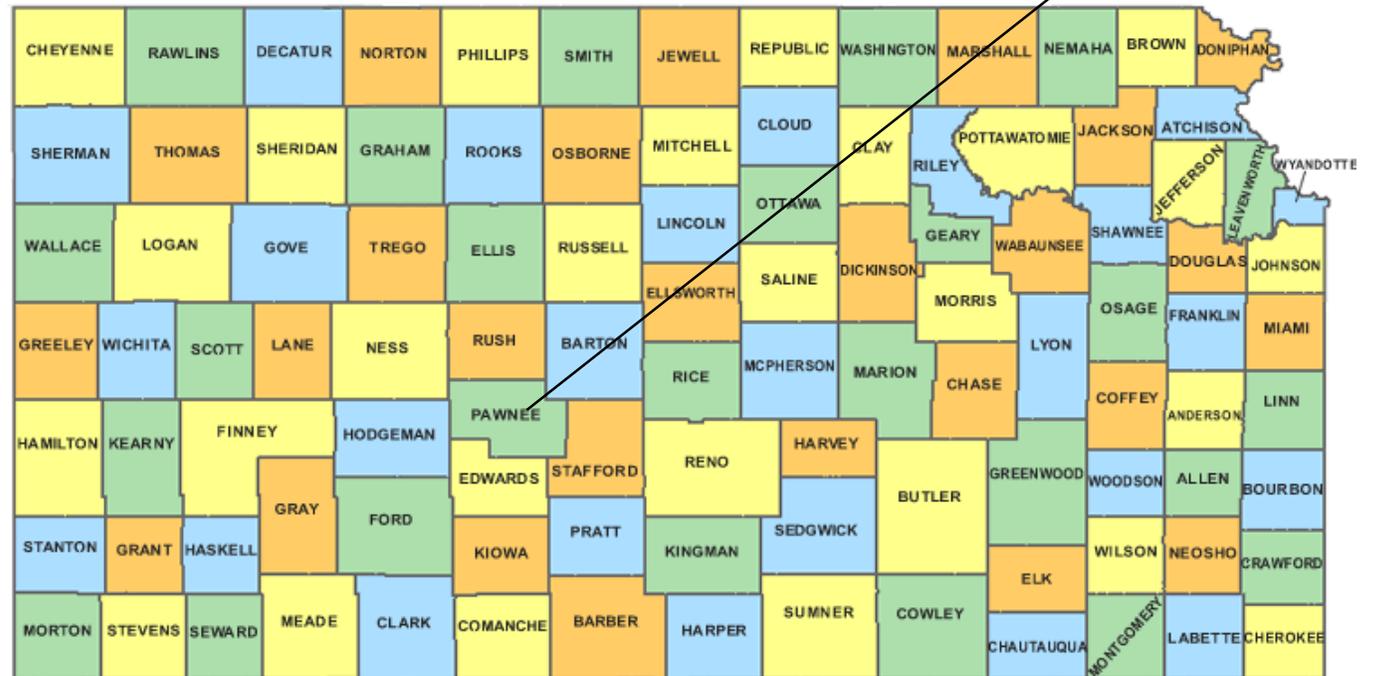
# State Security Program

The State Security Program (SSP)

Referral sources are limited to courts of criminal jurisdiction.

Larned

SSP serves the entire  
State of Kansas  
(105 counties)



# State Security Program

Isaac Ray Building



# Roles of the State Security Program

## Evaluations

Competency Evaluations

Lack of Mental State Evaluations

Pre-Sentence Evaluations

Sexual Predator Evaluations

## Treatment

Competency Treatment

Not Guilty by Reason of Mental  
Disease or Defect

Care and treatment in lieu of  
confinement

# Coordinating Admissions to the State Security Program

- Admissions for all District Court referrals are coordinated through KDADS legal division.
- District Courts provide a copy of the Journal Entry to KDADS Legal.
- When defendants are ordered to SSP, the order is reviewed to determine if the defendant must be admitted to SSP or if the individual could be considered for Mobile Competency.
- If the defendant is ordered to come to SSP and a bed is not available, they are placed on a wait list in the order of date referred.

# Obstacles or Bottlenecks in the Process

- Available bed capacity at Larned.
- COVID-19 concerns and staffing shortages.
- Transportation for moving defendants quickly when a bed is available.
- Transition from an evaluation order to a treatment order if found incompetent.
- Defendants found incompetent and awaiting an order to commence involuntary civil commitment.
- Defendant who is competent awaiting next trial date stops taking medication.
- Limitations of Court Orders:
  - Court Orders that specifically required admission to SSP.
  - Time to obtain updated Court Orders.
  - Inability to consider PSP or OSH for Misdemeanor cases when Court Orders are too specific.

# Modernizing the Forensic Evaluation Process in Kansas

## Mobile Competency

Complete forensic evaluations in secured confinement settings and in the communities where the individual is located.

- Criteria for Mobile Competency
- Success with Competency Evaluations (K.S.A. 22-3302)
- Pilot Project for Competency Treatment (K.S.A. 22-3303)  
Shawnee County
- House Bill 2697



# Moving Forward

Partnering with stakeholders across Kansas, including Sheriff's, jails, Community Mental Health Centers, and others.

Expanding Pilot Projects for Competency Treatment (K.S.A. 22-3303 cases).

Working together to continue to modernize not only the forensic evaluation process but also forensic treatment for defendants across Kansas.

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