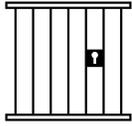


# KanCare expansion and the Kansas CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM



Kansas has 96 local jails, operated and paid for by local city and county governments. Local governments are responsible for housing, feeding and providing medical care for individuals in their jails.



Individuals in local jails are disproportionately likely to experience substance use disorder (SUD) or mental health conditions, and are more likely to be without health insurance.



Local Kansas governments have the opportunity to save money on costs associated with local jails if the state expands our Medicaid program, KanCare.

## WHY?

When people can't get the health care they need, jails and prisons become *de facto* mental health and SUD treatment facilities. Getting individuals the physical & behavioral health care they need means a healthier population and lower crime rates in communities.

## MEDICAID EXPANSION REDUCES CRIME RATES & RECIDIVISM

Counties in states that have expanded their Medicaid programs have seen:



**10.4% fewer property crimes,** like vehicle theft



**4.4% reduction in violent crime,** like homicide



**6.3% reduction in robbery & theft**



**2.9% reduction in assault**

## WAYS LOCAL GOVERNMENTS CAN SAVE MONEY WITH KANCARE EXPANSION:



Reduced spending on food, laundry, health care, and other variable per-person costs in jails.



Lower fixed costs in jails, like reduced number of staff needed, closing wings of jails, etc.



Lower policing costs necessary because of reduced crime rates, re-arrests, and recidivism.



Federal reimbursement means lower costs for things like hospital inpatient care for incarcerated people.



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