

Project SAM

Supervising Youth on Out-of-School Suspension

Project SAM has provided the following services since 2003 to over 700 students in all six school districts in Johnson County, Kansas:

1. Assisting working parents with a safe alternative to their child staying at home
2. Full day monitoring of students for each suspension day
3. Educational support and homework assistance by a Kansas certified teacher
4. Educational groups conducted by licensed social worker:
 - Decision Making
 - Substance Abuse/Addictions
 - Community Consequences
 - Life Skills Training (LST)
 - Behavioral Accountability
 - Recognizing Bullying and Verbal/Physical Violence

Is Out of School Suspension a form of discipline or vacation?

Many 12-year-old to 18-year-old students are suspended for having made inappropriate judgments at school. With parents at work during the day, what will keep our youth from making similar poor decisions "at home" while on Out of School Suspension?

"In spite of school and parental efforts, some students push the limit to the extent that in-school consequences are not enough. Unfortunately, many of these youth interpret suspension from school as a vacation and their inappropriate behavior is rewarded. Additionally, they spend this suspension time in activities that place the community and themselves at risk such as, court involvement, school failure or substance abuse. In this process, some may even risk their diversion or probation conditions."

-Dr. K. at LMC

Reading Problems? Project SAM has acquired the highly acclaimed LEXIA Reading Software to help youth with reading problems while in Project SAM

Newly offered
Services

Life Skills Training (LST) Dr. Botvin's *Best Practices* is used to teach social skills to Project SAM students while in the program

Please call (913) 254-0001 for more information.

Eligibility: Students ages 12-18 in grades 6-12 who have been suspended for 1-10 days.

Fees: No student will be turned away because of financial limitations.

- Our fees are based on a sliding scale and range from \$0 per day to \$40.00 per day (\$5/hr)
- **SPECIAL OFFER:** The first day of Project SAM is **FREE** when a parent or guardian attends a free one hour parenting group within 10 days of registration

Providing supervision and educational support to youth on Out of School Suspension for all 6 school districts in Johnson County.

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