

# Increasing Public Safety Using Federal Relief Funds ▶

The Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) has partnered with The Council of State Governments Justice Center to help counties reduce the prevalence of people with a serious mental illness in jails through the [Kansas "Stepping Up" Technical Assistance \(TA\) Center](#).



The Kansas "Stepping Up" TA Center offers counties virtual and in-person technical assistance to develop locally informed, data-driven solutions for their communities.

Connections with sites across Kansas and nationally to facilitate peer learning and provide concrete examples of successful strategies and policies

Access to national experts and a central information bank on best practices

Guidance on the high-impact strategies and policies that achieve lasting results

Through the Stepping Up Initiative, participating counties have successfully reduced the number of people with a serious mental illness in local jails with programs like co-responder positions with police departments, mental health staff in jails, specialty courts and diversion programs for those that access behavioral health services, and other crisis services.



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According to the [U.S. Department of the Treasury](#), ARPA Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (LFRF) dollars may be eligible to implement these "Stepping Up" strategies and other programs related to public safety (see [FAQ 2.19](#)).

**To learn more about technical assistance opportunities:**



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You can also watch a webinar on the "Stepping Up" TA Center [here](#)