

March 31, 2025

Dear Mayor Bacon and City of Olathe Council Members,

I would like to attend the All Rise conference, RISE25, May 28-31, 2025, in Kissimmee, FL along with the Director of Olathe Court Services and a prosecutor from the City of Olathe. This conference is considered to be the premier conference on addiction, mental health, and justice innovation bringing together representatives from all models of treatment courts. Additionally, leaders, policymakers, and other key stakeholders from the legal, treatment, and social service fields, and leaders from recovery and veteran communities, attend to learn the latest evidence-based practices for serving justice-involved individuals impacted by substance use, mental health, and co-occurring disorders and trauma. I believe that attending this conference will benefit me through the education I will obtain and the valuable information I'll be able to share with not only our court but also our police department.

As you know, we want to start a treatment court in the City of Olathe to accommodate our high-risk offenders. All Rise provides training to over 7,000 treatment court professionals annually at its national conference – the largest training conference in the nation addressing substance abuse and crime. RISE25 is specifically tailored to enhance the skills, leadership, and training of the treatment court team with over 250 cutting-edge sessions, opportunities to connect and learn from colleagues around the world. RISE25 offers courses for both new practitioners as well as team members who have been in the field for years. The sessions will be a blend of providing what to watch for now and in the future and practical ways to implement these concerns at a minimal cost. Further, it will help us focus our attention on the highest risk areas.

The pre-registration fee is only \$795 for members or \$895 for non-members. I have calculated the costs on the attached expense worksheet for your convenience. RISE25 will offer me a world-class education that is unparalleled in our field. For the benefits that I expect to derive from this conference, I believe those costs are appropriate, and I hope you will support my attendance.

Sincerely,

Judge Jill K.B. Kenney
City of Olathe Municipal Court