



2015 NJJA CONFERENCE

May 6-8, 2015 • Younes Conference Center, Kearney, NE

WEDNESDAY, May 6

9:00-10:00am **Registration**

10:00am-12:00pm **Opening Plenary: National Best Practice Working in Nebraska – Shay Bilchik, Director of the Center for Juvenile Justice Reform (CJJR), Georgetown University's McCourt School of Public Policy**

Shay will emphasize the need for leadership and collaboration at all levels to effectively implement multi-systems approaches. Participants will hear about national emerging trends and future direction of juvenile justice. Shay will be joined on stage by Michael Umpierre, CJJR's Senior Research Fellow, national experts from the Council of State Governments and Annie E. Casey Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative, and FSG representation to discuss how national best practice initiatives are improving outcomes for youth across systems in Nebraska.

12:00-1:30pm **Lunch & Interactive Plenary: Making Connections and Overcoming Silo's - FSG Collective Impact Team**

FSG is an international non-profit founded on the belief that, by stepping back to reimagine social change, we can use existing resources and relationships to achieve far greater social progress. During this interactive lunch session, members of the FSG team working in Nebraska will share tangible tools for making key connections in your communities that open the door to systems change.

1:30-2:00pm **Break & Exhibit Hall Opens**

2:00-3:15pm **Breakout Sessions**

EB-Nebraska! – Dr. Anne Hobbs, Dr. Rich Wiener and Sara Moore, MA, UNO Juvenile Justice Institute

Under legislative bill 561, the Nebraska legislature allocated five million dollars to the Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program and encouraged the funding of programs "aligned with evidence-based practices or best practices." In this session we will briefly discuss what it means to implement "evidence based" approaches, and how we plan to evaluate "evidence based" in Nebraska.

Crossover Youth - Research, Policy and Practice – Shay Bilchik, Research Professor and Dir. of the Center for Juvenile Justice Reform and Michael Umpierre, CJJR's Senior Research Fellow, Georgetown University ■

This session will review the research, characteristics, and correlations associated with crossover youth, young people known to both the child welfare and juvenile justice systems. The session will also explore best practices in addressing the needs of this population and the overarching themes of successful cross systems practice. Dr. Spohn and Dr. Wright, from the University of Nebraska-Omaha, will also share information from their research associated with the implementation of CJJR's Crossover Youth Practice Model in Douglas County.

Core Principles for Reducing Juvenile Recidivism and Implications for Nebraska – Mark Ferrante, Senior Policy Analyst, Council of State Governments

Learn about the principles of risk, need, and responsivity (RNR). The use of validated assessments and other structured decision making tools to make supervision decisions, match youth to services that address their primary needs, and guide residential placement and community supervision decisions will be reviewed. This session will also explore key elements and assessments of effective community-based and residential services. Strategies for working in partnership with service providers, across systems to engage youth and families to effectively meet their needs and produce better outcomes for youth will be discussed.

Bringing Communities Together Through Collective Impact – FSG Collective Impact Team

Developing comprehensive community plans and bringing teams together can be a daunting task. Communities encounter many barriers including resources, time and infrastructure to complete quality planning efforts. Participants will leave this session with an understanding of how to utilize collective impact strategies to engage community partners in a desire to improve the lives of youth and families in their communities.

3:15-3:30pm **Break**

3:30-4:45pm **Breakout Sessions**

Juvenile Justice System's Change: Building on the JDAI Framework – Marcia Rincon-Gallardo, Annie E. Casey Foundation Training and Technical Assistance Consultants; Local site representatives

Nebraska has experienced significant juvenile justice systems change in the last several years. But even before legislative change, Douglas and Sarpy County embarked on their own efforts to utilize the framework of the National Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) to impact change. Participants will learn about the successes and challenges these two sites encountered while implementing JDAI. The panel will also discuss Nebraska's efforts of being a state JDAI site and how local jurisdictions can begin to inform themselves about JDAI values and principles.

Bringing the Crossover Youth Practice Model to Life in NE - Shay Bilchik, Research Professor and Dir. of the Center for Juvenile Justice Reform, Michael Umpierre, CJJR's Senior Research Fellow, Georgetown University

Review the core elements of the Crossover Youth Practice Model (CYPM), an innovative, research-based, and strategic approach to serving crossover youth, and the implementation efforts in Dodge, Gage, Lancaster and Douglas counties. The presenters discuss steps taken to develop practices and policies to better serve their crossover population, addressing the challenges and opportunities. The panel includes judicial, child welfare and juvenile justice practitioners in Nebraska.

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Best Practices in Juvenile Reentry: A Closer Look at National Tools and Local Plans - Mark Ferrante, Senior Policy Analyst, Council of State Governments

This is an in-depth look into the Council of State Governments Justice Center's Recidivism Reduction Checklists for Juvenile Justice Agency Leaders. While the checklists correspond with the four core principles outlined in the earlier CSG session, participation in the earlier session is not required. This session also provides an overview of national reentry best practices with a focus on Lancaster County's Strategic Plan for juvenile reentry crafted as a result of its Second Chance Act grant. This session will also review Justice Center recommendations provided to the Nebraska Office of Probation Administration, Juvenile Services Division concerning improvement of reentry policy and practice.

Diversion in Nebraska - Dr. Anne Hobbs, UNO Juvenile Justice Institute, Vicky Thompson, CEDARS and Amy Hoffman, Nebraska Probation Administration

Members from the Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice Diversion Advisory Subcommittee will provide an interactive and informational session on the Nebraska Diversion Capstone Project and the current Nebraska diversion data. The updated Nebraska Diversion Guidebook will be introduced with best practice recommendations on diversion in Nebraska.

YRTC-Kearney Tour

All sessions are approved for Juvenile Criminogenic CEUs for probation.

★ This session is eligible for Standardized Model CEUs.

THURSDAY, May 7

8:00-9:00am

Registration

9:00-10:15am

Opening Keynote: Creating Opportunities to Advance Youth: Leadership through Advocacy - Starcia Ague, Youth & Family Advocate Administrator, Washington Dept. of Social and Health Services at Juvenile Justice and Rehabilitation Administration

Starcia grew up in an impoverished, drug and crime influenced environment and overcame rape, abuse, neglect and abandonment. Using her Emmy-winning documentary, she will capture the highlights and downfalls of her life. She will share her efforts in ensuring that Washington State's juvenile justice system actively engages incarcerated youth with empowering programs through In her role as Youth & Family Advocate Administrator. Starcia will share about training focused on the importance of advocacy and protecting children's rights in times of economic hardship. Her greatest achievement lies in advocating for at-risk youth, and helping them see value in education and their future.

10:15-10:30am

Break

10:30am-11:45pm

Breakout Sessions

Foster Care 101 - Ashley Brown LCSW, KVC Program Director; Theresa Goley LMHP, KVC Program Director; Jewel Schiffers, MSW, NFC Manager of Kinship Care Services

This session is intended to provide participants with basic knowledge regarding foster care and kinship care. We will discuss specific information regarding the process to become a licensed foster parent as well as locating kin for children and youth. Facilitators will provide insight into agencies process in locating the best possible placement for a child or youth and will explain private agency roles in the placement and support to children/youth and foster parents.

Effective Juvenile Justice Providers: A Strengths-Based Approach - Kevin M. Powell, Ph.D., Platte Valley Youth Services Center ■

Explore a strengths-based approach for working with at-risk youth and their families. Specific strategies for use in day-to-day work with youth will be highlighted. This informational, multi-sensory presentation will include PowerPoint; video clips; handouts; clinical case examples; and non-threatening audience participation exercises.

Data Driven Strategies for Impacting Racial & Ethnic Disparity – Marcia Rincon-Gallardo, Annie E. Casey Foundation; Dr. Anne Hobbs- Juvenile Justice Institute, UNO; Kristi Lesley- Nebraska Probation, District 4J

Addressing why youth of color continue to be over-represented in the juvenile justice system is one of the most challenging issues faced. There is no magic program or policy that alone solves the issues. However, by using data and multidisciplinary teams, we can impact better outcomes for youth of color. In this session, participants will explore strategies to address these issues in their own jurisdiction from national and local experts

Best Practices in Risk Assessment and Supervision Assignment – Christina Riggs-Romaine, Ph.D, National Youth Screening and Assessment Partners

This break-out session will review the latest research evidence regarding best practices for assessment and supervision/intervention with juvenile justice youth. The principles of risk-needs assessment will be introduced, as well as the benefits (including overall cost-effectiveness) of matching supervision and services to youths' risk level. Results from real-world implementation of risk assessment in other jurisdictions will be presented.

12:00-1:15pm

Awards Luncheon

1:30-2:45pm

Breakout Sessions

Discovering the Power of Real Colors[®] (limited to first 50 participants) - Brenda Jennings, President/Communication Consultant of Motivate 2 Communicate, LLC & Julie Kindler, Program Development Mgr for the NE Office of Probation Admin.

Through this engaging and insightful training session, you will discover a new perspective of yourself and those around you. You will self-assess your communication style and come away with invaluable resources to open a deeper understanding of the how you and those around you communicate. This knowledge will give you the tools to succeed. This session will use Real Colors[®] by the National Curriculum & Training Institute, Inc. (NCTI).

Best Practices in Risk Assessment and Supervision Assignment – Christina Riggs-Romaine, Ph.D. (Repeat)

Positive Youth Development in Practice – Jim Bennett, Nebraska Probation Administration, ■ Cassy Rockwell, Nebraska Children and Project Everlast Member

Building the relationship between professional and youth can be both the biggest challenge and asset to reaching positive outcomes for youth with system-involvement. Utilizing Cornell University's Positive Youth Development curriculum and the voice of a youth with system-involvement, this interactive session will provide participants with tools for building partnerships between young people and their professionals.

**Reasons for Optimism when Working with At-Risk Youth: A Strengths-Based Approach -Kevin M. Powell, Ph.D., ■
Platte Valley Youth Services Center - Greeley, Colorado**

There is a tendency within juvenile justice to focus on youths' problem behaviors while placing less emphasis on their strengths. A deficit-based approach can heighten defensiveness and impede the effectiveness of services. This training will provide strategies to promote optimism within youth and families. This is a multi-sensory presentation using PowerPoint; video clips; handouts; clinical case examples; and non-threatening participation exercises.

Trends in Adolescent Substance Use – Kate Speck, Ph.D, MAC, LDAC ★ ■

Substance use impacts physical, social and behavioral development of youth and remains a major concern. Substance use by youth has proven to be a rapidly changing phenomenon, requiring frequent reassessment. Use of tobacco, alcohol, over-the-counter and illicit drug leads morbidity and mortality, during adolescence and later in life.

3:00-4:15pm

Breakout Sessions

**Different is Good: Unlocking the Potential of All Real Colors® (No limit but must have taken the Real Colors Assessment to participate)
Brenda Jennings & Julie Kindler**

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**Youth Voice in Court – Starcia Ague, Youth & Family Advocate Admin., Washington Dept. of Social and Health Services at
Juvenile Justice and Rehabilitation Administration; NE Judge TBA & Sarah Mitchell, NE Juvenile Justice Alumni**

Court can be an intimidating experience for a youth. Having a voice in decisions made eases this fear and empowers a youth to take ownership in their case. This session will utilize multiple perspectives to provide participants with local and national techniques and tips for supporting youth voice in the court room.

**“School Daze” - What All Adults Working with Court-Involved Students Need to Know about Nebraska Education Law -
Karen A. Haase, J.D., KSB School Law**

Many students in Nebraska's juvenile justice, child welfare and behavioral health systems struggle academically, particularly when out-of-home placement or incarceration results in a school change. This session will examine statutory provisions related to residency, attendance, enrollment and re-entry. An overview of students' education rights and the procedures schools must follow when disciplining, suspending or expelling a youth will be provided.

Family Engagement – Sandy Thompson-Dinslage, CSW, Executive Director of Families Inspiring Families ■

Parents are the experts on their children and should have a seat at the table when decisions are made. Meaningful parent engagement allows the parent opportunities to build skills, develop connections with service providers, grow confidence, and contribute. Information will be provided on ways to assist parents in building their capacity, the importance of parents having a voice and choice in all decisions and how this leads to better outcomes.

Trends in Adolescent Substance Use – Kate Speck, Ph.D, MAC, LDAC (Repeat) ★ ■

4:30-6:30pm

Networking Reception

FRIDAY, May 8

8:00-8:30am

Registration

8:30-10:15am

Breakout Sessions

**Working with gang involved and at-risk youth: Using prevention and intervention – Gina Castaneda, Santa Cruz County ■
Deputy Probation Officer**

A probation officer herself, who has succeeded in bringing rival gang members together to play as a team on the soccer field, this speaker aims to inspire participants. This session will aid participants in relating to at-risk youth by understanding risk factors of their daily lives. Through an introduction of gang culture and behavior, participants will gain an understanding of the necessity of prevention, intervention, cultural competency and programs for youth.

Human Trafficking in the Heartland – Anna Brewer; FBI-Omaha

Anna Brewer began with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in 1991, was promoted to a Special Agent (SA) in 1995, and served, for 13 years with the Reno, Nevada Resident Agency. In 2009, SA Brewer was transferred to Omaha, Nebraska, where she initiated a child exploitation task force. Utilizing her experience, SA Brewer will provide an overview of existing trends in human trafficking and current federal legislation aimed at addressing these trends.

Walking the Walk: Creative Tools for Transforming Compassion Fatigue and Vicarious Trauma – Kay Glideon ■

We pay an emotional price for doing the work that we do. Compassion Fatigue has been called a disorder that affects those who do their work well. Even very healthy workers with optimal life/work balance and self-care strategies can experience compassion fatigue. This training incorporates a combination of solo, small group, and whole group activities to provide participants with strategies for coping with compassion fatigue.

**What's the Big IDEA: Special Education and Court-Involved Students – Michele Borg, OHP Facilitator/Coordinator for
Nebraska Department of Education and Special Education Professional TBA**

Students with education-related disabilities are prevalent in Nebraska's juvenile justice, child welfare and behavioral health systems and may have higher rates of incarceration and recidivism. This session will provide an overview of the disabilities eligible for education-related services under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), the special education rights, and the school's responsibility for ensuring a free appropriate public education (FAPE). Understand the important role you can play in ensuring systems-involved students succeed in school!

10:30am-12:00pm

Closing Keynote - Gina Castaneda, Santa Cruz County Deputy Probation Officer

The keynote will share her amazing life's story of her growing up in a gang family that suffered from violence, abuse and addiction. She has made it her quest to help gang members, potential gang members and at-risk youth find support systems and alternatives that can help them avoid and their negative consequences.

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- Thursday
- Friday

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