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This email includes curated content originally created by our friends at member and partner organizations, both locally and nationally. If you have an update, event, or news article you would like to see featured in an upcoming Tuesday Update, please email info@panhandlepartnership.com

Panhandle Partnership Membership Meeting

Join us for our April 5th Membership Meeting from 9:00 - 1:00 p.m. in Bridgeport. To register, click the button below.

Register Here



A&K Consulting

First Responders and Veterans are often reluctant to seek help from mental health professionals. This is due to concerns that therapists, counselors, and social workers may not fully grasp First Responder and Veteran culture. A & K Consulting, boasting more than 30 years of collective experience in both law enforcement and mental health counseling, acknowledges this critical component is missing, so we have developed a comprehensive 4-hour training session tailored for all mental health professionals. The primary goal of this training is to enhance their comprehension of the First Responder and Veteran culture, providing them with the essential tools to offer effective support to the First Responder and Veteran Community.

Topics:

- Address the stigma surrounding Mental Health within the First Responder & Veteran community
- Understand why First Responders & Veterans do not want to seek assistance
- Understand what a toxic work environment is
- The common causes of burnout among First Responders & Veterans
- Identify, recognize, and assess occupational hazards
- Effective strategies in counseling First Responders & Veterans

Who should Attend?

- Counselors/Therapists
- Chaplains
- Social Workers
- Individuals with a passion to assist First Responders & Veterans

Location: Region 1, 4110 Ave. D, Scottsbluff, NE 69361

Date & Time: April 24, 2024. Two sessions 8:00 - 12:00 p.m. & 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Registration: Upon completion of the seminar, attendees will receive a certification of completion as acknowledgment of their participation.

[Register Here](#)

2024 WESTERN NEBRASKA SCHOOL MENTAL HEALTH CONFERENCE

Save the Date!

Our Western Nebraska School Mental Health Conference will be August 13, 2024 in Alliance. We are also seeking breakout presenters (linked below)

The focus of this year's conference is "Tools for the Trade." We are seeking breakout speakers to present at our 2024 conference. The deadline is April 1, 2024 for proposal submissions. Conference date is August 13, 2024 in Alliance, Nebraska. Please contact Terri at mentalhealthconference@esu13.org with any questions.



[Call for Proposals for Conference Breakouts](#)

KEYNOTE: JUDITH NORMAN, MA,
MS, LSC, LPC, RPT-S

Judith is an educator, trainer, consultant, and clinical supervisor. She is a co-founder and the lead trainer at the Synergetic Education® Institute. She is licensed as both a School and Professional Counselor and has worked at the intersection of education and mental health for over 25 years. Judith trains clinical and school-based mental health professionals and speaks and consults internationally on creating trauma-informed schools. As a District-Wide Social Emotional Learning Coach, Judith led her school district in implementing a "Thriving Schools Grant" aimed at advancing social-emotional wellness and behavioral health in school districts.

Judith created the Developmental Mindsets Paradigm,™ a model for working with educators from a developmental perspective. She created and teaches frameworks such as Learning Tools™ and Braindrops,™ tools for developing interoceptive awareness and self-regulation. She's created programming that supports the implementation of regulatory-focused, social-emotional, trauma-informed practices for students and educators in schools worldwide.

Judith is a Registered Play Therapist Supervisor and is a Certified Synergetic Play Therapy® Supervisor and Teacher. She is a Parent Educator, Certified in EMDR Therapy, and is trained in Mindfulness in Education.

Contact mentalhealthconference@esu13.org for additional information

Registration is Open!



Welcoming Communities Conference

Gering Civic Center
Gering, NE 69341

Register at panhandlepartnership.com/news-events



Register Here

Member Updates

Nebraska VR

Greetings!

Nebraska VR (Vocational Rehabilitation) and the Nebraska Brain Injury Advisory Council (BIAC) are conducting a statewide brain injury needs assessment. As part of the project, three surveys are [available here](#).

We are reaching out to all the Nebraska local health departments to encourage you to:

Complete the service provider survey. It can also be shared with other staff members or organizations who may want to provide input through the service provider survey.

Help promote the surveys for individuals with brain injury and family members/caregivers, using some of the suggestions below.

The feedback collected from the surveys will help identify service gaps and barriers as well as resource and training needs. It will also help the Nebraska VR and BIAC better understand the successes and challenges of those navigating life after a brain injury.

Nebraska's 2024 Brain Injury Needs Assessment



Take the survey(s) that apply to you and help Nebraska VR and the Brain Injury Advisory Council improve brain injury services and supports in our state. Survey results will be collected through Friday, April 12, 2024.

Individuals with Brain Injury Survey

This is for people in Nebraska who have experienced a brain injury. Although people can assist or fill out the survey on behalf of someone with a brain injury, the questions should be answered from the point of view of the person with the brain injury.

Family Members & Unpaid Caregivers Survey

This is for family members and unpaid caregivers and support persons of individuals living with a brain injury in Nebraska. This does not include personal attendants or other paid caregivers.

Service Provider Survey

This is for professionals who work for organizations or individuals (such as personal care attendants or paid caregivers) that provide services and support to individuals living with brain injury in Nebraska.



For more information and to complete a survey, use the QR code or visit rb.gy/88pp0j



MENTOR Nebraska

MENTOR Nebraska is Hiring!

MENTOR Nebraska is searching for a dynamic, go-getting convener to be our next Associate Director of Member Engagement & Learning. This role will expand and deepen relationships with mentoring organizations statewide, lead training and consulting initiatives, and direct the development of youth voice strategies. Learn more and apply today: www.mentornebraska.org/careers-member-engagement-learning/

Snow-Redfern Foundation



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Grantmaking & Participatory Practices Study

This study is for organizations and funders who serve Nebraska's youth and family system of care.

The project is sponsored by Snow-Redfern Foundation in partnership with the Nonprofit Association of the Midlands.



Purpose: We are eager to learn more about experiences with grantmaking, participatory practices and relationships between funders, grantees and communities.

- *What would it take for Nebraska's youth and family system of care to become more inclusive?*
- *How can grantmaking enhance participation?*
- *What do you wish funders knew about your community's needs?*

Please share your wisdom via survey, then join us in a virtual workshop to review findings, expand learning and envision a stronger tomorrow.

Survey:

[CLICK HERE](#) or use the QR code to enter the survey

- About 10-12 minutes to complete
- All data collected is confidential
- Register to win one of eight \$50 gift cards



Workshop:

[CLICK HERE](#) to register to attend one of two date options:

- Tuesday May 7th at 2:00-3:30pm Central
- Thursday May 9th at 10:00-11:30am Central
- You can register within the survey also

Questions?

Please contact project principles for more information:

- Maya Chilese, PhD - DrMaya@BlueAgateCollaborative.com
- Juan-Paulo Ramirez, PhD - JPRMaps@gmail.com

[Click Here to Download](#)

The survey closes March 29th, 2024.

Please contact project principle Dr. Maya Chilese at DrMaya@BlueAgateCollaborative.com with any questions.

Housing Partners of Western Nebraska

Housing Commissioner Needed



Scotts Bluff County Housing Authority is looking for a forward thinking, motivated, compassionate, and volunteer minded Scotts Bluff County Resident to serve on our Board of Commissioners. Meetings are held monthly at noon (usually the first Tuesday, following the first Monday). This is a 5 year term. Board members set budgets and policies while also providing leadership and support for the housing authority. They play key roles in the promotion of trust and ethical practices within the public.

If you are interested in serving your community in this capacity, please go to the Housing Partners of Western NE website and print our application. Applications can also be picked up in person at our office...

89A Woodley Park Rd, Gering.

Applications will be due by Noon on March 21, 2024 and can be dropped off at the housing office or emailed to hpwn@scottsbluffhousing.com. Application will be forwarded to the Scotts Bluff County Commissioners for approval at their meeting.

Any additional questions can be answered by calling 308-632-0473 and asking for Rita or Anita.

Nebraska Panhandle Research Extension & Education Center



Join our Early Childhood team!

POSITION TITLE: Extension Instructor/Educator
POSITION LOCATION: Chadron, Nebraska

POSITION DESCRIPTION & RESPONSIBILITIES

- Full-time faculty position located in Chadron, NE. The focus of this position will be Early Childhood, focusing on early childhood development for families with children aged 0-8 years.
- Required: Bachelor's degree in child development, human development, early childhood education, or a closely related field (extension instructor) OR Master's degree in child development, human development, early childhood education, or a closely related field (extension educator).
- Required: Successful experience teaching in formal or non-formal education settings (i.e., preschool, K-12)
- Preferred: Knowledge and our experience working with early childhood professionals and/or caregivers (e.g., providers and teachers).

For a complete outline of job expectations and responsibilities, employment qualifications and requirements, salary and benefits, and application process and timeline, visit:

go.unl.edu/ext



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You can help build healthy families.

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Help others create healthier lifestyles for a higher quality of life!

POSITION TITLE: Extension Instructor/Educator
POSITION LOCATION: Bridgeport, Nebraska

POSITION DESCRIPTION & RESPONSIBILITIES

- Teach and coordinate food, nutrition, and health programs regionally for 1) individual behavior patterns and environments that reduce obesity and chronic disease and improve human well-being and 2) a safe and diverse food supply with choices/access for people focused on health.
- Required: Successful experience teaching in a formal or non-formal setting.
- Preferred: Registered Dietitian (RD), Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN), or Community Health Education Specialist.
- Review of applications will begin March 11, 2024.

For a complete outline of job expectations and responsibilities, employment qualifications and requirements, salary and benefits, and application process and timeline, visit:

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Nebraska Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

NCDHH is looking for qualified applicants for a Behavioral Health Coordinator. Behavioral health is often used to describe the connection between our behaviors and the health and well-being of the body, mind, and spirit. This includes behaviors such as depression, anxiety, physical disorders, as well as health conditions, and alcohol and substance abuse.

The Behavioral Health Coordinator will provide support tailored to the unique needs of Nebraskans who are deaf, deafblind, and hard of hearing. The position is open in Lincoln or Omaha, with state-wide travel required. A full job description and instructions on how to apply can be found [here](#).

Legal Aid of Nebraska

For Rent: A very modest unit intended for commercial use that is located at 104 E 15th Street in Scottsbluff, Nebraska. The dimensions are 48 ft x 11.5 ft with a total square footage of 552 ft. It has a small half bathroom which includes a toilet and sink. This unit is very affordable and electricity, sewer, trash, and water are included. The tenant will be responsible for the natural gas. Anyone who is interested should contact Brook at 308-632-4734.

[Click here to view pictures](#)

Snow-Redfern Foundation



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Scholarships Available for High School Seniors

Box Butte and Morrill County
Applications Open February 1-March 31




Application guidelines are available at Hemingford, Bridgeport & Alliance High School Counseling offices or at sara@snowredfern.org

BASIC REQUIREMENTS

- ✓ Reside in Morrill or Box Butte County for the Hempel Family Scholarship or Box Butte County for the KM Dahlstedt Scholarship
- ✓ Planning to attend college in Nebraska
- ✓ Have a recommendation letter

APPLY NOW

PO Box 639, Alliance NE, 69301 

308.762.6370 

www.snowredfern.org 

DOVES

Join Our Board of Directors and Make a Difference

✿ Lived Experience Wanted ✿

The DOVES Program is looking for passionate individuals with lived experience in homelessness to join our Board of Directors. We're on the hunt for dedicated people from Dawes, Sheridan, Box Butte, Kimball, Banner, and Morrill Counties.

Why Serve on Our Board?

- ✓ Make a direct impact in your community
- ✓ Advocate for change and empowerment
- ✓ Use your valuable insights to shape our mission
- ✓ Collaborate with a diverse and supportive team

If you've experienced homelessness and want to make a lasting difference, we encourage you to apply. Join us in our mission to support survivors and create a safer, more inclusive community.

Apply today and help us drive positive change.

Your experience matters!

DOVESProgram.com

TEAM

Sexual, Domestic & Dating Violence Services & Prevention
24-hour Helpline: 866-95-DOVES | 24-hour Text Line: 515-599-6620





MENTAL HEALTH SERIES

PPHD IS OFFERING A MENTAL HEALTH SERIES & EACH MONTH WE WILL PRESENT A NEW MENTAL HEALTH TOPIC AND/OR TRAINING. USE THE LINK OR QR CODE TO REGISTER & LEARN MORE ABOUT ONE OR ALL TRAININGS!

YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

- **May 7th from 9 am - 3 pm**
 - Via ZOOM
 - Description: Youth Mental Health First Aid teaches you how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges among adolescents ages 12-18. You'll build skills and confidence you need to reach out and provide initial support to young people who are struggling. You'll also learn how to help connect them to appropriate support.
 - Presenter: Bailey Kling & Nicole Berosek

panhandle **West Virginia**
CONTACT US:
NICOLE BEROSEK
308.279.3496
NBEROSEK@PPHD.NE.GOV

Register HERE:
<http://tinyurl.com/2iqwffu9>

*We must have 5 people sign up and complete the required 2 hour of pre-work to offer the training.



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ADULT MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

- **May 16th from 9 am - 3 pm**
 - Via ZOOM
 - Description: Adult Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) teaches you how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges among adults.
 - Presenter: Kym Fries & Nicole Berosek

panhandle **West Virginia**
CONTACT US:
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Register HERE:
<http://tinyurl.com/2iqwffu9>

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Beyond Repair:

From Dealing Dope to Dealing Hope



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Meet David!

David Stoecker is a person living in long-term recovery. He is a Licensed Master's Level Clinical Social Worker, Executive Director and Founder of "Better Life In Recovery", as well as Published author of "Hope Dealer: A Raw, Real-life Journey From Addiction To a Better Life In Recovery."



Register today!



CEUs Available

April 9th, 2024

2024 Panhandle Prevention Coalition Symposium

2PM-5PM ~ Civic Center

5:30PM-6:30PM ~ Dinner w/David

7PM ~ Screening of *Not My Child* @ Midwest Theatre

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Public Health District

Lifespan Respite



Western Community Health Resources Respite Program is hosting a Family Fun Day

Who is invited:

Families who have at least one family member who has been identified with a special need. (Often this is a child on an IFSP or IEP)

Event Information:

You must contact Sherri Blome at sherri.blome@wchr.net or call 308-432-8190 by April 1 to get your free movie and snack vouchers.

EAGLE THEATRE, 244 MAIN STREET, CHADRON
APRIL 6
1:30 P.M.

**Come at 1:00 and learn about these WCHR Programs:
Respite, Early Development Network, WIC**

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