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WELCOMING COMMUNITIES  
CONFERENCE

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EMPOWERING FAMILIES



EXTENSION  
Scotts Bluff County

# WELCOMING COMMUNITIES CONFERENCE

A conference focused on providing professionals and community leaders a forum for awareness, dialogue, and skill-building to create welcoming and inclusive environments.

Session topics include:

- Healthcare Disparities
- Cross Cultural Communication
- Latinx/Hispanic Identity in the Midwest & Language
- Overcoming Community Divisions through Mindful Response

KEYNOTE SPEAKER  
TASHA GOLDEN



**THURSDAY  
JUNE 20, 2024**

Check-In: 8AM Start Time: 9AM-4PM

Gering Civic Center

Cost: \$65

Breakfast, Lunch, and Snack Included

Vendor Booth available

Register at:

[panhandlepartnership.com](http://panhandlepartnership.com)



Tasha Golden, PhD is Director of Research at the International Arts + Mind Lab at Johns Hopkins University, and a national leader and consultant in arts + public health. Holding a PhD in Public Health Sciences, Dr. Golden has published extensively on the impacts of the arts, music, aesthetics, and creativity on health and well-being. She serves as an advisor on several national and international health initiatives, is adjunct faculty for the University of Florida's Center for Arts in Medicine, and is the lead author of "Arts on Prescription: A Field Guide for US Communities."

Golden's unique background drives her success as an international speaker and thought leader. Her talks and workshops help creative leaders and organizations around the world turn what-ifs into actionable strategies and community impact.

Sponsored By: This event is funded, in part, with state funds from the NDHHS, Office of Health Disparities and Health Equity.



[Register Here](#)

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# 2024 WESTERN NEBRASKA SCHOOL MENTAL HEALTH CONFERENCE

Our Western Nebraska School Mental Health Conference will be August 13, 2024, in Alliance.

The focus of this year's conference is "Tools for the Tiers - Take-away tools which align with MTSS."

**Keynote Title: Balancing Student and Adult Wellness**

**Breakout Sessions Include:**

- COMET Community Training (Changing Our Mental and Emotional Trajectory)
- Family Patterns and Adoption: A presentation for educators
- How to be resilient while focusing on vision and composure.
- The Internet and the Counseling Profession
- It's Real: Suicide in both Middle School and High School
- Panhandle Situation Table
- Practical Solutions: 5 Tools for Immediate Application
- Trauma Informed Classroom Practices
- Why aren't students using the skills I'm teaching?
- Youth Tobacco Prevention & Cessation Resources



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.

**REGISTRATION COST \$75**  
[PANHANDLEPARTNERSHIP.COM](http://PANHANDLEPARTNERSHIP.COM)

[Register Here](#)

**AUGUST 13, 2024**

PERFORMING ARTS CENTER  
1450 BOX BUTTE AVE.  
ALLIANCE, NE 69301

**CE's Pending**

Contact [mentalhealthconference@esu13.org](mailto:mentalhealthconference@esu13.org) for additional information



[Register Here](#)

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## Member Updates

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**Housing Partners of Western NE**

# Housing Commissioner Needed



Scotts Bluff County Housing Authority (SBHA) is looking for a forward thinking, motivated, compassionate, and volunteer minded Scotts Bluff County resident to serve on our Board of Commissioners. The Housing Authority is critical in helping meet the housing needs of our community. Meetings are held monthly at noon (usually the first Tuesday, following the first Monday). This is a 5 year term. Board members set budgets, policies and help with internal controls, 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. (South of Terrytown Lake)

Applications will be due by 3:00 p.m. on June 13th, 2024 and can be

dropped off at the housing office or emailed to  
hpwn@scottsbluffhousing.com. Applications are reviewed by the SBHA  
Board of Commissioners and then the boards recommendations are for-  
warded to the Scotts Bluff County Commissioners for consideration and  
approval at their meeting.

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

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The first 100 lucky finishers will snag a shiny, custom-made medal!



JUNE 1, 2024 8 AM

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[uwwn.org/colordash](http://uwwn.org/colordash)



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of Western Nebraska



# The Doves Program

The DOVES Program is excited to announce its move to a new office location, reflecting our commitment to growth and deeper community engagement. While our current Gering office will be closed on Thursday and Friday for the transition, our dedicated advocates remain available to provide support via our 24-Hour Help Line at 866-95-DOVES or 24-Hour Text Line at 515-599-6620. We will open the doors at our new address on Tuesday, May 28 at 9:00am. Our new office hours will be 9:00am to 12:00pm and 1:00pm to 4:00pm, allowing us to better serve the community. This relocation aligns with our desire to broaden our impact, invite our community into our work, and create a more inclusive environment to those we serve.

Many of you have asked how you can help! We invite you to help us create a welcoming atmosphere by contributing plants, both live and artificial. If you are interested in donating in other ways, please visit our website to learn how: [www.DOVESProgram.com/donate](http://www.DOVESProgram.com/donate).

To celebrate our new space and our desire to expand our community outreach, we are hosting breakfast and lunch meetings to discuss collaborative opportunities with community members. If you are interested, please complete the survey here: <https://forms.gle/1cTbUVSFamj2TmXTA>.

## **New Address:**

1321 Broadway, Scottsbluff NE 69361

How You Can Help:

- Contribute plants to bring life and joy to our new space.
- Fill out the Google Form to join us for a breakfast or lunch meeting.
- Like and follow our Facebook page to stay updated on our program's activities and events:

[www.Facebook.com/TheDOVESProgram](http://www.Facebook.com/TheDOVESProgram)

We are immensely grateful for the community's continued support and enthusiasm. Together, we can make a profound impact. Join us as we embark on this exciting new journey.

## **About the DOVES Program:**

The DOVES Program supports survivors of sexual, domestic and dating violence, stalking and human trafficking through strengths-centered and empowerment-based services. Our trained advocates provide free, confidential 24-hour advocacy, legal and medical support, community connections, individual & group support, housing and emergency shelter, and other emergency services.

# WE ARE MOVING!

## NEW OFFICE OPENING:

Tuesday, May 28 at 9am

## NEW HOURS:

9am to 12pm | 1pm to 4pm


## NEW ADDRESS:

1321 Broadway, Scottsbluff NE 69361

## TEMPORARY CLOSURE:

Our Gering office will be closed Thursday & Friday (May 23 & 24) BUT Services are STILL available through our Help & Text lines below

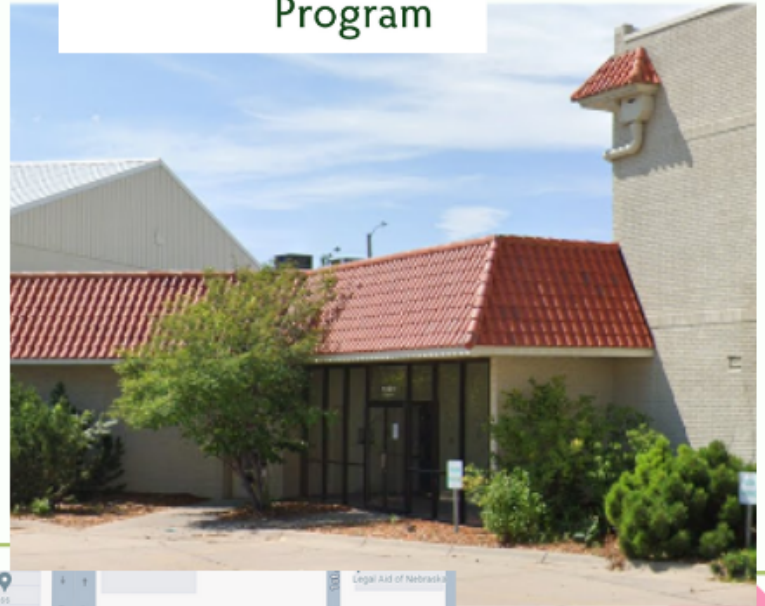
## 24-HOUR SERVICES:

 866-95-DOVES

 515-599-6620

 FACEBOOK.COM/THEDOVESPROGRAM

 WWW.DOVESPROGRAM.COM



Lifespan Respite



# RESPITE FUN DAY

**SATURDAY**  
**JUNE 8, 2024**  
**12:30 - 4:00**

This event is for children ages 6 and older who have special needs. Siblings ages 6 and older are also invited to attend.

**Space is Limited**  
**Registration Required**

- ✓ Enjoy activities
- ✓ Meet new friends
- ✓ Have fun

Special needs can include: children on an IEP or IFSP at school. Individuals who have mental health or medical challenges. Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.

 308-432-8190

 [sherri.blome@wchr.net](mailto:sherri.blome@wchr.net)

# Panhandle Equality

Join us for the 10th annual pride in the Panhandle! This event will take place June 1st. We have spaces available for booths and would love to get some more sponsors. You can sign up at this link: <https://forms.gle/R1uAh8Qdhbfr7o5B6>



 PRESENTS:  
10TH ANNUAL

*Pride*

SIGN UP FOR A BOOTH OR TO  
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# Nebraska SHIP

Welcome to Medicare presentations will be held in April in several communities in the Panhandle. These presentations are created for people turning 65 within the next year or two. Medicare is confusing and these free presentations offer an easy-to-understand guide for navigating through the process.

[Click Here to Download Documents](#)

## Nebraska Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

### SAVE THE DATE

**June 1** - Deaf & Hard of Hearing Awareness Night at the Ballpark with the Western Nebraska Pioneers

**August 6** - National Night Out (NCDHH will have a booth there)

**September 7** - Deaf & Hard of Hearing Awareness Day at the Riverside Discovery Center

Contact the NE Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing  
Susan Whitaker - 308-633-3751 or [susan.whitaker@nebraska.gov](mailto:susan.whitaker@nebraska.gov) for more information



## Snow-Redfern Foundation

# SNOW-REDFERN FOUNDATION'S ROOT2RISE

## Young Women's Leadership Program

### A VIRTUAL WORKSHOP SERIES FOR SENIORS



#### *Develop Skills and Make Connections*

A small cohort of seven high school seniors will engage in valuable group discussions with professional women in Trades, Ag and STEM fields



#### *Discover Your Potential, Grow Your Future*

The virtual six-workshop series creates space for young women interested in growing their leadership potential through exposure to important topics affecting women in leadership roles today.



#### *Scholarship Support*

Participants who complete the entire workshop series will be eligible for a \$2,000 scholarship.



#### *Eligibility*

Female-presenting students that live in Nebraska and will be high school seniors in the fall of 2024.

**APPLY NOW**

[www.snowredfern.org/root2rise/](http://www.snowredfern.org/root2rise/)



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