

# POLICY TALK

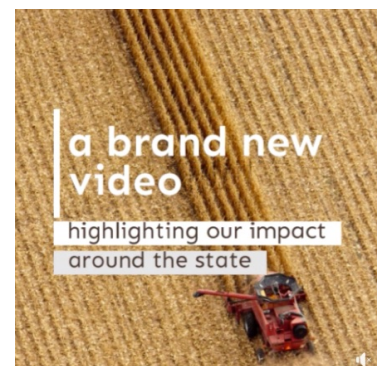
The Latest in Public Policy Center News and Events

## Featured News



### Announcing Our Promotional Video Highlighting Statewide Impact

For more than 20 years, the Center's team of researchers and staff have been working with policy makers, faculty, and other organizations to make lasting change in our communities. We work with partners from a variety of disciplines and organizations to translate ideas into action and positively impact every single Nebraska county.



Over the past month, we have shared sneak peeks of our new video highlighting our role in [Disaster Preparedness and Response](#), [Academic Research and Collaboration](#), [Community Development](#), [School Safety and Threat Assessment](#), and [Transforming Ideas into Action](#).

Now, for the first time, we are sharing the full video. We hope you enjoy the video and we look forward to continuing to build on sound research to help bring about smart policy and positive impact for all Nebraskans. Follow us on [Facebook](#) or

[Twitter](#) to see more about our latest projects and news.

Special thanks to: Bryan Tuma from the [Nebraska Emergency Management Agency](#), Dr. Christine Reed of [UNO College of Public Affairs and Community Service](#), Dr. David Rosenbaum of [University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Nebraska College of Business](#), Barbara Bartle, president of the [Lincoln Community Foundation](#), Jolene Palmer, School Safety and Security Director of the [Nebraska Department of Education](#), and Dr. Howard Liu of [UNMC College of Medicine Department of Psychiatry](#).

[Watch the Video](#)



### **Connecting Nebraskans Impacted by Disaster to Local Resources and Counseling Services**

**The Nebraska Strong Recovery Project is helping Nebraska flood survivors.** Nebraska Today and 1011 News spoke to Dr. Denise Bulling of the University of Nebraska Public Policy Center and Mikayla Johnson from Nebraska Department of Health

and Human Services about the Nebraska Strong: Recovery Project, which provides crisis counseling to those affected by disasters like the recent Midwest flooding. "For us, it's important to help the state and its residents access all available resources to recover emotionally after a disaster," says Bulling. [Read the story in Nebraska Today](#), watch the [1011News story](#), or see additional coverage on [News Channel Nebraska](#), and [3NewsNow](#). Visit the [Nebraska Strong Recovery Project](#) page to learn more.

## **CVE | COUNTERING VIOLENT EXTREMISM**

The University of Nebraska Public Policy Center, Two Rivers Public Health Department and Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) have created an **online collection of resources and training materials called Countering Violent Extremism (CVE)**. Nebraska's CVE project is funded by a grant to NEMA by the US Department of Homeland Security. It uses a public health led community engagement approach to explore barriers to reporting concerns that someone may be on a path to violence and is specifically tailored for rural or small to mid-sized communities. This month, the CVE team completed an interactive toolkit to provide guidance and resources on preventing targeted violence. [Visit the CVE website](#) for more information.

[See the Toolkit](#)



**Stay Tuned:** The next issue of Policy Talk will include features from some of our new faculty fellows.

## Upcoming Events

### Register Now for the 2019 Great Plains Disaster Behavioral Health Conference in Omaha

Keynote Speaker Dr. Patricia Watson to present training on Stress First Aid.

The Great Plains Disaster Behavioral Health Conference consists of a full day training in **Stress First Aid**. This training focuses on skills and techniques for serving first responders. It is appropriate for both licensed behavioral health professionals and for paraprofessional disaster behavioral health responders.

Visit the [conference website](#) or visit the conference [registration page](#).



### BEAM Behavioral Health Training Center Offers July 2019 Workshop

A primary focus of the BEAM Behavioral Health Training Academy is monthly workshops and training for professionals in the areas of criminal justice, psychology, mental health, and addictions.

The following **workshop has been announced for July 2019:**

- **July 19, 2019 - Successful Strategies in the Treatment of Anxiety & Obsessive Compulsive Disorders** - Gerry Merck, MHDL, LIMHP, LADC

For more details on how to register for any of the 2019 BEAM workshops, visit the [BEAM Training Center info page](#). Additional workshops coming soon.



## Center News

### Center Director Honored at President's Award Luncheon

University of Nebraska Public Policy Center director, Dr. Mario Scalora, was awarded the Innovation, Development, and Engagement Award at the [President's Excellence Awards](#) luncheon last month. Congratulations to Dr. Scalora and all the honored faculty who were recognized by the University of Nebraska.



Dr. Scalora (L) and Chancellor Green (R)

### New Postdoctoral Research Associate Joins the Public Policy Center



Rosa Viñas-Racionero joined the University of Nebraska Public Policy Center after graduating with a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. She has an M.A. in Forensic Psychology from John Jay College of Criminal Justice. Dr. Viñas-Racionero's research interests focus on assessment and management of individuals who pose a risk of targeted violence.

## The Public Policy Center Welcomes NEW Faculty Fellows

This spring, the Center welcomed **23 new faculty fellows** from a variety of disciplines. Their expertise will be an asset to many of the exciting projects we have in store for 2019. Our new faculty fellows include:

- [Craig Allen - UNL](#)
- [Deborah Bathke - UNL](#)
- [James Bovaird - UNL](#)
- [Eve Brank - UNL](#)
- [Ted Cieslak - UNMC](#)
- [Carrick Detweiler - UNL](#)
- [Brittany Duncan - UNL](#)
- [Sarah Gervais - UNL](#)
- [David Hansen - UNL](#)
- [Qing Hui - UNL](#)
- [Gina Ligon - UNO](#)
- [Howard Liu - UNMC](#)
- [Francisco Munoz-Arriola - UNL](#)
- [Helen Raikes - UNL](#)
- [Christine Reed - UNO](#)
- [David Rosenbaum - UNL](#)
- [Lisa Sample - UNO](#)
- [Susan Sheridan - UNL](#)
- [Kevin Smith - UNL](#)
- [Mark Svoboda - UNL](#)
- [Susan Swearer - UNL](#)
- [Eric Thompson - UNL](#)
- [Dirac Twidwell Jr. - UNL](#)



## We Are Hiring a New Research Coordinator

The Public Policy Center is now hiring a Research Coordinator. If you or someone you know would like to work with our team of researchers on a variety of collaborative projects, be sure to [\*\*apply by July 5.\*\*](#)

New and recent graduates are encouraged to apply!



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We team with policymakers & other stakeholders to actively inform public policy & put knowledge into action.

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