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Nebraska Disaster Behavioral Health Exercise Helps Agencies Prepare for Floods and Other Disasters

On July 23, 2025, the Public Policy Center facilitated the 22nd Annual Nebraska Disaster Behavioral Health Exercise. The topic and format of this exercise varies from year to year to continually test and identify improvements to the disaster behavioral health preparedness and response capabilities statewide. This year's exercise included discussion in the context of a flood impacting the state of Nebraska and asked participating agencies to assess whether their plans and procedures would be effective at addressing this event. Attendees of this year's exercise represented state agencies, behavioral health regions, local public health departments, emergency management agencies, healthcare

facilities, and other response entities. Learn more about **disaster behavioral health**.

Behavioral Health Trainings Available Online

Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services contracts with the University of Nebraska Public Policy Center to coordinate, prioritize, and provide virtual training and continuing education for behavioral health clinicians and peer support workers across Nebraska. Since 2020, we have coordinated 59 training sessions for behavioral health providers and peer support workers to over 7,667 participants, covering topics such as enhancing peer support through crisis management, motivational interviewing techniques, and person-centered and trauma-informed crisis management and de-escalation. The response from the behavioral health community has been positive and the trainings are consistently well-attended, averaging over 180 attendees per training. To find out about future opportunities or view previous trainings visit **dhhs-dbhtraining.unl.edu**.



Events

Suicide Safer Care: Zero Suicide in Nebraska

FREE VIRTUAL EVENT

Virtual: Via Zoom

August 29, 2025

9:00 AM–4:00 PM (CT)

Join us for a full-day virtual event designed specifically for professionals working in health and behavioral healthcare systems. This session will provide an orientation to the Zero Suicide framework, a system-wide approach to improving suicide care. Participants will explore the seven core elements of the model, engage with best practices, and learn actionable implementation strategies to support safer, more effective suicide prevention efforts across their organizations. This training has been approved for 6 continuing education (CE) credits for psychologists and Nebraska LMHP/LIMHP. **Learn More.**



Great Plains ATAP Training Event

Lincoln Marriot Cornhusker Hotel

Virtual via Zoom & In-Person

Oct. 2, 2025, 9:00 AM–4:00 PM (CT)

Oct. 3, 2025, 9:00 AM–12:00 PM (CT)

The Great Plains ATAP annual training event brings together experts from the behavioral threat assessment and management (BTAM) field to address current challenges and best practices in prevention and communication for threat assessment professionals. This year's event will provide updates on current research and practice to enhance skills in working in the field of threat assessment.



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We are Hiring an IT Specialist and a Student Copy Editor



The University of Nebraska Public Policy Center (NUPPC) is currently seeking an information technology specialist to provide computing management services to NUPPC and the Center for Children, Families, and the Law. **Apply Today.**

NUPPC is also seeking an **Undergraduate Copy Editor** to provide support for our staff to assist with proofreading academic reports and press releases. They will also help proofread promotional material, social

media posts, and web content for a minimum of 15 hours a week starting in July. Appointment is for one semester but can be extended if desired. Interested students should submit letter of interest, resume, and three references to Liz Green at Liz.Green@unl.edu.

Additional Nebraska Educators to be Trained on Psych First Aid for Schools

Through a partnership between NUPPC



and the Nebraska Department of Education, Drs. Melissa Brymer and Kristine Louie trained a cohort of 15 Psychological First Aid for Schools (PFA-S) trainers who in turn train Nebraska K-12 educators and school crisis teams. This evidence informed practice standardizes the way schools respond to the emotional aftermath of emergencies, tragedies, and disasters. This project is funded by a Mental Health Awareness Training (MHAT) grant from the Center for Mental Health Services, SAMHSA. With the help of the grant, 250 educators and staff will be trained across the state.

Center Hosts Webinar Series on Workplace Resilience



The University of Nebraska Public Policy Center and Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services offered a webinar series to support resilience building among the public health workforce working in disaster planning, response, and recovery with their healthcare partners. NUPPC offers public health partners a free organizational resilience assessment. View the **Resilience for Organizations Webinar Series**.

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