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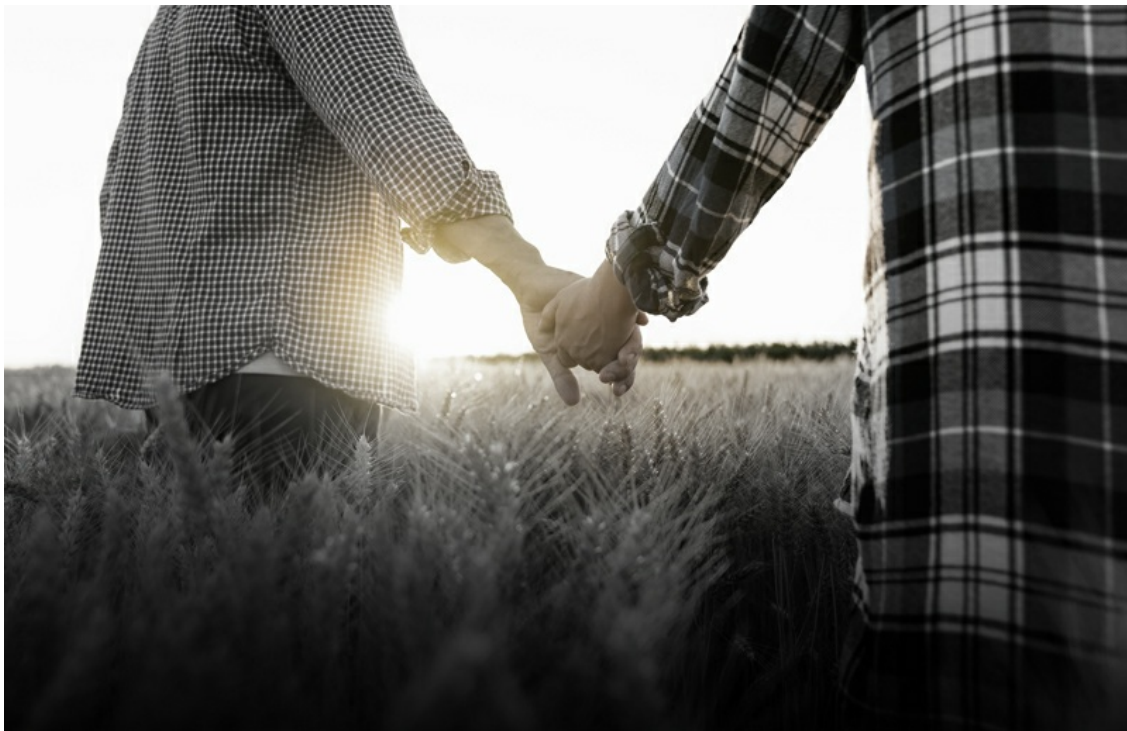


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Featured News

Statewide effort Focuses on Suicide Prevention for Men in Rural Nebraska



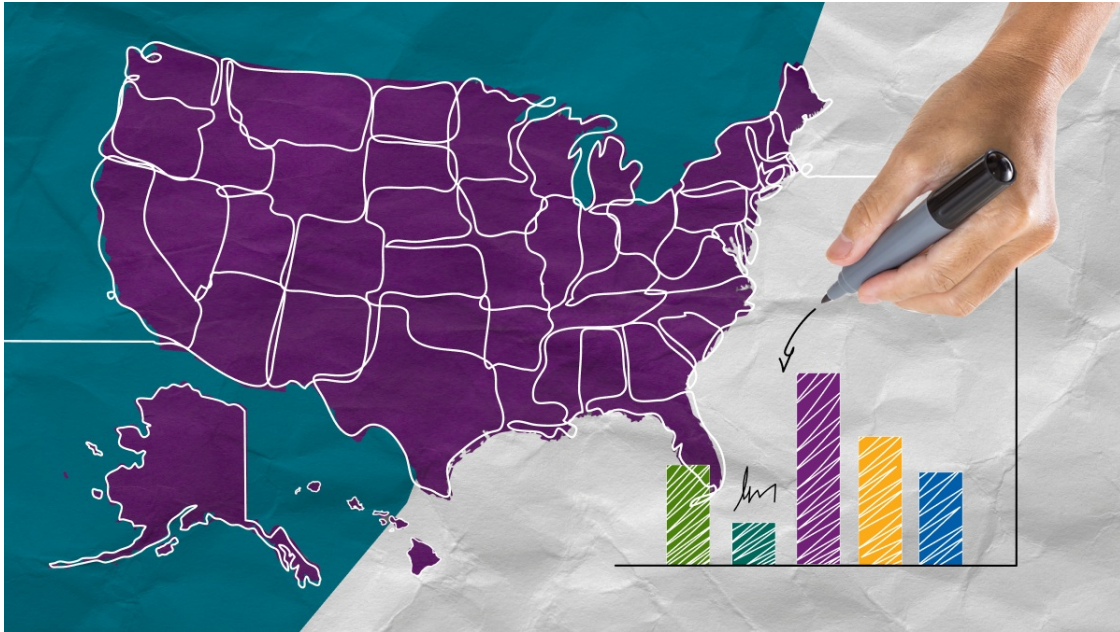
The University of Nebraska Public Policy Center (NUPPC) is helping to lead the Nebraska Comprehensive Suicide Prevention Project, a statewide initiative focused on suicide prevention with an emphasis on suicide prevention for men in rural Nebraska. The NUPPC, in cooperation with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), launched a focused media campaign last year to raise awareness of the issue and address the stigma of mental health struggles for men. In its second year, the effort aims to increase awareness of the warning signs of suicide and encourage the use of the lifesaving practice of **lethal means security** for

suicide prevention.

The project has four key strategies for creative, evidence-informed approaches to suicide prevention in men: strengthen access and delivery of suicide care, create protective environments and communities, identify and support people at risk, and lessen harm and prevent future risk.

Learn more at suicideprevention.unl.edu/home

Mental Health Data Resource



CDC Data Resource Focuses on Trends in Mental Health and Well-Being

The CDC released a new resource to help you easily access national and state data on mental health and well-being among U.S. youth and adults. This overview of national and state level data from CDC data sources showcases trends in mental health and well-being among youth and adults in the United States. Both mental and physical health are essential to overall health. Understanding this data can help us take actions to improve the nation's mental health, including strengthening conditions where we learn, live, work, and play.

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Events

Resilience Resources for Organizations Webinar Series

Joshua Berry & Melissa Taylor

Virtual: Via Zoom

May 29, June 12, & June 26

12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (CT)



This free webinar series for public health entities and their healthcare coalition partners will take a deeper dive into the four pillars that support employee resilience: Organizational Practices, Leadership Qualities, Workforce Temperature, & Workplace Culture. **Learn more.**

- Organizational Practices - Wednesday, May 14, 2025, 12:00 – 12:30 p.m. (Central) - Joshua Berry
- Leadership Qualities - Thursday, May 29, 2025, 12:00 – 12:30 p.m. (Central) - Joshua Berry
- Workforce Temperature - Thursday, June 12, 2025, 12:00 – 12:30 p.m. (Central) - Joshua Berry
- Workplace Culture - Thursday, June 26, 2025, 12:00 – 12:30 p.m. (Central) - Melissa Taylor

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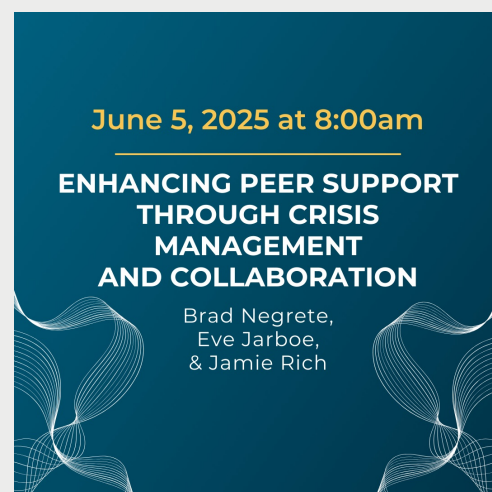
Enhancing Peer Support Through Crisis Management and Collaboration

Brad Negrete, Eve Jarboe, & Jamie Rich

Virtual: Via Zoom

June 5, 2025

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)



This presentation will be divided into two sections: the first section will focus on crisis management for peer support specialists and the second section will focus on collaboration and teamwork. Participants will learn the role peers can play in crisis management, including applied examples of peer support within a mobile crisis response team. **Learn More.**

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Diagnosis: What It Is, What It Isn't, and What It Can Be

Kenneth Kinter

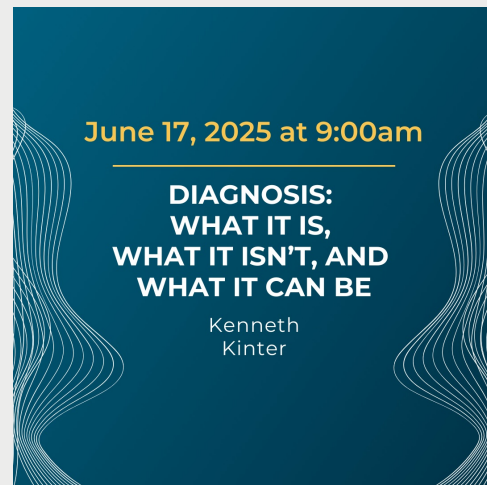
Virtual: Via Zoom

June 17, 2025

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

During this training, participants will learn about the various functions of diagnosis and how they can both conflict and aid each other. Attendees will also learn about various methods of increasing the accuracy of diagnosis while using diagnosis as an educational and rapport-building tool. Special attention will be paid to improving diagnosis of Post-traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

Learn More.



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Center News

We Are Hiring an Undergraduate Research Assistant and a Student Copy Editor



The University of Nebraska Public Policy Center (NUPPC) is currently seeking an **Undergraduate Research Assistant** and a **Undergraduate Copy Editor** to provide support for our staff.

The undergraduate research assistant will assist with administrative and project-specific work for a minimum of 15 hours per week starting in August. Appointment is for one semester, but can be extended if desired. **Apply by June 15, 2025.**

The undergraduate copy editor will assist with proofreading academic reports and press releases. The editor will also help proofread promotional material, social media posts, and web content for a minimum of 15 hours a week starting in June or July. Appointment is for one semester but can be extended if desired. **Apply by June 2, 2025.**

Interested applicants should submit letter of interest, resume, and three references to Liz Green at Liz.Green@unl.edu.

Top Award Focuses on Nebraska Violence Prevention



Dr. Mario Scalora & Dr. Denise Bulling received recognition for their work on a \$204K grant awarded by the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency to NUPPC for Nebraska Domestic Violent Extremism Prevention. The grant is a top award for March 2025 by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Office of Research and Innovation.

Paper Focusing on Trust in the Workplace Short-listed for Best Paper by Journal of Trust Research



A paper titled "How does trust in multiple trustees influence disclosure of workplace conflict? Testing the Perceived Influence Model of Trust" has been shortlisted for the best paper award from the *Journal of Trust Research*. In addition to Senior Research Manager **Lisa PytlikZillig**, authors of the paper include Ashley Votruba, Michelle Fleig-Palmer, Jooho Lee, Mariska Kappmeier, and Abigail Herzfeld.

Congratulations May 2025 Graduates!



Congrats to all the University of Nebraska May graduates! Special congratulations to Undergraduate Research Assistant **Macy Sabo**, who graduated with her degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice with minors in National Security and Political Science from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

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