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POLICYTALK

The Latest in Public Policy
Center News and Events

Featured News

The University of Nebraska Public Policy Center (NUPPC) is collaborating on several suicide prevention efforts across the state, including programs on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus. In collaboration with campus partners at **UNL**

Counseling and Psychological Services and **Campus Recreation**, NUPPC developed a new training program to help students and staff recognize signs of suicide risk and respond effectively. During the 2024–25 school year, over 500 participants completed the training, reporting increased confidence and knowledge in supporting those at risk.

Learn more at caps.unl.edu/prevent-suicide.



As part of a co-operative agreement with the CDC, NUPPC also launched a statewide suicide prevention media campaign, particularly focused on men ages 25–64, whose rate is nearly twice that of other Nebraskans. Working with state and local organizations, NUPPC is enhancing community-based efforts through gatekeeper training, promoting safe storage of lethal means, highlighting tele-behavioral health access, and supporting suicide loss survivors. **Learn more at [Nebraska Suicide Prevention](#).**

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Story

Center Researchers Recognized for Top Awards

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Office of Innovation and Research

recognizes arts and humanities grants of \$10,000 or more and all other grants of \$200,000 or more as **Top Sponsored Awards** for June 16 through July 15, 2025.

Research Directors Janell Walther and Jennifer Meek received \$459,578 from the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services to evaluate the impact of the Family Centered Treatment in Nebraska.

Senior Research Manager Stacey Hoffman and Senior Research Specialist Ashley Miller received a \$200,394 subgrant from the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services to support clinical quality management and related activities for the Nebraska Ryan White Part B Program.



Top Sponsored Award

Events

2025 Great Plains ATAP Training Event Lincoln Marriott Cornhusker Hotel

Virtual via Zoom & In-Person

Oct. 2, 9AM–4PM (CT)

Oct. 3, 9AM–12PM (CT)

This 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. It provides updates on current research and practice to enhance skills in the field of threat assessment.



Great Plains
CHAPTER

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Advancing Neuropsychiatric Care: Connecting Brain Injury Treatment to Better Outcomes (Part 1 of 4) Drs. Matthew Peters & Durga Roy

Free on Zoom

Oct. 9, 11AM–1PM (CT)

This four-part seminar series will focus on supporting behavioral, emotional, and cognitive

ADVANCING
NEUROPSYCHIATRIC CARE:
CONNECTING BRAIN INJURY
TREATMENT TO BETTER
OUTCOMES

October 9, 2025
11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

SESSION **1**

FREE ON ZOOM

health of patients with traumatic brain injury. This session focuses on neuropsychiatric symptoms, common behavioral, emotional and cognitive symptoms, and online screening and support.

Best Practices in Screening and Diagnosis of ADHD in Adults

Dr. Margaret Sibley

Free Via Zoom

Oct. 16, 9AM–12PM (CT)

This presentation will review empirically supported best practices for the screening and diagnosis of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) in adults. It will cover who to screen and how to screen, the diagnostic process, and specific tools and recommendations related to accurately measuring current symptoms, assessing and making judgments about clinically significant functional impairments.

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Violence Risk Assessment Workshop Developing Clinical Expertise in Violence & Risk Assessment

Dr. Mario Scalora

In-Person (Kearney, NE)

Oct. 21, 9AM–3:30PM (CT)

This workshop will enhance and promote statewide clinical expertise in violence risk and threat assessment in Nebraska. Dr. Mario Scalora will review key concepts, dynamic and static risk and protective factors, ethical concerns, and the roles of risk and threat assessment across different applied contexts.



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Pharmacotherapy for Behavioral, Emotional, and Cognitive Symptoms in Brain Injury (Part 2 of 4)

Drs. Matthew Peters & Durga Roy

Free Via Zoom

Oct. 23, 11AM–1PM (CT)

This four-part seminar series will focus on supporting behavioral, emotional, and cognitive



health of patients with traumatic brain injury. This session focuses on pharmacotherapy for cognitive and neuropsychiatric symptoms, common pharmacologic agents to manage cognitive and neuropsychiatric symptoms, and common side effects.

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Now**

Psychotherapeutic Approaches, Psychosocial Education, and Family Support for Patients with Brain Injury (Part 3 of 4)

Drs. Matthew Peters & Durga Roy

Free Via Zoom

Nov. 6, 11AM–1PM (CT)

This four-part seminar series will focus on supporting behavioral, emotional, and cognitive health of patients with traumatic brain injury. This session focuses on common psychotherapeutic approaches for patients with brain injury, how psychosocial education is used to improve outcomes, and approaches to support families of those with brain injury.



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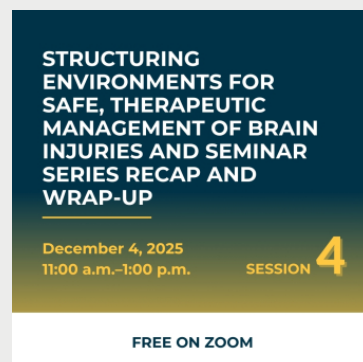
Structuring Environments for Safe, Therapeutic Management of Brain Injuries and Series Wrap-Up (Part 4 of 4)

Drs. Matthew Peters & Durga Roy

Free Via Zoom

Dec. 4, 11AM–1PM (CT)

This four-part seminar series will focus on supporting behavioral, emotional, and cognitive health of patients with traumatic brain injury. This session focuses on approaches to create a safe and therapeutic environment for those with brain injury, elements used to change clinical practice, and challenges encountered in the care of patients with brain injury.



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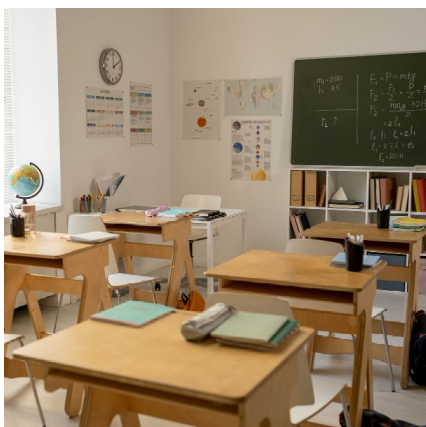
Threat Assessment and Detecting Warning Signs



University of Nebraska Public Policy Center Director Dr. Mario Scalora spoke to Channel 8 News KLNK TV about factors that may contribute to violent acts and the role of threat assessment in detecting warning signs before a violent event occurs.

See the story.

Evaluation Cited in Report on School Shooter Drills



An evaluation by University of Nebraska Public Policy Center researchers is cited in a recent report from National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine on active shooter drills. The report reviews current practices, impacts on students, and how these drills can be conducted to reduce potential harm while supporting school safety. **Read the report.**

Drone Technology Aids Fire Management



A recent *Popular Science* article focuses on drones used for fire management. University of Nebraska Public Policy Center Faculty Fellow and University of Nebraska-Lincoln School of Computing Professor Carrick Detweiler is co-founder and CEO of Drone Amplified, a company who produces drones used in fire management and controlled burns. **Read the story.**

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