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Featured News

City of Lincoln Pilots New 911/988 Partnership to Enhance Mental Health Crisis Response



This month, Mayor Leirion Gaylor Baird announced a new partnership between the Lincoln Emergency Communications Center (LECC) 911 services and the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline. The partnership will improve mental health support for community members while more efficiently using City of Lincoln government resources. Lincoln is the first city in Nebraska to establish a 911/988 partnership. This collaborative effort included the City of Lincoln, Lincoln

Police Department, Lincoln Emergency Communications 911 Center, University of Nebraska Public Policy Center, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, and the Nebraska 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline operated by Boys Town Nebraska.

Learn more on the [City of Lincoln Mayor's Office Website](#) or see the news coverage at [10/11 News](#).

Afghan Refugees Tour State Capitol Building to Learn About Nebraska History and Culture



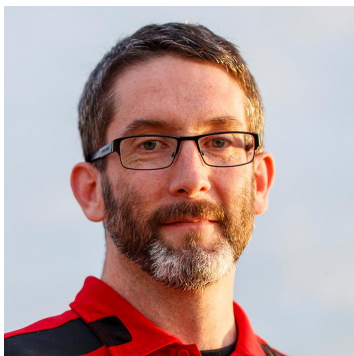
Afghan Refugees toured the Nebraska State Capitol building this month to learn about Nebraska's Native American influences, history, culture, and Unicameral Legislature. The activity is one of several enrichment activities evaluated by the University of Nebraska Public Policy Center and organized by Omaha Public Schools, Lincoln Public Schools, Millard Public Schools, and the Asian Community and Cultural Center of Lincoln. **Read more.**

**Washington D.C. Professional Enrichment Academy
Now Accepting Applicants through April 15**



The **Washington D.C. Professional Enrichment Academy** is a free, value-added program that meets once week to connect University of Nebraska students with prominent D.C. alumni and each other to help them get the most out of their D.C. internship. The program includes guest speakers to cover topics such as "Policymaking in Congress" and "The News Media in American Democracy." Applications are open to any University of Nebraska undergraduate with a summer D.C. internship. Students can apply through April 15 by visiting: go.unl.edu/applydcpea.

Faculty Highlight



Adam Houston to Discuss Drones & Severe Weather in Spring Nebraska Lecture

April 2, 2024 - 3:30 PM

Adam Houston, professor of Earth and atmospheric sciences, will present "Can Drones Improve Weather Forecasts?" in the Nebraska Union auditorium as part of the **Nebraska Lecture Series**.

Houston co-authored "How people make

sense of drones used for atmospheric science (and other purposes): hopes, concerns, and recommendations" with NUPPC faculty fellow Carrick Detweiler and NUPPC researchers Janell Walther and Lisa PytlikZillig. [Read the article here.](#)

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Events



Violence Risk Assessment Workshops

Dr. Mario Scalora

In-Person: Omaha, NE

March 29, 2024

9:00 AM - 3:30 PM (CT)

Virtual: Via Zoom

April 5, 2024

9:30 AM - 3:30 PM (CT)

This free workshop will enhance and promote statewide clinical expertise in violence risk and threat assessment in Nebraska and help practitioners address risk assessment and management issues in their clinical activity.

[Learn More.](#)



Cultural Competency: Moving Towards a Progressive Approach in Addressing Mental Health

Dr. Nyabang Buom

Virtual: Via Zoom

March 26, 2024 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

This free training will focus on increasing the cultural competence of behavioral health professionals to improve the quality of care provided to clients from culturally diverse backgrounds.

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Tips & Tricks for Working with Children and Youth in Mental Health Practice

Dr. Cate Jones-Hazledine & Jennifer Jackson



Virtual: Via Zoom Apr. 15, May 3, Jul. 26, & Aug. 23* 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

*(select one date to attend)

This free virtual training will provide Nebraska-licensed mental health professionals an overview workshop to increase interest in providing services to children and youth.

Learn More.

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Center News

Nebraska Suicide Summit Aims to Address Suicide Concerns for Nebraskans



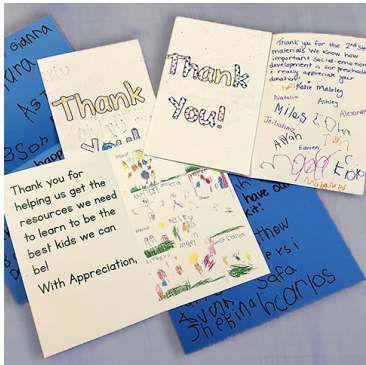
This month the 2024 **Nebraska Suicide Prevention Summit** will bring together experts, advocates, and community members to discuss and address critical issues surrounding suicide prevention and postvention in our state. Event organizers include The Kim Foundation, the Nebraska State Suicide Prevention Coalition, and the University of Nebraska Public Policy Center.

Community Climate Resilience Symposium Spurs Conversations About Climate Resilience



A **Community Climate Resilience Symposium** met on UNL's East Campus this month to spur conversations about climate resilience. A multi-disciplinary group of about 25 faculty members is working to develop the Great Plains Community Climate Resilience Institute. It will rely upon collaboration among people from many different perspectives and backgrounds to generate new ideas about climate resilience.

Pre-K Students Send Thank You Cards to Behavioral Health Project Partners



Pre-K students at Lexington Schools sent thank you notes to project partners for **Second Step Early Learning** curriculum. The University of Nebraska Public Policy Center (NUPPC) is partnering with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Division of Public Health on a project to address behavioral health needs among children and adolescents in Nebraska. The project is building the capacity of Pre-K educators to meet student needs through implementation of the evidence-based Second Step Early Learning curriculum.

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