

# EMPOWERING FUTURES



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**2024 NJJA CONFERENCE**  
KEARNEY, NEBRASKA | YOUNES CONFERENCE CENTER

**MAY 1-3, 2024**

## Agenda: Day 1

Time	Room	Title/Topic	Speaker
9:00-10:00am	Lobby	<b>Registration</b>	
10:00-10:15am	Crystal 1 & 2	Welcome & Opening Remarks	
10:15-11:45 am	Crystal 1 & 2	KEYNOTE - Be the Difference	Gaelin Elmore
12:00 - 1:00 pm	Diamond 4 & 5	Lunch - Exhibits Open - UNO Juvenile Justice Certificate Program Presentation	
1:00-1:15 pm	Crystal 3 & 4	Break - Exhibits Open/Networking	
<b>BREAKOUT SESSION A</b> 1:15 - 2:30 pm	Diamond 1	Erase the Belonging Gap Workshop	Gaelin Elmore
	Diamond 2	The Impact of Brain Injury on Justice-Involved Youth	Peggy Reisher, Dennis Marks
	Diamond 3	Dual-System Youth: How We "Role" Together for Youth and Families	Amy Latshaw, KaCee Zimmerman
	Diamond 6	Project Review: Tribal Response and Resources for Human Trafficking Victims in Nebraska	Kirby Williams, Misty Flowers
	Crystal 1 & 2	Building Pathways for Families of High-Risk Youth to Reach Their Full Potential	Alisa Parmer, PLMHP, MBA, Nick Juliano, PhD, MBA
2:30 - 3:00 pm	Crystal 3 & 4	Break - Exhibits Open/Networking	
<b>BREAKOUT SESSION B</b> 3:00 - 4:15 pm	Diamond 1	Addressing Chronic Absenteeism through Restorative Practices	Nicole Britten, Brian Welch, Shirley Vargas
	Diamond 2	Connecting Through Conflict	Miranda Stoll, LIMHP, LADC
	Diamond 3	A Balancing Act: Engaging Parents and Caregivers while Supporting Youth	Brianna Mumm, LCSW, LMHP, Kim Teegerstrom
	Diamond 6	Skills and Techniques in School Truancy Reduction	Steve Snodgrass
	Crystal 1 & 2	Centering Youth Voice in Youth Justice Spaces	Monica Miles-Steffens, MPA, Mark Kiepke, KaCee Zimmerman, Shayla Trausch, LaDonna Strong
4:30 - 6:00 pm	Crystal 1 & 2	Diversion Meeting	

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# Agenda: Day 2

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8:00 - 8:30 am	Lobby	<b>Registration / Exhibits Open</b>	
8:30 - 10:00 am	Ruby 6 & 7	<b>Youth Day Registration/Kickoff</b>	
8:30 - 8:45 am	Crystal 1 & 2	Welcome & Opening Remarks	
8:45 - 10:15 am	Crystal 1 & 2	KEYNOTE: Online Safety in a Modern World Through the Eyes of a Survivor	Alicia Kozak
10:15 - 10:30 am	Crystal 3 & 4	Break - Exhibits Open/Networking	
<b>BREAKOUT SESSION C</b> 10:30-11:45am	Diamond 1	Lessons Learned from 10-Years of a Crossover Youth Practice Model Site through an Implementation Science Lens	Shawne Johnson, Nick Juliano, PhD, MBA, Ryan Spohn
	Diamond 2	Inspiring Hope in Justice Involved Individuals - Case Management Strategies for Decreasing Suicide Risk	Lindsay Meyer, Erin Curran
	Diamond 3	Call me Nanny McPhee!	Crystal Rush Cardenas
	Diamond 6	Prevalence and Trends Observed in Youth Data	Betty Jean Usher-Tate
	Crystal 1 & 2	Implementation Science and Leadership to Support Juvenile Justice Change	Amoreena Brady
12:00-1:00pm	Diamond 4 & 5	Awards Luncheon	
1:00 - 1:15 pm	Crystal 3 & 4	Break - Exhibits Open / Networking	
<b>BREAKOUT SESSION D</b> 1:15-2:30pm	Diamond 1	Support for LGBTQ youth in Nebraska High Schools	Christina Sogar, Chelsea Feusner, Martonia Gaskill
	Diamond 2	Moving to With: How Restorative Practice can Transform Relationships	Anne Hobbs, JD, PhD, Monica Miles-Steffens
	Diamond 3	"Supporting and Maintaining the Innocence of Children of Color"	LeLynda Briggs-Linstadt, Teffany Ulrich
	Diamond 6	Using Hope to Drive Positive Outcomes for Youth and Families	Scott Butler, Liz Bartels
	Crystal 1 & 2	Mentoring in New Dimensions (MIND): The Potential Impact of a Culturally Relevant Approach to Mentoring Program Design	Kris Whisenhunt, BSW, MPA, Lawrence Chatters, PhD, KB Mensah
2:30-3:00pm	Crystal 3 & 4	Break - Exhibits Open / Networking	
<b>BREAKOUT SESSION E</b> 3:00-4:15pm	Diamond 1	Expectation: Attendance is Mandatory. Reality: Life happens. Youth perspectives on chronic absenteeism and truancy petitions in Nebraska	Katie Nungesser
	Diamond 2	Lead the Change You Want to See: Turning Ideas into Practice	Monica Miles-Steffens, MPA, Maeve Hemmer
	Diamond 3	Serving Street Gang Involved Youth	Diante Jones
	Diamond 6	The Youth Perspective	Lincoln Arneal, Michalya Stawniak, Karolina Yoder
	Crystal 1 & 2	Wellbeing at Work	Nicole Deere-Andersen, Cassandra Dittmer
3:00-4:30pm	Ruby	Youth Reception (Youth Only)	
4:30-6:00pm	Diamond 4, 5, 9, 10	Networking Reception	

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# Agenda: Day 3

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8:15-8:45am	Crystal 1 & 2	Opening Remarks / Youth Kickoff	
8:45-9:45am	Crystal 1 & 2	KEYNOTE - Trafficking, Trauma, Resiliency and Evidence-based Hope	Judge Robert Lung
9:45-10:00am	Crystal 3 & 4	Break	
10:00-12:00pm	Crystal 1 & 2	KEYNOTE - Practical Practices to be Trauma-Informed	Judge Robert Lung
12:00-12:15pm	Crystal 1 & 2	Closing Remarks	