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Presenter Bios

Lincoln Arneal

Lincoln has worked for Nebraska Children for more than five years and is the adult supporter of the Nebraska Children and Families Foundation Youth Advisory Board.

Matthew Baker

Matthew (Baker) Cries For Ribs and been working with “at risk” youth for over 20 years. Through the years Matthew has held positions of Supervisor at Youth Service Center (Lincoln), Supervisor Winnebago Youth Shelter and Coordinator for Gang Outreach LPD (Tipping Point). Matthew has also worked on the All Native Crises/Suicide line as a Crises Counselor. Matt currently collaborates with the Malone Center for “Take Pause” Which is a Police/Youth outreach program. Matt has been certified in Restorative Practices which he uses as a foundation for Tipping Point.

Eldon Bensen

Eldon Bensen is a Community Engagement Manager for Unite Us and is based in Dakota City, Nebraska. He has dedicated his career in the nonprofit sector to building bridges between agencies to better serve the community. Eldon has spent more than 20 years of his career working with youth in after-school programs, summer camps, youth sports, and schools. His most recent position, prior to joining the Unite Us team, was as the Chief Executive Officer of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Siouxland. Working with at-risk youth Eldon regularly had discussions with families about their needs and lack of resources available to them. These experiences led him to work tirelessly to break down interagency barriers in the Siouxland area. Eldon has served on several Boards of Directors including the United Way of Siouxland, Boys & Girls Club Alliance, Greater Midwest Area Council, and Growing Community Connections. Eldon holds a B.S. in Geography and Coaching from Wayne State College

Amoreena Brady

Amoreena Brady is the Juvenile Justice Reform Specialist at the Administrative Office of the Courts and Probation for the State of Nebraska. She began serving in this capacity in March 2019. Ms. Brady has 26 years of probation experience in variety of settings. In 1996, Ms. Brady began her career with the Orange County Probation Department in California. In 2006, she began her career in Nebraska. Ms. Brady moved to the Administrative Office of the Courts and Probation in 2013 where she focused on ensuring best practice juvenile case management techniques were in place for the state. In Ms. Brady’s current role, she works with national juvenile justice experts and is charged with the coordination and implementation of enhancement efforts for the juvenile justice system in Nebraska. She is a trainer and curriculum developer educating probation staff regarding best practices in the field. In June of 1996, Ms. Brady earned her Bachelor’s Degree in Criminal Justice from Chapman University, Orange, CA. In June 2014, Ms. Brady completed a certificate program and is a fellow of the Georgetown University Center for Juvenile Justice Reform. Ms. Brady has presented on a variety of juvenile justice topics at state and national conferences.

Nicole Britten

Nicole Britten works for the Nebraska Supreme Court Office of Dispute Resolution (ODR). ODR works with and oversees the 6 Nebraska Mediation Centers, which provide mediation and restorative justice services. Nicole provides training to mediators as well as New Probation Officers. Nicole has been with ODR for over a year but has worked with the state for over 10 years. Prior to working for ODR, Nicole worked for Children and Family Services first as a juvenile services officer, then as an Adult Protective Services worker, then as a Quality Assurance Reviewer and her last role with CFS was as a Program Specialist. As a Program Specialist with CFS, Nicole oversaw the Child and Adult Abuse and Neglect Central Registry and represented the Department at appeal hearings regarding expungements from the Central Registry. Nicole also contracts with the Administration for Children and Families to complete the Children and Family Services Reviews, which review each state's child welfare systems for strengths and areas needing improvement. Nicole received her Bachelor's of Science in Psychology in 2010 from the University of Nebraska at Kearney, graduating magna cum laude.

Dr. Abby Carbaugh

Dr. Abby Carbaugh is an applied researcher, with expertise in public sector and justice system research and evaluation. Dr. Carbaugh received her Ph.D. in Criminal Justice from the University of Nebraska Omaha and served as the Research Director for the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services. She has been the Juvenile Justice Data Administrator for Douglas County since January of 2021, and has procured over \$3.5 Million in federal grant funding for the County. The majority of these funds have been allocated to prevention and early intervention programs and services to meet the needs of missing and runaway girls, and to address the overrepresentation of youth of color involved in the adult and juvenile justice systems.

Tomeki Cobbs

Tomeki has years of experience working with women against violence. She has a Master's in Risk Management and was promoted to Manager 1 year ago at YouTurn.

Megan Cook

As a street outreach director, Megan provides personal one-on-one help to those vulnerable or victims of sex trafficking. She uses her past life-experience to provide emotional support while connecting them to needed services. As she explains, "These girls look at me and they have no hope in their eyes. I was there! I remember that feeling! I tell each girl; your story may not look like my story and mine may not look like yours. But being able to relate is huge!" Through unconditional love, Megan uses her past life-experience to direct girls toward a life they never imagined possible.

Erin Curran

Erin Curran, LMHP is the Juvenile Behavioral Health Specialist within the Administrative Office of the Courts and Probation (AOCP) Juvenile Services Division. Erin holds a Bachelor's Degree in Behavioral Sciences and Master's Degree in Clinical Counseling from Bellevue University. She started her work with Probation in District 2 as a high-risk juvenile probation officer in January 2017, and within a year, she transitioned to a Juvenile Treatment Officer position. For the past three years, Erin has served as the Juvenile Drug Court Officer in Sarpy County, working with youth with significant substance use needs. Erin has served on several community-based committees and was a statewide trainer for Question Persuade Refer (QPR), Trauma, and Resiliency. Prior to joining Probation, Erin worked as an Intensive Family Preservation therapist with KVC Nebraska, as well as an outpatient therapist with Behaven Kids and Beneficial Behavioral Health. Erin's career has focused on supporting youth and families involved in the court system through delinquency or abuse/neglect cases. In her time as an Intensive Family Preservation therapist, she also was a treatment provider working with Sarpy County Juvenile Drug Court. Erin's passion is to work with justice-involved youth and to afford them every opportunity to connect to resources to help them be successful in their lives.

George Devers

My Name is George Devers , I'm the School Manager with Youturn. I've been with Youturn since 2016. Youturn collaborate with Omaha public Schools to offer Suppression, Intervention , Prevention , Mediation and Education services in Senior High , And alternative Schools . Youturn believes that our youth are resilient, And with the right support they can and will chart course of personal achievement and success. George Devers has three children and love to camp and go bowling in his free time.

Marian Fey

Marian Fey has been serving children and families through nonprofit and education work since 2004. Prior to her role as Executive Director of the new BRIDGE Family Resource Connector Network, Marian was the Clarke Community Initiative Facilitator for the Millard Public Schools. The CCI supported students and families by removing barriers to student success through connections to resources in the community. At The BRIDGE, this effort continues in a network of place-based family resource centers which will offer equitable access to direct support, wrap-around services, and family coaching. Previously, Marian was the Executive Director of The Nebraska Cultural Endowment, Nebraskans for the Arts, and served two terms on the Omaha Public Schools Board of Education including time as Board President.

Dayna Goff

Dayna L. Goff is the Outreach and Training Specialist with the Nebraska Resource Project for Vulnerable Children at UNL's Center for Children, Family and the Law. Dayna earned her Bachelor's and Master's in Social Work from the University of Kansas and her Juris Doctorate from University of Nebraska College of Law. She previously worked as a therapeutic case manager at a child welfare agency, as the associate director of a visitation agency and as an attorney practicing in estate planning, family and juvenile law. She continues to practice juvenile law in Lancaster County.

Kim Hawekotte

Kim's professional background includes working in the field of child welfare and juvenile services for over 30 years. As a private practice trial attorney for over 14 years, she was extensively involved in juvenile court as a parent's attorney, a defense attorney and as a Guardian ad Litem. As the Deputy Chief of the Juvenile Division of the Douglas County Attorney's Office, she prosecuted abuse/neglect, status offense and delinquency cases. As the Governor appointed Administrator for the Office of Juvenile Services, she was responsible for all aspects of the Nebraska Juvenile Justice System including the YRTC's in Kearney and Geneva. She also has served as the President and General Counsel for KVC Behavioral Healthcare Nebraska, a foster care and in-home service provider. For over 7 years, she was Executive Director for the Nebraska Foster Care Review Office, an independent State agency responsible for the oversight of all children placed in out-of-home care. Currently, Kim is the Douglas County Deputy County Administrator responsible for all juvenile justice reform initiatives occurring within Douglas County. Kim obtained her B.A. in Sociology from Creighton University and her Juris Doctorate from Creighton University. Kim has been extensively involved in various State commissions and committees impacting Nebraska children and families. This includes the Governor's Commission for the Protection of Children, the Supreme Court Commission for Children, the Nebraska Children's Commission, the Coalition for Juvenile Justice and the Juvenile Justice Subcommittee for the Nebraska Children's Commission.

Anne Hobbs, JD, PhD

Anne Hobbs, J.D., Ph.D. has served as the director of the Juvenile Justice Institute since 2009. She received her J.D. from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, College of Law in 1993, and her Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 2011. Her research interests include implicit bias, restorative justice, inequality in our justice systems, disproportionate minority contact and program evaluation. She was awarded a 2021 Fulbright Scholar to Singapore to study prisoner reentry. She is currently a 2022-2024 Restorative Justice Fellow through Center for Restorative Practices and BJA

Chris Hobbs

Chris Hobbs currently serves as the Director of Information Technology for the Catholic Diocese of Lincoln. His responsibilities include providing direction for technology in the 30 Catholic Schools within the Diocese and creating a cohesive Information Technology plan for the Diocese. Prior to this position, Chris held the position of State Information Security Officer for the State of Nebraska focusing on compliance with Federal Regulations including Payment Card Industry (PCI), HIPAA, and Federal Tax Information (FTI). He was also involved in Security Awareness Training and writing Policies and Standards for the State of Nebraska Information Technology Commission. Chris chaired several workgroups concerning these areas. Chris received his Bachelor's degree in Information Systems Management from Doane College.

Tony Hoffman

After paroling prison on December 13, 2008, Tony Hoffman started living out his dream, with his addiction behind him. Tony is a Former BMX Elite Pro and placed 2nd at the 2016 World Championships in Medellin Colombia in the Masters Pro class. Tony coached Women's Elite Pro, Brooke Crain, to a 4th place finish at the 2016 Rio Olympic Games in Brazil. Tony has presented on the prestigious TEDx stage and his viral Goalcast video 'From Prison to the Olympics' has been viewed more than 12 million times. He is a founder of pH Wellness, a drug and alcohol addiction treatment facility located in Southern California which uses his 'F.I.T For Life' sobriety model utilizing fitness and a world class career placement center to increase long term recovery outcomes. Tony is an author & one of the most requested mental health & substance use speakers in the country, traveling over 200 days a year to share his inspiring story with various audiences. Tony's life motto is, "The story we create about the experience is more important than the experience itself"

Sidney Howard

Sidney Howard is an Outreach Coordinator at The Kim Foundation. She earned her Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and Sociology from Midland University, where she was an Event Coordinator for four years. Sidney has previous experience in behavioral health, working with youth and adults in direct care settings. Sidney is passionate about raising awareness around mental health and providing support and resources. She joined the foundation in January of 2023 and currently focuses on outreach through presentations, events, and relations.

Diante Jones

Diante is an author and founder of View Point, a program serving gang involved youth in Omaha, NE. Diante has personal experience living within the gang culture, as he was able to escape that lifestyle in 2002. Diante's life experiences and education gives him a unique perspective to be able to serve gang involved youth within the juvenile Justice system, a task he has taken on since 2014. He is currently employed at Community Based Services as a Gang Intervention Specialist.

Kyle Kinney

Kyle Kinney is the program manager of the 988 NE Crisis Line and the Nebraska Family Helpline. During his nearly 20-year career serving Nebraska, Kyle has provided support to children in the juvenile justice system, the child welfare and foster care system, at-risk students, as well as, the children and families who remain outside "the system." Kyle completed his undergraduate work in Psychology at Grace University and his graduate work at Bellevue University, earning an M.S. in Human Services – Mental Health Counseling. As a father of four girls, Kyle keeps busy with athletic events, tumbling classes, and the occasional musical performance but still finds time for plenty of coffee and a good book.

Jennifer Krajewski

I lost my brother to suicide in 1998, to what we now know as PTSD. After losing my brother, I found myself in a dark place and attempted to end my own life in 1999. After speaking with other survivors, I discovered that my story gave others hope. My brother lived in a rural area that had few resources available to help him. I found that there was a similarity where I live currently, and so I made the decision to work to bring more resources, awareness, and support to my area. As a loss survivor, and as an attempt survivor, I have been told that I bring a unique perspective to the suicide prevention table. In addition to my role as a Survivor, I am the team coordinator for the Southwest Nebraska LOSS Team, and the founder and coordinator for the North Platte Suicide Prevention Coalition. I am also a trainer, field advocate, Programs and Education Chair, and Executive Board member for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. I have been trained in multiple suicide prevention and mental health techniques including ASSIST, QPR, MHFA for Adults and Children, Trauma 101, and am certified to train for Working Minds. I also am an advocate for Vets4Warriors which is a national peer to peer support group run by veterans for veterans. I also serve on the Board of Directors for our local homeless shelter, and I am part of a foster care review board for the state of Nebraska. I work with several community agencies and veteran's agencies to ensure people are aware of the resources and support available in my community.

Tracey Kock

Tracey Kock is an Outreach and Training Specialist with the Nebraska Resource Project for Vulnerable Young Children at the University of Nebraska's Center on Children, Families, and the Law. Prior to her current position, Tracey worked as a Permanency Director in child welfare in Nebraska's Eastern Service Area. Tracey earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Child Welfare and a Criminal Justice Certificate from the University of Wisconsin Madison and a Master of Social Work degree from the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee.

Grey Leffler

Grey is currently serving as a member of the Nebraska Children and Families Foundation Advisory Board, which they joined in September 2020. Grey works as a Community Support Professional for adults with cognitive/developmental disabilities. They attended Southeast Community College in Lincoln, Nebraska under the Human Services Program with a focus in substance abuse and addiction counseling.

Ericka Lewon

Ericka Lewon is a Senior Community Engagement Manager for Unite Us and is based in Lincoln, Nebraska. She believes it is critical to break down silos between agencies to better serve our community members in need. Ericka has dedicated 12 years of her career to youth and families involved in the court system through her work at the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services as a Children and Family Specialist and at Lancaster County Juvenile Probation as a Probation Officer and as a Juvenile Justice Resource Supervisor. Through her work, she saw children and families struggle to have basic needs met and the challenges she and others faced in trying to connect individuals to services and resources. She is passionate about the work of Unite Us to bring peace of mind to those in need and to those who work diligently to support the community. Ericka was the recipient of the 2019 Rising Star Award and the 2018 Recognition for Leadership in Training. She holds a B.S. in Psychology from Mississippi State University and was a REU Intern at the University of Nebraska's Psychology and Law Department.

Emily Lehmann

Emily Lehmann is a Community Engagement Manager for Unite Us and is based in North Platte, Nebraska. She understands the importance of providers being able to connect clients to services in a timely manner and eliminate duplication of services. Emily has worked with children and families in rural Nebraska for over 15 years while holding positions for DHHS in Children and Family Services and Child Support Enforcement, both as a Supervisor. There were times when Emily saw a breakdown in communication and how we connected clients to services. She was responsible for reporting if her client had completed services or met with providers and not knowing that information left her feeling uninformed about that piece of the puzzle and if they had actually gotten connected to the services that they needed. She understands the need to remove silos and barriers to get people connected to care when they need it the most and wants to share the vision of Unite Us with local communities. Emily was the co-founder of the OPTIONS Department of Labor and Child Support Enforcement partnership program in 2018 in Lincoln County, NE. She holds a B.S. in Psychology from the University of Northern Colorado.

Michele Lueders

Michele has over 20 years of experience working with young people and their families in Nebraska. Michele has worked in the field directly with youth and their families, worked as a supervisor supporting front line staff in their work as well as working in an Administrative role to improve outcomes for young people. Currently, Michele is the Executive Director for the Nebraska Mediation Center (NMC), a non-profit agency serving individuals in conflict in their homes, schools, family setting, work or the community in general. NMC supports 24 counties and the four tribal nations in North East Nebraska. Michele's background includes working on the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative in Nebraska. Within this role Michele provided technical assistance to local JDAI jurisdictions in Nebraska and worked diligently to expand JDAI framework across Nebraska. Michele has lead multiple initiatives to improve outcomes for young people in Nebraska. Michele has also worked within child welfare, behavioral health, juvenile justice and management. This background has assisted Michele in advocating for system changes in Nebraska. Michele earned her bachelor's degree through the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in Human Resources and Family Sciences and her Master's degree in Management with a Leadership emphasis through Doane College.

Laura Schutte-Lundy

Laura has worked in Omaha since 2013 as a therapist. Since 2013, she has worked at a residential treatment facility where she worked with at-risk youth with co-occurring diagnoses. She worked as an Intensive Outpatient and outpatient therapist within the community working with adults that have Co-Occurring diagnoses. Laura started working with Nebraska Medicine in 2019 as a Psychiatric Behavioral Health Therapist in the Child Outpatient department. She provides treatment for adolescents with anxiety, depression, behavioral issues, substance use, and LGBTQIA youth/families by using behavioral interventions. Laura is the Chair of the Psychiatry Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) committee, and Laura is the volunteer/social coordinator, active member for the LGBTQIA committee.

Lindsay Meyer

Lindsay Meyer is a Juvenile Justice Program Specialist within the Administrative Office of the Courts and Probation (AOCP) Juvenile Services Division. Lindsay obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work from Nebraska Wesleyan University. She began her work in this field as a high risk juvenile probation officer in District 3J in Nebraska working with a wide variety of youth who presented with significant risk, needs, and responsibility struggles. Lindsay moved into her current role in July, 2021 where she oversees multiple programs including monitoring and reporting significant juvenile incidents, including youth who attempt suicide while on probation supervision. Through this work Lindsay has gathered data, worked to identify best practices to support youth at risk of suicide, and identify and fill gaps in training for those working directly with these youth. Lindsay's passion is seeing the potential in all justice involved youth and supporting our justice system workforce.

Lauren Micek-Vargas

Lauren started her career in New York City as a special education teacher and development coach. After graduating from Creighton Law school in 2015, Lauren practiced as an Assistant Public Defender in Douglas County focused on juvenile law and criminal defense. Her experience in the education sector and juvenile court has cultivated her passion for working to improve education outcomes and legal access for all children. She became a founding member of Education Rights Counsel in 2017, bringing her vigor and urgency to our mission.

Monica Miles - Steffens

is a juvenile justice coordinator with the Juvenile Justice Institute. She oversees multiple projects, with an emphasis on training and development, restorative practices, and international collaborations. She has over 25 years of experience in juvenile justice direct service, government, and non-profit positions. She has worked extensively with grants, community planning, training, and program implementation.

Michelle Nunemaker

Michelle Nunemaker has dedicated her professional career to working with children, youth and families since graduating from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln in 2004. Michelle spent the majority of her career partnering with families to establish safe and stable homes. Through this work, Michelle recognized the importance of children, youth and families having access to behavioral health services that are evidence based and support family wellbeing. Michelle is an ally for the LGBTQ community and received the Diversity Leadership Award for the development of LGBTQ training curriculum for Nebraska's probation officers. In 2021, Michelle was designated as the State Planner for the implementation of 988 in Nebraska. Michelle recognizes that there is no health, without behavioral health and is passionate about ensuring access to behavioral health services for all children, youth and families in Nebraska with a focus on preventing future system involvement.

MaKayla Parriott

MaKayla Parriott is a Probation Officer with District #3J Probation in Lincoln, Nebraska. She began in this role in November 2020, working in the Predisposition Investigation Unit providing supervision to pre-adjudicated and predisposition youth, writing investigations and making recommendations to the court. Ms. Parriott also serves on the Intake team for District #3J, partnering with law enforcement and other agencies in order to find the least restrictive placement while ensuring community safety is being upheld. Prior to her role as a Probation Officer, Ms. Parriott worked as an Investigation Assistant for District #3J Probation and as an attendance interventionist within the Crete Public School system, diverting youth from the probation system in regard to truancy matters. Ms. Parriott is a trainer for the Adolescent Brain Development Curriculum, which she helped create and implement into District 3J. She is heavily involved in reform efforts through The Dennis M. Mondoro Probation and Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Project and serves on a statewide officer discussion group for the Juvenile Justice System Enhancement for Nebraska. Ms. Parriott received her Bachelor's Degree in 2019 from Doane University, double majoring in Sociology - emphasis in Criminology and Philosophy.

Travis Patterson

Trevor Patterson is a Juvenile Justice Resource Supervisor with District #3J in Lincoln, Nebraska. As a JJRS, he oversees Probation Officers and the R.I.S.E. Program. His primary responsibility is partnering with community providers in order to provide services to youth and families. Prior to his role as a supervisor, he was a Specialized Officer in District #3J supervising high risk youth in Lancaster County. Mr. Patterson previously worked for the Department of Correctional Services in Nebraska as a caseworker and a reentry specialist. As a reentry specialist he built discharge plans for those releasing from correctional institutions. Mr. Patterson received his Bachelor's Degree in 2014 with a major in Behavioral Science and minor in Human Services from Bellevue University.

Joe Roberts

Joe Roberts aka The Skidrow CEO is an expert on resiliency and change. Having experienced both catastrophic failure and extraordinary success Joe teaches how to overcome the roadblocks that get in the way of high performance. He helps companies and individuals redefine what's truly possible by confronting limiting mindsets. Participants at Joes' events leave inspired and moved to action. What is most amazing about Joe is that in 1989 he was living on the streets of Vancouver as a homeless skid row addict. Through perseverance, determination and his resilient human spirit, Joe pulled himself out of darkness and despair, to become a highly respected business and community leader.

Angee Stevens

As a Licensed Clinical Social Worker with 20+ years of professional experience, Angee Stevens offers audiences all over the country an opportunity to connect and engage in conversations about the impacts of mental health through the power of storytelling. Angee's unique ability to merge humor with tragedy takes you on a journey of her childhood experiences with abandonment, loss, abuse, addiction, suicide, kidnapping and ongoing family struggles with mental illness. She shares the many ways she has learned to apply her lived experiences to her work within a variety of systems impacting youth and families including group homes, case management, professional training, therapy, juvenile justice, medical and education. Though her experiences may be unique to her, her story highlights the shared humanity connecting us all and encourages us to look for new ways to overcome adversity and obtain a life of hope.

Miranda Stoll

Miranda Stoll is a LIMHP, LADC therapist that works for Healing Hearts & Families, as well as Inner Reflections Counseling Center. Miranda has been fortunate enough to learn from and work with a diverse population that includes Veterans, survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking and their families, drug court participants, federal parolees, and many other youth and adult populations. Before becoming a therapist, Miranda worked in many areas involving adolescents and their families. This included working at CEDAR'S Youth Services where Miranda wore many hats that included Relief Youth Specialist, Juvenile Services Officer, and Assistant Program Manager, for both TLC & Family Support Services. Miranda then expanded her work with juveniles to include therapeutic interventions at an inpatient male facility working with young men from the ages of 10-18. Miranda has continued to work in the therapeutic setting since 2011 and has continued to develop her skills and deepen her understanding of the issues that youth today are facing. Miranda has spent the past few years obtaining certification in EMDR, Synergetic Play Therapy, and working towards certification in TF-CBT. Miranda continues to deepen her understanding through training, personal coaching, and hands on learning experiences. Miranda earned her bachelor's and master's degree through Doane College in 2007 & 2010. Through both agencies the service area that is covered includes 13 different counties in Nebraska. Miranda has presented at Through the Eyes of a Child Conference, to numerous high school administration and staff, to many community agencies and is always looking for opportunities to share this information.

Tyeisha Thompson

is attending The University of Nebraska- Lincoln, working towards a Bachelor's Degree in Science Business Administration and minors in finance and entrepreneurship. She is anticipated to graduate in December of 2023. Tyeisha is devoted to using her experience from the system to help others. She serves as the vice president of "Fostering Success," a group at UNL launching the first student organization dedicated to unifying and supporting students affected by foster care.

Haylee Wing

was raised in the small town of Alma but currently lives in Kearney, fulfilling her educational goals. She will graduate with an associate degree in human services this May and continue working towards a bachelor's degree in psychology. She is an activity coordinator at a nursing home and on the NCCF Advisory Board. She loves what she does and who she serves

Molly Woodman

Molly Woodman is one of the Outreach Coordinators at The Kim Foundation. Born and raised in Omaha, she earned her bachelor's degree in Communications from UNO. Molly spent fourteen years as the Director of Admissions and Recruitment at an area private high school. Her passion for public speaking and advocacy led her to The Kim Foundation in August of 2022. Molly manages the foundation's social media accounts, works closely with the Metro Area Suicide Prevention Coalition, and provides mental health awareness and suicide prevention education to the community through the Voice for Hope and Healing presentations.

Paul Yates

Executive Director of I've Got a Name, a faith-based non-profit organization committed to eradicate sex trafficking in Nebraska. After 24 years working in the public and private sectors, Paul discovered a new passion within himself as he began to work for a non-profit fighting sex trafficking in Nepal. This new journey was foreign to anything he was familiar with, he will tell you it was a time in his life when "everything changed". After 8 years protecting the "daughters of Nepal", Paul felt called to focus his experience and passion on behalf of those threatened by sex trafficking here where we live, in Nebraska. Paul became I've Got a Name's first Director in 2016. His message is simple, become aware, get involved, use your talents and gifts, take action and become a life-changer. Become the hope for those who see no hope in their future.

Dr. Kenneth Zoucha

Dr. Kenneth Zoucha is a recognized leader in addiction medicine for the State of Nebraska and serves as Director of Addiction Medicine for the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. Board certified in Pediatrics and Addiction Medicine, Dr. Zoucha has extensive experience that includes his 20-year career as a general pediatrician in Nebraska and now specializes in the treatment of substance use disorders in adolescents. In addition to his expertise in treatment of adolescents and young adults, he also has a special interest in the treatment of pregnant women with substance use disorders, babies with neonatal abstinence syndrome and their families. He has served as medical director for several adolescent secure care placement facilities throughout the state, serving youth with a broad array of experiences, backgrounds, and trauma operated by the State of Nebraska. He continues to treat youth in the justice system through his work with juvenile probation at the Douglas County Youth Center in Omaha, Nebraska. Dr. Zoucha is a clinical educator of medical students, residents, and other health care providers. Responding to the escalating national need, he championed the establishment of an Addiction Medicine fellowship at UNMC. He also led the development of an innovative executive addiction fellowship, featuring one-month immersive experiences for residents and providers already in practice. Dr. Zoucha also serves the State of Nebraska as the SOTA, being involved with opioid use disorder treatment throughout the state, both in the OTP's as well as in our communities