

2015 Lecture Series

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Answering the Call: Every Stakeholder's Responsibility for Keeping Juvenile Incarceration Rare

DATES/LOCATIONS

May 20, 2015

Cornhusker Hotel
333 South 13th St.
Lincoln, NE
12:45 pm to 4:00 pm

May 21, 2015

Thompson Alumni
House
6705 Dodge St.
Omaha, NE
9:00 am to 12:15 pm

DESCRIPTION

Scientists and justice researchers agree that far too many youth in the United States are detained or incarcerated unnecessarily. In his 2015 State of the Judiciary address, Nebraska Supreme Court Chief Justice Michael Heavican recognized that a fundamental principle of juvenile justice reform is that "fewer young people should be made wards of the state, be incarcerated, or placed in group homes." Youth incarcerated in state-run facilities are 21% more likely to be rearrested than those who remain under supervision closer to home. When they do reoffend, data show that youth released from secure facilities are three times more likely to commit a felony than youth who are under community supervision. Not only is this bad for youth, it is bad for community safety and a waste of public resources. Attendees will learn about successful juvenile deincarceration policies from around the country, examine scientific research on the harms of detaining youth and why it ultimately does not achieve public justice, and explore alternatives for addressing delinquent behavior in the community.

Attendees will also learn about Nebraska specific detention policies, including the Office of Juvenile Probation's use of the Risk Assessment Instrument and how well the tool guides probation decision on whether to detain a youth at intake.

TRAINERS

- **Tim Curry**, *JD, National Juvenile Defender Center*
- **Judge George Timberlake**, *Retired Juvenile Court Judge, Chair of the Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission*
- **Anne Hobbs**, *JD, PhD, Juvenile Justice Institute, University of Nebraska-Omaha*

