

# 2016 Children's Summit

September 7 - 9, 2016 | Younes Conference Center | Kearney, NE | The Court Improvement Project

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2016

10:00 - NOON **Registration | Check-In** [PRE-FUNCTION AREA](#)

10:00 - 11:30 am **YRTC Tour** | Meet at Registration Booth at 9:45 (*Only 20 to a group*)

12:00 - 1:45 pm **Welcome Lunch & Opening Plenary: Improving Outcomes for Justice Involved Youth; Policies, Principles and Practices Driving Justice Reform** | Dr. Shay Bilchik [CRYSTAL BALLROOM](#)

Using evidence-based practices and innovative approaches, Nebraska has built upon its foundational principles to steadily improve outcomes for justice system involved youth. Shay Bilchik, Research Professor and Director of the Center for Juvenile Justice Reform at Georgetown University's McCourt School of Public Policy, will talk about current practices driving juvenile justice reform. Mr. Bilchik will highlight the body of research that serves as the underpinning for these reforms and the tools needed to adopt and institutionalize these practices. He will also highlight efforts in Nebraska that align with what he describes as an evidence-based decision-making platform. In this regard participants will be encouraged to consider a comprehensive framework for system improvement as the state justice system continues to take shape.

1:45 - 2:00 pm **Break**

2:00 - 3:15 pm **Breakout A**

› **Children in Tribal Court | Panel** [DIAMOND 1](#)

This panel will discuss tribal courts, tribal juvenile courts, and ways tribes and tribal courts work to provide for the best interests of Native American children.

› **Working Across Systems to Improve Outcomes for Crossover Youth: The CYPM**  
*Shay Bilchik, Amy Latshaw, Jana Peterson, Desiree Acosta* [★ DIAMOND 2](#)

In this session, Professor Shay Bilchik will provide an overview of the Crossover Youth population, including the characteristics and correlations associated with their crossing over between the child welfare and juvenile justice systems. He will highlight the evidence-based Crossover Youth Practice Model developed by Georgetown University's Center for Juvenile Justice Reform. The practice model, now introduced in over 90 counties, including 5 counties in Nebraska, identifies the policies and practices needed to improve system operation and outcomes for crossover youth. Participants in this workshop will learn about the outcomes achieved in the implementation of the model in communities across the country. The session will also explore ways to prevent the crossing over of youth, and serve as a precursor to the session that will follow highlighting the implementation of the model in Dodge, Douglas, Gage, Lancaster and Sarpy counties. Joining Professor Bilchik will be Desiree Acosta, from the Nebraska Family Support Network, who will share her firsthand experience with the child welfare system and the challenges that youth in that system face maintaining a sense of permanency and achieving normal adolescent benchmarks. The session will also feature Amy Latshaw (Probation) and Jana Peterson (DHHS), who will provide an overview of state level guidance with respect to crossover youth practice in Nebraska.

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Child Welfare	■
Juvenile Justice	▲
Special Populations	★
Judicial	■
Transitioning Youth	●
Trafficking	◆
Attorney	IT
Native Youth & Families	●



2:00 - 3:15 pm

› **Nebraska Systems of Care** | *Tamara Gavin, Betty Medinger* ■ **DIAMOND 3**

System of Care is a framework for integrating behavioral health services and supports for children and youth who have serious emotional disturbance, and their families, through a collaboration across and involving public and private partners, families and youth. A System of Care improves access to a full array of coordinated community-based services and builds on the strengths of individuals. The Nebraska System of Care (NeSOC) will partner to develop a common language for care, unify policies and practices including family-centered care, and avoid duplication of service for children and their families. Attendees will be provided with an overview of the NeSOC framework and strategic plan and will learn how this important system initiative will support youth and families in reaching successful outcomes.

› **Truancy Court | Panel** ▲ **DIAMOND 4**

This session will describe the Lancaster County Truancy Diversion Project, also known as Truancy Court, that began in 2011 and has since expanded to several additional schools in Lincoln, Nebraska. You will learn how this program works, why it works, and why combating truancy is so important, regardless of the approach taken to address it.

› **When Permanency is Not Permanent: Exploring Dissolution** ■ ▲ **DIAMOND 5**

*Courtney Schlueter, Sara Sanson, Amber and Robert Baker*

This presentation will explore one family's experience in order to highlight common successes and challenges faced by families Right Turn serves. This family will discuss the heartbreak of having to terminate a guardianship and many more parenting challenges. They will also share how they have remained committed and teach love and forgiveness.

› **Interpreters in Nebraska Juvenile Courts** ■ ▲ **DIAMOND 8**

*Jennifer Verhein, Vladimir Bazan, Marsha Conroy*

An overview of the work of certified court interpreters in Nebraska Juvenile Courts, including the role of the interpreter, challenges faced by interpreters, and best practices in working with interpreters. Session will include two empathy exercises for participants to experience limited language proficiency and to practice simultaneous interpretation.

› **Understanding the Culture of Poverty** | *Tammi Winchester* ■ ▲ **DIAMOND 9**

The purpose of this training is to educate about the perspective of those who live in poverty. This session will discuss strategies to increase skills and knowledge related to the culture of poverty, raise our individual and group awareness about biases as it relates to poverty and enhance the understanding of children and families to assist in strengthening interactions.

› **The Significance and Eligibility of Title IV-E** ■ **DIAMOND 10**

*Nanette Simmons, Manuel Escamilla, Judge Michael Burns*

This session will provide information regarding Title IV-E eligibility and the significance of Title IV-E for the children and families. In order to meet Title IV-E eligibility there are federal guidelines that must be followed. During this session, we will discuss the required IV-E judicial determination language and provide examples of court orders which meet IV-E guidelines.

3:15 - 3:45 pm

**Break**

3:45 - 5:00 pm

**Breakout B**

› **Children's Health-Why the Environment Matters (From Lead to Methamphetamine)** ■ **DIAMOND 1**

*Sue Dempsey*

Children are more vulnerable to toxins in their environment than adults. By protecting children, we may also improve their health as adults. Most scientists agree that both the environment and genetics play a role in the development of diseases and disorders, and since we can't change our genes, identifying and managing exposure to environmental toxins offers the best hope for prevention. Expected learning outcomes include: familiarity with routes of exposure to environmental toxins and why children are more vulnerable; what environmental toxins are of most concern for children and why; and what can be done to mitigate or minimize that exposure.

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- Judicial ■
- Transitioning Youth ●
- Trafficking ◆
- Attorney ▮
- Native Youth & Families ●



3:45 - 5:00 pm

› **The Power of Collaboration: How Counties in Nebraska Are Working Across Systems to Better Serve Crossover Youth** ★ **DIAMOND 2**

*Michael Umpierre, Judge Gendler, Meggie Misfeldt, Monica DeMent, Jennifer Manning, Cara Stirts*

Interested in learning how to better serve youth involved in the juvenile justice and child welfare systems? Since 2011, five counties in Nebraska—both big and small, urban and rural—have embarked on the Crossover Youth Practice Model (CYPM), a research-based initiative designed to enhance outcomes for this population. A multi-disciplinary panel—composed of representatives statewide from the judiciary, county attorney’s office, probation, and HHS—will share lessons learned from implementing the CYPM, as well as insightful strategies for collaborating across systems.

› **SIF/Unconnected Youth** | *Joan Frances* ● **DIAMOND 3**

Session attendees will gain information on six Nebraska communities, covering 39 counties, that are developing systems to support youth 14 to 24 who are unconnected from family relationships needed to successfully transition to adult life. The Social Innovation Fund Connected Youth Initiative enhances the framework of Project Everlast in Lincoln, Omaha and the Panhandle. CYI statewide is further enhanced through a learning community agreement to embrace Youth Thrive Promotive and Protective Factors for youth outcomes.

› **Clarity and Collaboration: The Different Roles of Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice**

*Kari Rumbaugh, Lindy Bryceson* ■ ▲ **DIAMOND 4**

As implementation of Juvenile Justice Reform continues in Nebraska, one of the key areas of focus is clarifying the distinct roles of juvenile justice and child welfare. These roles are very different, but must be united to maximize the services and support provided to youth in order to ensure success. Additionally, youth may require supports from both systems simultaneously which reinforces the need for collaboration. This session will discuss the different roles of juvenile justice and child welfare, as well as how collaboration is essential for probation officers and child welfare workers who collaborate together to develop plans that ensure youth achieve success in Nebraska.

› **Alternative Response: Partnering with Families to Safely Care for Children in Their Own Home and Communities** | *Alyson Goedken, Kristin Dewispelare, Raegan Brown, Megan Kawa* ■ **DIAMOND 5**

Participants will gain an understanding of the Alternative Response Program highlighting target population, program eligibility, outcomes and oversight and accountability. A panel of field experts (CFS Specialists, CFS Supervisors and Service Area Administrator) will share Alternative Response experiences.

› **What’s New in the Division of Developmental Disability** | *Lori Harder* ★ **DIAMOND 8**

Application - when and how do I apply? Eligibility - what is the criteria? What evidence do you use? What services are available?

› **The Laws, They Are A’Changin-Changes to the Nebraska ICWA and BIA Regulations**

*Robbie McEwen, Jill Holt* ● **DIAMOND 9**

This session will provide an overview of the changes made to the Nebraska Indian Child Welfare Act and the implementation of the new BIA regulations. Attendees can expect to come away from this presentation with a greater legal understanding of how the ICWA applies in child welfare proceedings.

› **Model Judicial ICWA Training: Historical and Cultural Perspectives on ICWA**

*Judge Vampola, Judge Runge, Misty Frazier, Ansley Griffin* ■ **DIAMOND 7**

Put together by the Capacity Building Center for Tribes and Courts, this training for Judges will: **1)** Describe the role of the Judge in improving outcomes for Indian children and their families **2)** Allow the participant to understand ICWA, its historical and cultural underpinnings, goals and purpose, and how that understanding applies to bench practice, daily decision-making, and design and implementation of program, practice and policy improvements. This session is the first of five trainings to be offered throughout the year.

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5:00 - 6:30 pm **Networking Reception** CRYSTAL BALLROOM

7:00 - 9:00 pm **“Paper Tigers” Screening & Moderated Discussion**  CRYSTAL BALLROOM

*Paper Tigers* is a powerful documentary that shows how one high school “radically changed its approach to disciplining its students, becoming a promising model for how to break the cycles of poverty, violence and disease that affect families.” Educators, in collaboration with families, service providers and the judicial system, have the power to make the biggest impact on the lives of our most vulnerable youth.

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2016

10:00 - NOON **Registration | Check-In**

8:00 - 9:15 am **Data Overview and Team Breakout** | Katie Bass CRYSTAL BALLROOM

**YRTC Tour** | Meet at Registration Booth at 7:45 (*Only 20 to a group*)

9:15 - 9:30 am **Break**

9:30 - 10:45 am **Breakout C**

› **QEWs - The Who, What, When, Why and How**  **DIAMOND 1**

*Robbie McEwen, Jill Holt, Ansley Griffin, Candi Marcantel*

This session will provide juvenile court stakeholders with information about the use of Qualified Expert Witness (QEW) testimony during Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) proceedings. Changes to the Nebraska ICWA through LB 566 which strengthen and clarify this provision of the Federal ICWA will be highlighted. Through this session, participants will: **1)** Gain an understanding of WHY QEW testimony is still a critical provision of the ICWA. **2)** Learn WHEN a QEW must testify and WHAT a QEW must testify to during the course of an ICWA proceeding. **3)** Learn WHO should be called to serve as a QEW and some ideas for HOW to identify and secure QEW testimony from a member of the child’s tribe.

› **Community and Evidence-Based Services Support Juvenile Justice Reform**

*Anne Dailey, Dave Reed, Kari Rumbaugh*  **DIAMOND 2**

Expansion of Multi-Systemic Therapy (MST) and the Boys Town Ecological In-Home Family Treatment models across Nebraska.

› **Human Trafficking 101** | *Stephen Patrick O’Meara, Erin Aliano*  **DIAMOND 3**

Basic overview of sex trafficking in Nebraska and the Nebraska Human Trafficking Task Force, an “enhanced collaborative community caretaking response” to human trafficking, to learn what Nebraska is doing to: **1)** Help human trafficking victims/survivors, **2)** Stop traffickers, and **3)** Eliminate the human trafficking market.

› **Effective Guardian Ad Litem Representation** | *Chris Costantakos*  **DIAMOND 4**

Another look at GAL representation in complex situations, including but not limited to protecting confidentiality at family team meetings; when to close a hearing; use of discovery to support best interests, and issues surrounding medically fragile children.

› **What’s Happening with NE’s children? The Child and Family Services Review**

*Debi Hatfield, Doug Beran, Vicki Maca, Kathleen Stolz*  **DIAMOND 5**

The session will address the critical components included in NE’s CFSR, scheduled for June of 2017. Participants will learn about the purpose of the review, how the state’s performance will be measured, what is involved in the on-site review process and what to expect if you are invited to participate in NE’s federal review.

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9:30 - 10:45 am › **Transitioning Youth Panel** | *Cassy Blakely* ● **DIAMOND 8**

Adulting is something most are still figuring out. For youth aging out of the child welfare and juvenile justice systems, the learning curve can be even steeper. Join current and former young people with youth system experience for an interactive session on how to best support youth in transitioning to adulthood. The session will include discussion of the skills desired, ways youth wish to grow, and opportunities for participation and discussion.

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› **The Importance of Relationships in Family Drug Court: Enhancing Well-Being for Children and Families Using a Team Approach** ■ **DIAMOND 9**

*Jennie Cole-Mossman, Judge Roger Heideman, Jaime Bahm*

Project Safe Start Nebraska, funded by SAMHSA from 2011-2014, successfully enhanced services for young children in Family Drug Court in Lancaster County. Subsequent to this grant, Judge Heideman and the Family Drug Court team developed an infusion model of Family Drug Court that incorporates the principles of Project Safe Start, but includes all substance abuse cases. Participants receive evidence based practices for substance abuse and early childhood mental health and trauma. This court focuses on relationships. The court practice and process works on all relationships including those between team and parent, parents and children, and the court and the team.

› **Enhanced Resource Guidelines: Improving Court Practice in Abuse and Neglect Cases (NCJFCJ)**

*Judge Douglas Johnson* ■ **DIAMOND 7 THIS SESSION HAS BEEN CANCELED**

The Guidelines cover all stages of the child welfare court process, from the protective custody hearing until court involvement has ended. Participants will learn the criteria for judicial decisions, the characteristics of each hearing and outline needed procedural steps, the key decisions that must be made, specify when each hearing needs to take place, and understand the judge's role at that stage of the hearing process. The Guidelines are the heart of TEOC systems reform and improvement. This training is for all who work in juvenile court.

10:45 - 11:00 am **Break**

11:00 - 12:15 pm **Plenary Speaker: How Foster Care Renders Youth More Vulnerable for Sex-Trafficking** | T. Ortiz  
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**Lunch | Awards CRYSTAL BALLROOM**

12:15 - 1:30 pm

**Breakout D**

1:30 - 2:45 pm

› **Creating a Safe Space: Tips on How to Provide Physical and Psychological Safety for Children and Adolescents Exposed to Trauma** | *Jennie Cole-Mossman* ■ **DIAMOND 1**

From monsters in the closet to chronic running away, children of all ages exposed to trauma come with an "invisible suitcase" filled with emotions and behaviors that are hard for case professionals to understand and manage. This session will give practical tips for that all case professionals can use to create physical and psychological safety for children and adolescents.

› **Healing the Hurt of Historical Trauma** | *Misty Frazier* ● **DIAMOND 2**

Participants will be able to identify what historical trauma is and how it affects the American Indian/Alaska Native population. Participants will have a greater understanding of how the American Indian population is unique and have a greater understanding of how to be more culturally competent in working with this population.



1:30 - 2:45 pm

› **Measuring Whether Programs are Effective in Nebraska** | *Anne Hobbs* ▲ **DIAMOND 4**

The Juvenile Justice Institute (JJI) is statutorily charged with measuring the effectiveness of programs funded through the Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Fund. Because this funding source supports roughly 225 programs and agencies, a systematic method of evaluation was required. This presentation will outline the process that has been utilized to measure whether programs are effective, and will include early results of programs JJI is evaluating.

› **Human Trafficking Research and Data: A Nebraska Perspective** ◆ **DIAMOND 5**

*Meghan Malik, Crysta Price*

Research is beginning to paint a picture of what human trafficking looks like in Nebraska. We discuss the findings of some of the most recently emerging research addressing the needs, scope, and context of trafficking. Participants will hear about the needs and capacity of Nebraska service providers based on survey results, they will become familiar with the quantitative data regarding the online commercial sex market, and they will learn how to respond and combat this issue from the perspective of survivors.

› **School Resource Officers** | *Rodney Henderson, David Westerholt* ■ ▲ **DIAMOND 8**

We will be explaining the role of school resource officers in both urban and rural settings. We will also be focusing on the SROs goal of keeping adolescents out of "the system." This will be an open forum Q&A style presentation.

› **Love, Laughter...Creating a Happily Ever After** | *Suellen Koepke, Miranda Stoll* ★ **DIAMOND 9**

This presentation will provide attendees with information as to how to identify teen dating violence, what the risks for the teens would be, prevention strategies, and how an individual is able to advocate for the teen.

› **Termination of Parental Rights Filings: A General Overview** | *Shellie Sabata* ▮ **DIAMOND 10**

This session will cover the applicable timelines involved when considering filing a termination of parental rights, the logistics of how to actually file a termination, and what one may expect during the subsequent trial and appellate stages that follow.

2:45 - 3:15 pm

**Break**

3:15 - 4:30 pm

**Breakout E**

› **Tribal Social Services** | *Deb Denny, Misty Frazier, Sheila Wolff, Amy Painter & Ansley Griffin* ● **DIAMOND 1**

This panel of dedicated child and family professionals from Nebraska's four federally-recognized tribes will describe their work, successes, barriers in every-day efforts to help children achieve a safe and healthy life. How is their work the same as in non-Indian communities? How is it different? Join the panel in learning, sharing and growing in mutual tribal-state understanding to protect and nurture vulnerable Native children and their families.

› **JDAI Nebraska: Success and Challenges of Implementing System Improvement**

*Michele Lueders, Judge Bob O'Neal, Mary Visek* ▲ **DIAMOND 2**

Nebraska has been actively implementing the core strategies of Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI) since 2011. In this session, participants will have the opportunity to hear the successes and challenges of detention reform work. Those in attendance will also learn how the core strategies can assist with detention and overarching juvenile justice system improvement in their local communities. This session is designed for Judges, County Attorneys, Probation staff, community services providers and anyone else interested in learning more on JDAI.

› **Structured Decision Making** ■ **DIAMOND 3**

*Kinsey Baker, Kari Pitt, Lara Swerczek, Katherine Batt, Casey Smith*

This session will provide an overview of the Structured Decision Making safety model utilized by the Department of Health and Human Services. Attendees will have an understanding of the different assessments within SDM and purpose for each.

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3:15 - 4:30 pm

› **Winning the Case Out of Court** | *Christine Henningsen, Dennis Marks* ■ **DIAMOND 4**

This session focuses on interactions juvenile defense counsel has with probation officers, prosecutors, judges and parents. Juvenile defenders will learn how to interact effectively with key players in a status or delinquency proceeding to further the client’s stated interests and strategic goals in a case.

› **Utilizing Services of Mediation Centers for Youth and Families** ■ ▲ **DIAMOND 5**

*Charles Lieske, Lindsay Snyder, Judge Randin Roland, Jennifer Taylor, Kate Benish, Kathy Gabrielle Madelung*

Nebraska’s mediation center network offers services valuable to families and youth. This breakout session will provide a brief overview of mediation and facilitation opportunities for families and youth in transition due to divorce and separation and those involved in the juvenile justice, child welfare or special education systems. This diverse panel will discuss services from the perspectives of attorneys, GALs, Judges, NDHHS, Probation and mediation centers.

› **Juvenile Diversion Program Tips, Trends and Innovations** ▲ **DIAMOND 8**

*Amy Hoffman, Becky Steiner, Denise Kracl, Pam Lausterer, Miranda Stoll*

Panel consisting of urban, rural, and multi-county diversion programs will present on the challenges and creative ways to meet the needs in their community. The panel will discuss topics such as how they got their community involved, lessons they learned developing their program, and creative ways they provided services when there was a lack of providers and resources.

› **The Strengthening Families Act: Normalcy, Youth Empowerment and Permanency in Practice**

*Sarah Helvey, Cassy Blakely* ■ ▲ **DIAMOND 9**

The normalcy, youth empowerment and permanency provisions of the federal Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act (SFA) and the Nebraska Strengthening Families Act (NSFA) as part of LB 746 (2016) have the potential to improve the lives of children and youth in care, but it’s up to us to maximize this opportunity and implement the new requirements well at the local level – across service areas of the state, in homes and placements, and in the courts. In this session, you will hear an overview of the federal and Nebraska SFA and participate in small group discussions using hypotheticals about how “normalcy” plays out in practice with reflection and facilitation lead by young people with foster care experience. You will also get an update on the work of the Normalcy Taskforce and receive resources materials with practice tips.

› **What Does a Successful Juvenile Justice System Look Like in Nebraska?**

*Nora Murphy, Charmagne Campbell-Patton* ▲ **DIAMOND 10**

Over the past ten years, there have been a number of efforts to reform the juvenile justice system in Nebraska. The CEBS advisory council is committed to looking at how the CEBS initiative intersects with the other reform efforts and the wider system as a whole. People at this summit work in a wide variety of sectors and contexts with varying values, strengths, histories, and cultures, and different ideas about what a successful reform looks like. This workshop is based in the assumption that successful reform is collaborative, with people working towards a shared vision that is relevant and inspiring across contexts and time. We invite anyone involved in the juvenile justice system to join us for an interactive session to map the juvenile justice system, explore your role in the system and develop a vision for what a successful juvenile justice system looks like. We will ask people to work collaboratively with colleagues around the following questions: \* What does a successful juvenile justice system look like in Nebraska? \* What guiding principles need to be present to make this a reality? \* What are the important decision points in a young person’s engagement with the juvenile justice system that make a difference? \* What systems and key stakeholders need to be engaged with this work?

4:30 - 5:30 pm

**Break**

4:45 - 5 :45 pm

**YRTC Tour** | Meet at Registration Booth at 4:30 (*Only 20 to a group*)

6:00 - 7:30 pm

**Judges Dinner** (*By invitation only*) ●● **DIAMOND 6 & 7**

**Team Coordinator’s Dinner** (*By invitation only*) ●● **RUBY 7**

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8:30 - 9:45 am **Team Breakout**9:45 - 11:00 am **Breakout F**

› **Society of Care: Behavioral Health & System Change** | *Greg Donovan* ● **DIAMOND 1**

Learn about the family-driven youth-guided inter-tribal Society of Care. Project efforts are focused on providing care to youth, supporting families, and advancing change that better the quality of life of Native American youth and families.

› **How Do We Know if Successful Juvenile Justice Reform is Happening?** ▲ **DIAMOND 2**

*Nora Murphy, Charmagne Campbell-Patton*

Developmental evaluation is an evaluation approach that supports innovative change and bridges systems thinking, complexity concepts, and evaluation practice to help leadership teams navigate and learn from ongoing system change efforts. This session will introduce participants to the Developmental Evaluation process we are using to understand how the CEBS initiative fits into the larger picture of juvenile justice reform in Nebraska and to identify what systems changes are needed to make the grant successful. This interactive session will ask people to engage the Developmental Evaluation concepts presented by working with colleagues to answer the following questions:

- *How will we know the extent to which and in what ways the system is changing?*
- *What is currently measured that could support this effort?*
- *What do people wish the system was tracking or measuring?*

› **Why We Drive Each Other Crazy and How We Can Stop: A School Attorney's Perspective**

*Karen Haase* ★ **DIAMOND 3**

When Karen clerked for the Honorable Judge C. Arlan Beam, he often reminded her that the 5 most dangerous words in the practice of law are, "Judge, you can't do that." Against Judge Beam's sage advice, Karen will cover the often frustrating and confusing educational issues faced by judges, advocates, schools, and attorneys when school-aged students are involved in the juvenile justice system. As a former classroom teacher, former judicial clerk, and now a private practitioner who focuses her practice on representing public school districts, Karen will use her unique perspective and experiences to provide a fast-paced discussion on the most complex and difficult issues relating to educating students involved in the juvenile justice system. Among the topics Karen will discuss are residency of students in the juvenile justice system, the basic educational opportunities for students with disabilities and a brief review of Nebraska's Student Discipline Act.

› **Walking the Walk: Creative Tools for Transforming Compassion Fatigue** ■ ▲ **DIAMOND 4**

*Beth Reynolds Lewis, Kay Glidden*

Compassion Fatigue has been called "a disorder that affects those who do their work well" (Figley, 2005). We pay an emotional price for doing the work we do. Conference attendees will improve their understanding of compassion fatigue, vicarious trauma and burn out and given practical take away tools and strategies to include in their daily self-care plan.

› **Bridge to Independence (B2I)** | *Terrence Williams, Dawn Coffey, Chris Mendoza* ● **DIAMOND 5**

Presentation on the Bridge to Independence (B2i) Program within Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services. Description of how youth and young adults transitioning out of the Child Welfare System can benefit from B2i while striving towards their own success and independence.

› **Youth in Need of Supervision and Support: Administrative Office of Probation's Response to Youth Charged with a Status Offense** | *Amoreena Brady* ▲ **DIAMOND 8**

A discussion of how the Administrative Office of Probation is utilizing two national organizations and their efforts in the area of status offense reform in order to assist in the development of case management standards that prove to be effective in serving this population. Probation's efforts in the development of specialized standards of supervision for youth charged with status offenses and the implementation of these standards in a pilot program located in District 3J (Lancaster County).

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9:45 - 11:00 am **I've Been Sloaned** | *Gail Steen* **TI** **DIAMOND 9**

Overview of significant cases in the last calendar year with a discussion of In re Interest of Sloane.

11:00 - 11:15 am **Break**

11:15 - 12:15 pm **Closing Plenary: Compassion as Innovation - Fundamentally Reframing What Families Need From Government Systems** | Judge Katherine Lucero **CRYSTAL BALLROOM**

Judge Katherine Lucero will discuss shifting from the individual child as the client to the “family” as the client by outlining family centered strategies that work for both child welfare and juvenile justice interventions. These strategies focus on both accountability and compassion, address dismantling structural barriers that create poor outcomes for children of color and help to inspire all of us to do the rewarding but difficult work that we all signed up to do as social workers, judges, attorneys, child advocates, probation officers, behavioral health providers, administrators and agency directors.

