

# 2013 Regional Conference



September 27 Omaha, Nebraska

## Agenda

**8:00 Welcome and Review of Team Data Reports**

Hon. Larry Gendler & Kelli Hauptman

**8:30 The Case for Reform:**

*Improving Community Safety Through Evidence Based Practices*

Hon. Steve Teske

This presentation will discuss the need to assess current juvenile justice systems to accommodate evidence based practices that will reduce recidivism among juvenile offenders and improve community safety. The discussion will highlight what works and what does not work in juvenile justice and the key principles of reform to accommodate what does work to improve community safety. Key components will include judicial leadership, collaboration, targeting the right offenders, targeting the right programs and practices, and the economics of an effective juvenile justice system.

**9:30 Nebraska's Juvenile Justice Future**

Corey Steel

This presentation will examine the juvenile justice system transformations brought on by LB561 (which was passed during the 2013 Legislative Session). It will focus on the new practices and procedures being put in place by the Administrative Office of Probation to carry out all the functions of the juvenile justice process.

**10:30 Team Meetings & Break**

**11:15 Improving Educational Outcomes for Court-Involved Kids**

Hon. Larry Gendler & Karen Haase

Juvenile justice professionals and educators know that students who are involved in the justice system—as foster children, state wards, or defendants in a criminal matter—have far less positive educational outcomes than their peers. The Nebraska Supreme Court has recognized this problem and has created a series of committees to examine how to improve the educational outcomes for these students. This presentation will review some of the data confirming the education issues these youth face and will report on new opportunities to improve these students' educational outcomes.

**12:15 Lunch**

**1:00 Caselaw Updates**

Jane McNeil

**1:30 Legislative Updates**

Hon. Larry Gendler

**2:00 Break**

**2:15 Extending Services and Supports to age 21: Are you Ready?**

Sarah Helvey & Cassy Rockwell

Did you know that Nebraska has joined at least 12 other states in the Nation to extend services and support to age 21 for young people in foster care? If you want to know more about how to be ready for implementation of this new program this session will help you gain: 1) key information on the provisions of LB 216: Extended Services and Supports and program, 2) An update on current status and timeline for Implementation of new program, 3) Information on best practices from across the Country, and 4) Insights on what professionals can do to ensure a positive experience for young adults.

**3:15 Transition Planning for Older Youth and A Guide for Local Teams**

Project Everlast Youth, Cassy Rockwell & Kelli Hauptman

At the 2012 statewide Children's Summit, team members voted "older youth in care" as one of three priorities. This session will introduce *Transition Planning for Older Youth: A Guide for Local Teams*, which the Through the Eyes of the Child Initiative made in collaboration with Project Everlast, Jim Casey Youth Opportunities Initiative and DHHS. Participants will also listen to young people discuss why transition planning is important to them and how court professionals can ensure better outcomes.

**3:45 Team Meeting**

**4:15 Adjourn**