



THROUGH THE EYES OF THE CHILD INITIATIVE

A NEBRASKA SUPREME COURT JUVENILE COURT PROGRAM



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May 2015 E-Newsletter

WHAT'S HAPPENING



As we announced earlier this year, The Court Improvement Project (CIP) is transitioning from UNL-Center for Children Families and the Law (CCFL) to the Administrative Office of the Court (AOC). This transition will occur on **June 1, 2015**.

We are looking forward to continuing to build upon the strong base created and developed under the leadership of Vicky Weisz at CCFL. While the home base of CIP is transitioning on June 1, 2015, this does not change the work that CIP and the Through the Eyes Teams (TEOC) are currently doing.

Continue to meet with your local TEOC teams and collaborate on projects designed to improve the functioning of the court process, the services the court can offer and the capabilities of those working within the court system. Utilize the team data reports and the data dashboard to identify areas where your team can positively impact youth involved in both the Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice systems. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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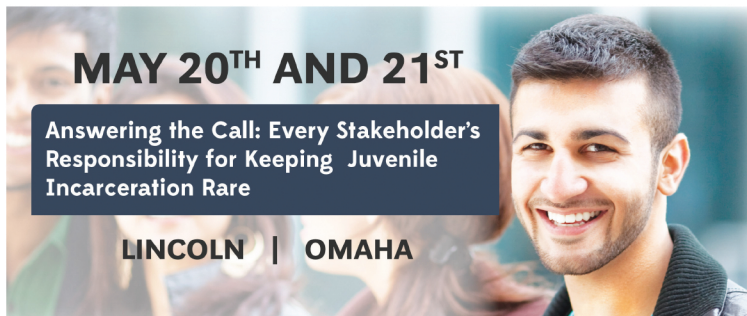


The 2015 Lecture Series is Underway

Be sure to register for the upcoming May lecture series **"The Impact of Domestic Violence on Young Children"** with trainers Jennie Cole Mossman and Jamie Monzer. For additional information on this lecture and to register, [click here](#).

If you were unable to attend the April lecture series, **"Making Adoption a Priority: The Role of Courts and Court Professionals in Meeting the needs of Nebraska's Adoptive Families"**, video is now available on our [Youtube channel](#).

Plus be sure to mark your calendars for the May 20th and 21st lecture **"Answering the Call: Every Stakeholder's Responsibility for Keeping Juvenile Incarceration Rare"** which will be held in both Lincoln and Omaha. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.



2015 Legislative Updates

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LB 15 (Krist)-Guardians ad Litem

Legislative Activity: Signed into law by the Governor on April 29, 2014 with emergency clause.

LB 87 (Campbell)-Add Children's Commission Member

Legislative Activity: Signed into law by the Governor on March 5, 2015

LB 482 (Krist)-Change Provisions Relating to Juveniles

Legislative Activity: Signed into law by the Governor on April 29, 2015

LB 212 (Chambers)-Limit Restraints in Juvenile Court

Legislative Activity: Amended into LB 482