



THROUGH THE EYES OF THE CHILD INITIATIVE

A NEBRASKA SUPREME COURT JUVENILE COURT PROGRAM



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Making Adoption a Priority: The Role of Courts and Court Professionals in Meeting the Needs of Nebraska Adoptive Families

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THE IMPACT OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ON YOUNG CHILDREN

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ANSWERING THE CALL: EVERY STAKEHOLDER'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR KEEPING JUVENILE INCARCERATION RATES

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You must register to attend. Registration will become available on **March 6, 2015**. More information can be found at www.throughtheeyes.org/training-sponsorships/2015-lecture-series along with other frequently asked questions.

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NEBRASKA COURT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

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March 2015 E-Newsletter

WHAT'S HAPPENING

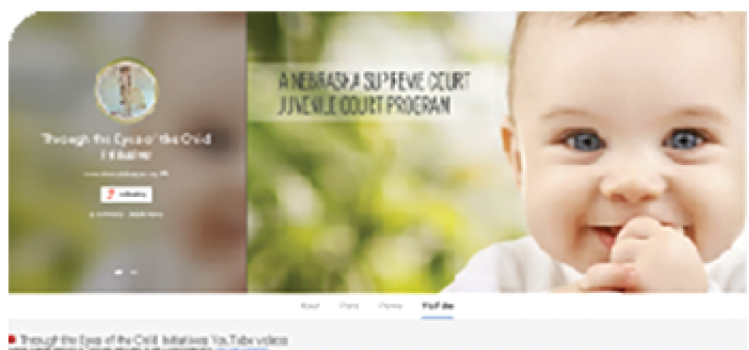
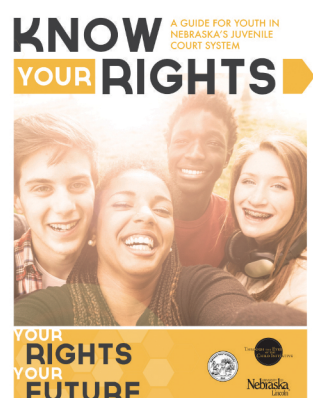


NEBRASKA RESOURCE PROJECT FOR VULNERABLE YOUNG CHILDREN

The Nebraska Infant/Toddler Court Improvement Project has become the **Nebraska Resource Project for Vulnerable Young Children**. The project will remain at UNL-CCFL and will be led by [Jennie Cole-Mossman](#) and [Kelli Hauptman](#). Although no longer part of the CIP/Through the Eyes of the Child Initiative, the project will partner closely with the initiative and will continue working with local teams to address infant and toddler issues in their court cases, including all teams that expressed interest in technical assistance at the 2014 regional conferences. The project can work with teams on a case-level basis in identifying issues and securing services, and on a system-level basis in identifying and addressing barriers.

The Know Your Rights Guide for Older Youth Has Been Re-Written & Re-printed

Judges and attorneys will soon be receiving copies in the mail, and the PDF is available online. The guide has been expanded to include information on the juvenile justice court process, how to use your voice and how to plan for your future. Judge, attorneys, CASAs and probation officers can order free copies. All other stakeholders can order copies at a small cost. To order copies, go to the [Publications webpage](#).

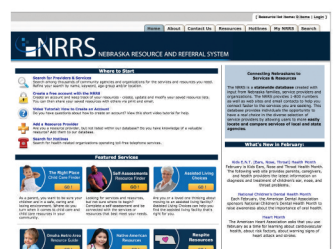


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New Website for Services for Indian Children

Looking for culturally appropriate services for Indian children? The Center on Children, Families and the Law (CCFL) in collaboration with the Nebraska ICWA Coalition created a new database on the Nebraska Resource and Referral System (NRRS). Now, you can identify culturally appropriate services for children and families in two different ways! To read more, [click here](#). **Looking for a specific provider or service? [Click here](#) to go to the website.**



Spotlight Issue

The Intersection of Mental Health and Juvenile Justice Systems - Efforts to Redefine Appropriate Intervention

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March 2, 2015

In recent years there has been continued criticism of the efforts to address the needs of vulnerable children and families, particularly within the juvenile justice system. Commentators have previously noted, “Juvenile justice probably suffers the most glaring gaps between best practice and common practice, between what we know works and what our public systems most often do on our behalf.” Although there have been significant efforts on the federal, state, and local levels to effect positive change, there continues to be significant policy and program challenges, particularly where the juvenile justice and mental health systems intersect. In order to design and implement improved policies and programs, there must be a better understanding of the mental health issues among the juvenile population...[Click here to read more.](#)