

2020 NEBRASKA ELDER JUSTICE TRAINING

Co-sponsored by:

Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, State Unit on Aging, AARP Nebraska, University of Nebraska Omaha Department of Gerontology, Nebraska Bankers Association and Legal Aid of Nebraska

Live via web streaming from Lincoln to 11 locations statewide

Please visit the training website www.dhhs.ne.gov/agingtraining prior to the training in early August for updates on cancellation of local sites due to COVID-19 related State/Local Directed Health Measures. Training will be available via live streaming regardless.”

Date: Tuesday, August 4, 2020

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. (CDT)
7:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. (MDT)

Place: Uplinked from NET via web-based live streaming to 11 locations in Nebraska or to your computer

Topics: Nursing Home Closures
Hoarding and Self-neglect
Guardianship Forms Changes
Supported Decision Making
Mental Illness in the Elderly
Mediation
Medicare
Frauds and Scams



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www.dhhs.ne.gov/agingtraining

Register early. Limited seating at some locations

TRAINING IS FREE

AGENDA

8:30 – 8:45 a.m. CDT	Welcome and Introductions -Julie Masters, PhD., Terry Haney Chair of Gerontology, University of Nebraska Omaha
8:45 – 9:30 a.m.	Nursing Home Closures: Duties and Responsibilities Jenifer Acierno, J.D., LeadingAge Nebraska
9:30 – 10:15 a.m.	Hoarding and Self-Neglect Antonia Bonsera, Adult Protective Services & Jen Baker, LICSW, CHI Bergen Psychiatric Associates
10:15 – 10:30 a.m.	Break
10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Guardianship Update with Form Changes and a Look at Limited Guardianships Mary Wilson, J.D., Attorney-at-law
11:15 – 12:00 p.m.	Supported Decision Making in Nebraska on the Horizon Bradley Meurrens, MPA, Disability Rights Nebraska and Taylor Roth, MA, Agency Extern
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch on your own
1:00 – 1:45 p.m.	Mental Illness in the Elderly -Lorie L. Thomas, LICSW, Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare
1:45 – 2:30 p.m.	Mediation in Family/Decision Making Kathleen Kauth, K.T. Beck Enterprises, LLC
2:30 – 2:45 p.m.	Break
2:45 – 3:30 p.m.	Medicare: Observation Status/Three-day Admissions Practice/QMB & MA Plans Jonathan Burlison, Nebraska SHIIP (State Health Insurance Information Assistance Program)
3:30 – 4:15 p.m.	Protect the Good Life: The Nebraska Scams and Anti-Fraud Education (SAFE) Program 2020 Update Ryan Sothan, Nebraska Attorney General's Office
4:15 p.m.	Wrap-up and Adjourn

Live streaming will be available at the following locations:

- Beatrice: Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging, 103 Eastside Boulevard
- Chadron: Chadron Community Hospital, 825 Centennial Drive
- Grand Island: Edith Abbott Memorial Library, Room A, 1124 West 2nd Street
- Hastings: ESU 9, Clay Conference Room, 5807 Osborne Drive West
- Kearney: ESU 10, Room A, 76 Plaza Blvd
- Lincoln: NET, 1800 N. 33rd Street
- Norfolk: Northeast Nebraska Area Agency on Aging, 119 W. Norfolk Avenue
- North Platte: Mid-Plains Community College, North Campus, Room 209, 1101 Halligan Drive
- Omaha: Eastern NE Office on Aging, First Floor Conference Room, 4715 S. 132nd Street
- Scottsbluff: Aging Office of Western Nebraska, 1517 Broadway
- Sidney: Western NE Community College, Room 167, 371 College Drive

FACULTY

Jenifer Acierno, J.D., is the President & CEO of LeadingAge Nebraska. LeadingAge Nebraska is an association that provides education, advocacy, and technical assistance to non-profit providers of services to seniors, including nursing facility, assisted living, independent living, adult day services, and affordable housing. LeadingAge Nebraska is one of 38 state level affiliates of the national LeadingAge organization. Prior to her work for LeadingAge Nebraska, Jenifer worked as a Deputy Director with the Nebraska Department Professional and Facility Licensure (including Survey & Certification), Licensure Investigations and Emergency Preparedness and Response. She served as the Deputy Director of Public Health responsible for the Community Health Planning and Protection Unit; Deputy Director of the Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care; Supervising Attorney for Medicaid, Human Resources, Contracts and Vital Records. Jenifer is a graduate of Nebraska Wesleyan University with a B.A. in Political Science and a B.A. in Global Studies. She graduated with her J.D. from the University of Nebraska College of Law. Jenifer has served on a number of boards and commissions in professional and personal capacities and has a personal commitment to civic work.

Antonia "Toni" Bonsera is a Program Specialist with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Division of Children and Families. Toni's responsibilities are broad, generally involving developing and implementing policy, work instructions and public guidance and focusing on safety for children and vulnerable adults. Providing technical support and training to field staff and educational presentation regarding Adult Protective Services mandatory reporting requirements and assessment processes are some of the duties that Toni truly enjoys. A native of Pennsylvania, Toni earned a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Scranton before moving to Omaha. She has been involved in advocacy and child welfare since the late 1990s, joining the State of Nebraska in 2005.

Jennifer Baker, LICSW, has worked in mental health for more than 25 years in various settings including emergency, acute hospitalization, in-home, and clinic. She currently works as a clinician at CHI Health's Bergan Psychiatric Associates and is involved in the Omaha community as an adjunct professor, preceptor, and public speaker. Her areas of expertise include anxiety-based disorders, hoarding disorder, and OCD.

Mary Wilson, J.D., is an attorney-at-law. She serves as the Older Americans' Act attorney for Aging Partners in Lincoln. Ms. Wilson received her B.A. degree in education from Wayne State College and her J.D. degree from Creighton University School of Law. Ms. Wilson is a frequent lecturer to various groups on elder law issues such as advance directives, probate, and guardianship and represents clients in trials related to financial exploitation, undue influence and other elder law areas.

Bradley Meurrens, is the Public Policy Director at Disability Rights Nebraska. Brad holds a Bachelor's degree in Latin from the University of Nebraska and a Master's degree in Public Administration from the Maxwell School at Syracuse University. After a short time working as a policy consultant in McLean, Virginia, Brad returned home to Nebraska where he has worked in public policy and as the primary registered lobbyist for Disability Rights Nebraska since December 2001.

Taylor Roth is a 5th-year doctoral student in Developmental Psychology at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. She is completing a policy externship at Disability Rights Nebraska. Taylor hopes to return to her home state of Texas to get involved with policy work related to children's health care.

Lorie L. Thomas, LICSW, is the Manager of Transition Services for Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare. She has been a Social Worker for over 30 years and has worked in a variety of different practice settings. Lorie received her MSW from UNO in 1989. She received her Graduate Certificate in Gerontology this past spring. She is a Licensed Independent Mental Health Practitioner and a Certified Master Social Worker. She was a 2018 recipient of The Alumni Award for Excellence in Public Service from UNO's Grace Abbot School of Social Work. She has served on the UNO GASSW Practicum Committee for over 10 years and has supervised many Social Work Students. Lorie is an adjunct faculty member in UNO's Department of Gerontology and is one of the founding members and chair of the Nebraska Mental Health and Aging Coalition.

Kathleen Kauth, has been a consultant with K.T. Beck Enterprises since 1998. Her areas of expertise include Eldercare Mediation, Strategic Planning, Focus Group Facilitation, Corporate Mediation and Program Analysis. Ms. Kauth has a Master of Public Policy from the University of Northern Iowa (UNI) and a B.A. in Criminology/Sociology from UNI. She also has a Graduate Certificate in Gerontology from UNO. Ms. Kauth has several publications to her credit and serves on multiple boards in Omaha and regionally.

Jonathan Burlison has been a Nebraska SHIP staff member for three years. His duties include serving as the programs Outreach Coordinator, organizing and providing education to the community. He also serves as the Regional Representative for the programs Blue River/Lincoln regions, coordinating and training nearly 100 volunteers in his 16 county region, and also as a Certified SHIP Counselor, providing one-on-one Medicare education and counseling on a daily basis. During his time with the Nebraska SHIP, Jonathan was invited to speak at the National SHIP conference in 2019 and has provided education to numerous organizations in Nebraska including SHRM (Society for Human Resource Management), OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes), and NePA (Nebraska Paralegal Association).

Ryan Sothan is an Outreach Coordinator within the Nebraska Attorney General's Office. Mr. Sothan has statewide responsibility for developing and implementing community-based initiatives for educating Nebraskans in the areas of consumer fraud, elder financial abuse, predatory and illegal business practices, identity theft, and Internet safety. As a committed road-warrior in fulfilling an average of 180 calendar engagements per year, his educational outreach services are extended to more than 20,000 Nebraskans annually. Mr. Sothan holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

REGISTRATION FORM

2020 Nebraska Elder Justice Training
Tuesday, August 4, 2020

Please check one:

- I will attend this training via web-based live streaming at the location checked below (Note: Lincoln location is traditional classroom set up with presenters.)
- I will attend this training via web-based live streaming using my personal/work computer
Log-in details will be sent prior to the training to registered participants and posted at:
<http://www.dhhs.ne.gov/agingtraining>

Please complete a separate form for each individual attending and send it in no later than July 27.

Name (Please print clearly): _____

Organization: _____

Mailing Address (Street, city, state & zip): _____

Day phone: _____ Email (Required, print clearly): _____

- Yes, I would like Continuing Education Hours
Continuing Education Contact hours awarded by Iowa Western Community College, Iowa Board of Nursing Provider #6. 6 Contact Hours. Nursing Continuing Education Contact hours are typically accepted for other disciplines such as social work and nursing home administrator; professionals of assorted disciplines – verify with your certification board.
- Yes, I would like Continuing Legal Education (CLE) credits
The program has been approved for CLE credit. The online MCLE system must be used to report attendance.

Nebraska Activity Number for regular/traditional class (**Lincoln attendees only**) 192740: 6.0 hours of Nebraska MCLE credit. Nebraska Activity Number for distance learning class (**live streaming on own computer or local sites**) 192741: 6.0 hours of Nebraska MCLE credit. Please direct questions related to CLE to the MCLE Commission.

Legal Aid of Nebraska certifies that this activity has been approved for CLE credit in the State of Nebraska. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the distance learning cap in has been lifted this year.

Please check location you plan to attend where training can be viewed via live streaming in a group setting

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Beatrice | <input type="checkbox"/> Chadron | <input type="checkbox"/> Grand Island | <input type="checkbox"/> Hastings | <input type="checkbox"/> Kearney | <input type="checkbox"/> Lincoln (classroom with speakers) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Norfolk | <input type="checkbox"/> North Platte | <input type="checkbox"/> Omaha | <input type="checkbox"/> Scottsbluff | <input type="checkbox"/> Sidney | |

- I plan to participate using my computer (Note: Continuing Education Contact hours not available)

***** Attendance is Free*****

Multiple ways to register: Mail, Fax, Email the Registration Form to:
DHHS, Medicaid & Long-Term Care Division, State Unit on Aging
Attn: Madhavi Bhadbhade
P.O. Box 95026; Lincoln, NE 68509-5026
Dhhs.aging@nebraska.gov
Fax: 402-742-8388

Questions on the program, cancellation, walk-in registration, call: 402-471-2309
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