

**May Ann Richards, Walnut Middle School
Counselor, Grand Island**

**Officer Rick Russell, Walnut Middle School
Resource Officer, Grand Island**

Walnut Middle school had a reputation as the toughest school in a town of 50,000. Learn how this school transformed itself from a place all too familiar to local police to a student-centered atmosphere committed to becoming a more nurturing place where every student would want to treat each other with respect.

4. Exploring Latino Gangs

**Sergeant James Duering
Grand Island Police Department**

With ever increasing youth violence, the public has become more aware of youth gangs, and the youth violence attributed to them. Gangs are not only in large cities, but in smaller cities like Grand Island Nebraska. Participants will learn about Latino gangs their structure, activities, clothing, graffiti, hand signs, and lifestyles.

10:15 - 10:30 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Keynote Speaker

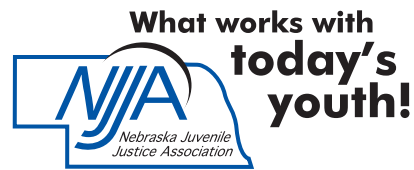
The High School Drop Out Crisis

**Nathan Thornburgh, Senior Editor, TIME
magazine**

Along with being Senior Editor of TIME magazine, Mr. Thornburgh has reported and written topics ranging from the US military to Hurricane Katrina to the challenges facing America's schools. He wrote the May 2006 cover story "Dropout Nation" and a follow up story "Escaping Dropout Nation". Despite having dropped out of high school himself, Nathan went on to graduate from Stanford University in 1997.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday May 8, 2008

8:00 - 9:00 a.m. Registration

9:00 - 10:30 a.m. Keynote Speaker

Brain Development in Adolescents: Implications for Treatment and Control

John Wright, Associate Professor of Criminal Justice in the Division of Criminal Justice at the University of Cincinnati



Major discoveries in the genetic and neurological sciences have revealed fascinating insights into the development of the human brain. This is especially true for adolescents. These insights provide us with new information about the nature of adolescent misconduct, the precursors to look for, and the mechanisms we need to focus on to alter their behavioral pathway. This keynote presents what we currently know about the life-course development of offenders; including the early risk factors of high-rate offending, brain imaging studies that show deficits in important areas of the brain that house self-control, and the factors that influence the development of self-control. Moreover, I discuss what works and what doesn't work in treating juvenile offenders.

10:30 - 10:45 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. - 12 p.m. Breakout Session I

1. Fitting the world of Evidence Based Practice into the world of L.D. and AD/HD

Debbie Forshee-Sweeney, Director, Teaching Learning Center, Union College

Ever wonder how Learning Disabilities or AD/HD

are affecting the experiences of your youth? Do you know what accommodations the law requires you to provide during groups, interviews, or assessments? Experience and discuss how to incorporate Evidence Based Practice programs in the world of LD and AD/HD youth.

2. "EXTREME MAKEOVER" - brought to you by Nebraska State Probation

Deb Carey-Minardi, Deputy Probation Administrator, Community Corrections Office of Probation Administration

Consternation - Renovation - Transformation - Adaptation. Evidence-Based Practice at its Best

3. Motivational Interviewing

Nicki Kennedy, Program Coordinator, Juvenile Justice Institute University of Nebraska at Omaha

Motivational Interviewing (MI) is a valuable tool that can help you address your clients' and/or students' ambivalence to change. This session will explore how MI is being used in a variety of different disciplines and settings, especially with adolescents. This session will also include hands-on activities to introduce strategies and ideas that can be implemented into your daily work.

4. How to Work With Problem Behaviors in Adolescents

John Wright, Associate Professor of Criminal Justice in the Division of Criminal Justice at the University of Cincinnati

This session will give the juvenile worker tips on what works and what does not work when dealing with juveniles with problem behaviors.

12:00 - 1:15 p.m. Lunch

1:30 - 3:00 p.m. Keynote Speaker

What Were They Thinking?

Derek Marchmann, Public Safety Consultant, 18 years of criminal justice experience

How many times have supervisors asked "What were they thinking?" or officers have asked themselves this question. This is a program offering officers methods to develop character beyond the minimal levels of acceptance or ethics. The program will offer the officers insight to the importance of character, how character can be broken down leading to destructive behaviors for the officer personally and on the job. More important, it provides insight for supervisors on identifying the breakdown of character and how to bring their officer back under compliance.

3:00 - 3:15 p.m. Break

3:15 - 4:30 p.m. Breakout Session II

1. You Don't Have to be at the Top...To be a Leader

Derek Marchmann, Public Safety Consultant, 18 years of criminal justice experience

You see it with all organizations, individuals learning to be followers instead of evolving into leaders. This class provides the opportunity to learn how to lead from the middle of an organization. Participants will develop an understanding for the need to lead vertical in order to create an efficient team for the top leaders but also across by building effective relationships that will grow as you ascend.

2. Diversion Round Table

State of Diversion Programs in Nebraska 2007

T. Hank Robinson, Director, Juvenile Justice Institute, University of Nebraska at Omaha

Wilma Arp, Administrator for the Platte Valley Diversion Program (PVDP), Columbus, NE

Pam Lausterer, Program Director, Saunders County Juvenile Pre-trial Diversion Program

This panel will review the latest findings on Nebraska's diversion programs. They will also discuss the evolution of diversion programs in Nebraska and new demands which appear to be directed towards diversion. They will discuss the changes and demands of the diverse population in Nebraska. You will be able to find out how to provide the opportunity of diversion to all eligible first time juvenile offenders.

3. Pharmaceutical drug use among teens

Dr. Ally Dering-Anderson

An overnight shift pharmacist for Walgreens in Lincoln, NE, Dr. Dering-Anderson has a bi-weekly call-in radio show on AM 1240 KFOR and works part time for the pharmacy serving the Nebraska Department of Corrections. Ally has worked in Managed Care Pharmacy, Community Pharmacy, Long-Term Care Pharmacy and administered the Nebraska State Medicaid DUR Contract.

4. MySpace and Internet chat

Trooper Bill Price, Nebraska State Patrol, Troop B Community Service Officer

Ever wonder what your kids are doing on line? This is an opportunity to learn about two of the most popular social networking web sites today, Myspace and Facebook. Troopers Bill Price and Investigator Kent Hanlin will teach you how to use and set up an account as well as search for your children's web pages online. When you are finished with this class you will be able to comfortably navigate these two social web sites, and keep your kids safe online.

4:30 - 6:00 p.m. Reception

Friday May 9, 2008

8:00 - 9:00 a.m. Breakfast

9:00 - 10:15 a.m. Breakout Session III

1. Fooling the Bladder Cops

Chuck Mattson, RID Training

Session attendees will plunge into the subculture of drug adulterants and learn what type of products are used to purportedly allow the "passing" of drug tests. Information will be exchanged on how and where these underhanded pollutants are obtained, how they are used and what steps can be taken to thwart the cheating techniques.

2. Professionalism: Creating a Culture of Respect Kevin Mattren, Continuum EAP

This workshop, designed for managers, will explore professionalism and the way it influences employee relations, customer relations, corporate image and profitability. A variety of real-world scenarios will be presented, enabling participants to explore their own beliefs and standards of professionalism.

3. From Chaos to Character

Vikki Deuel, Walnut Middle School Principal, Grand Island