

The **Juvenile Services Committee** of the Nebraska Children's Commission and the **Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice** Present:

Educational Service  
Unit #3 – La Vista, NE

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# JUVENILE JUSTICE SUICIDE PREVENTION CONFERENCE

## Keynote Biographies

### KEYNOTE PRESENTER: Dr. Denise Bulling



Denise Bulling has a Ph.D. in Human Science and an M.A. in Counseling Psychology from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Dr. Bulling joined the University of Nebraska Public Policy Center in 2003 and is a Licensed Independent Professional Counselor and Certified Threat Manager with extensive field experience in behavioral health that she uses in her work to create bridges among practitioners, academicians and policy makers using facilitation and public engagement approaches. Dr. Bulling's research interests include behavioral health policy, disaster and homeland security issues, and threat assessment.

### KEYNOTE PRESENTER: Dr. Mario Scalora



Dr. Mario Scalora is the director of the Public Policy Center and professor of psychology with the Clinical Training and Law-Psychology Programs at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, as well as coordinating an active academic research program engaging in collaborative research in targeted violence. He received his B.S. in psychology from St. Joseph's University and his Ph.D. in psychology from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. His research interests address various types of targeted violence issues including threats to public institutions and infrastructure/threat assessment, sexual offending, stalking, and workplace violence. Dr. Scalora has extensive relationships with federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies related to threat assessment research and consultation assessing predictive risk factors and management strategies concerning targeted threatening, and violent activity. In addition to his role as director, Dr. Scalora also serves as a consulting psychologist with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Police regarding campus safety, threat management, and emergency preparedness.

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## Panelist Biographies

### **PANELIST: Greg Gonzalez**

**Greg Gonzalez** is an Omaha native whose 24-year professional law enforcement career has led him to the deputy chief position of the 900+ sworn officer Omaha Police Department. As deputy police chief, Greg is assigned to the Executive Services Bureau, where he oversees the Training Unit and Crime Prevention Unit, Research and Planning Unit, Evidence and Property Unit, and School Resource Program.

Greg earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in criminal justice and a Master's Degree in Public Administration. Greg is a graduate of the FBI National Academy and the Major City Chiefs of Police Executive Leadership Institute (PELI). Greg is an adjunct instructor at his alma mater, the University of Nebraska at Omaha where he teaches criminal justice courses.

Greg serves on many governing boards, including the Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice, the Midwest Mentoring Project (MMP) and the Police Athletics for Community Engagement (P.A.C.E.). P.A.C.E. sponsors the free youth soccer and baseball program that serve over 4,000 youth in the summer months, a time when at-risk youth are most vulnerable. Greg is a supporter of community outreach efforts and understands the importance of mentoring youth and building tomorrow's future.

Greg is a past president of the Nebraska Chapter of the National Latino Police Officers Association (NLPOA). He was selected as Omaha's Latino of the year in 2012 for his participation in the department's police athletic league. Greg was recently awarded for his community service "above and beyond the call of duty" for his work with area youth. In 2018 Greg received the "Living the Dream" Martin Luther King Jr. award for his service to the Omaha community.

### **PANELIST: Julia Hebenstreit**

Julia Hebenstreit is the Executive Director of The Kim Foundation. She received her J.D. from Creighton University in 2005, and her BS in Journalism from the University of Nebraska Omaha in 2002. She has been with The Kim Foundation since December of 2011, and prior to that worked for local non-profits doing development, strategic planning, communications and advancement. She has a passion for helping people and improving lives, and serves as the President for the Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organizations, as the National Council for Behavioral Health's Hill Day State Captain since 2015, and as an active member of the Nebraska Suicide Prevention Coalition, Metro Area Suicide Coalition, Connections Advisory Committee, RESPECT Advisory Board, and BHECN's Advisory Committee.

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### **PANALIST: Hope Squad – Gabrielle Danner, Noelle Johanns, & Riane Mirabal**

Hope Squads is a school based peer support team. Students are trained in the warning signs of suicide as well as how to compassionately report concerns about peers to a trusted adult. Gabrielle Danner is the School Social Worker sponsoring the Hope Squad at Bryan Community Focus Program, an alternative high school within Lincoln Public Schools. This group is designed to educate students about mental health and provide training and resources for suicide prevention. Riane Mirabal and Noelle Johanns are seniors and members of the Bryan Hope Squad. Both students are active in the suicide prevention community and advocate for the wellbeing of their peers.

### **PANALIST: Grace Johnson**

Married with two children, Mrs. Johnson grew up on the Pine Ridge Indian reservation in South Dakota. After high school, she attended Creighton University in Omaha graduating with a degree in Psychology. Afterwards she worked in the Omaha Public Schools office of Native American Indian education and then as an outreach worker for the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska. She attained a Drug and Alcohol License. She worked as a Family Support worker. She received her Master's Degree in Counseling at Bellevue University. Recently worked for Society of Care as a dual-licensed Mental Health Therapist and Drug and Alcohol Counselor. She was Director of Behavioral Health and The Umonho Nation Alcohol and Drug Program at the Carl T. Curtis Health Education Center for the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska in Macy, NE. She recently left the Omaha Tribe and is running her own practice, Red Nation Healing and working with Native children in the foster care system. Her focus is on trauma and Historical Trauma issues facing Native American families and communities.

### **PANALIST: Colleen Pribyl**

Colleen has been with the Bellevue Public Schools for 20 years. She taught a variety of subjects, mostly at the middle school level, before becoming a school counselor three years ago. Colleen has two Master's Degrees from UNO, one in Education and one in School Counseling. Currently, she works as the freshman counselor at Bellevue East High School. As a teacher, Colleen began a Gay Straight Alliance at Logan Fontenelle Middle School. Working with students in GSA inspired Colleen to return to graduate school to become a counselor. At Bellevue East, Colleen has helped to implement Hope Squad, a national peer to peer suicide intervention program. Through Hope Squad, Colleen works with a team of students to recognize the signs of a mental health crisis and how students can access help for their peers.

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### **PANALIST: Jill Schubauer**

Jill Schubauer is the Youth Systems of Care Specialist at Region 3 Behavioral Health Services in Kearney, NE. Jill has been employed with Region 3 for the last 2 years during which time she has worked directly with high risk youth and families utilizing the Wraparound Approach as a Professional Partner, provided direct supervision as the Professional Partner Program Supervisor, oversaw the management and program development of the Professional Partner Program as the Program Manager and is currently the Youth Systems of Care Specialist to promote the use of the Systems of Care values and principles for youth, families and young adults. Jill is a Train the Trainer in both Wraparound and Family Centered Practice as well as a trainer for QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer), an Evidenced Based Suicide Prevention model, and Connect Postvention a suicide postvention model. In 2010 she achieved a Graduate Certificate in Children's Mental Health from the University of South Florida. She has assisted in the implementation of numerous evidenced based practices and initiatives within Region 3 including Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Transition to Independence Process Model, QPR and the integrated model of MST (Multisystemic Therapy), AMSR, CAMS, Youth Crisis Response and Wraparound. Jill has been active in Suicide Prevention since 2010 presenting to and training numerous audiences and communities including nurses, mental health providers, schools, community members and youth throughout the state.