

2026 Nebraska Collegiate Prevention Alliance Statewide Convening

Learning Center

Details

Wednesday July 22, 2026, 8:30am-3:45pm, Southeast Community College, 8800 O Street, Lincoln, NE 68510

Purpose Statement: Celebrating 20 years of collective impact, the NECPA Statewide Convening brings together campus professionals and prevention partners to strengthen Nebraska's capacity to support student well-being. This annual conference equips attendees with evidence-based strategies, practical skills, and meaningful peer connections to advance substance use prevention, harm reduction, and mental health support—ensuring students can graduate healthy, well, and ready to thrive.

Agenda/Speakers/Contact Hours

8:30am-9:00am: Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:00am-9:15am: Welcome and Opening Statements: Megan Hopkins (No CH)

9:15am-9:45am: Reflecting on 20 Years of NECPA: Linda Major (No CH)

9:45am-10:50am: Keynote: From Prevention to Possibility: Reimagining Student Well-Being and Belonging in a Changing Landscape: Raphael Florestal-Kevelier, PhD, MPH, Interim Chief Executive Officer, American College Health Association (1.0 CH)

10:50am-11:00am: Break

11:00am-12:00pm: Morning Breakout Sessions: Choose 1 of 3 sessions (1.0 CE)

- Intersections of Mental Health Promotion and Substance Use Prevention Strategies: Jenny Damask, Ed.D
- One Pill Can Kill: The New Drug Threat Facing College Campuses: Dustin Gillespie, MBA, Special Agent, DEA Omaha Field Office
- Cultivating a Healthier Campus: Planting Seeds for Effective Prevention Frameworks: Elizabeth Branham, MPH, Traffic Safety Specialist, HECAOD

12:00pm-12:55pm Lunch and Networking

1:00pm-2:00pm: Afternoon Breakout Sessions 1: Choose 1 of 3 sessions (1.0 CE)

- Nourishing Success: Creating Food Security on a Small Campus: Andreea Baker, RN, BSN, Health & Wellness Director, Doane University
- Impaired Road Use Prevention: Lessons Learned Three Years In: Paige Carter, MSW, Senior Research Technician, HECAOD
- Moving from Compliance to Utility: Biennial Review Revamp: Jenny Damask, Ed.D., Assistant Director of High-Risk Drinking Prevention, University of Wisconsin-Madison

2:00pm-2:15pm: Break and Afternoon Snack

2:15pm-3:15pm: Afternoon Breakout Sessions 2: Choose 1 of 3 sessions (1.0 CE)

- Building a Campus Well-being Collective: Lessons Learned, Early Successes, and Ongoing Challenges: Steve Wiota, M.S.Ed, Associate Director-Well Being, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and Amy Lanham, MS, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- Expanding Campus Safety: Implementing and Sustaining Narcan Programs in Higher Education: Alyson Wolfe-Nelson, BA, MSE, Counselor and Prevention Education Coordinator, Central Community College, Andreea Baker BSN, RN, Jon Gayer PhD., Alcohol and Other Drug Education, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Llani Main, Student Wellness Coordinator, Metro Community College, Lauri Shultis, Security Director, Central Community College, and Kathy Dworak, Director Student Counseling Services, Nebraska Methodist College
- Taking Your Foot off the Accelerator: Reclaiming Purpose to Support Student Well-Being: Dr. Suzanne Scott, PhD, Assistant Professor, Wayne State College

3:20pm-3:45pm: Closing and Awards: MeLissa Butler

Faculty Development Day: Principles of Effective Teaching

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