

2010 Spring Lecture Series

Enhancing Sibling Connections

June 8, 2010 in Grand Island, 8:30-12:00

Home Federal Bank
3311 W. Stolley Park Road

June 9, 2010 in Omaha, 8:30-12:00

Creighton Law School, Room 121
2133 California Street

Description: Children in care desire to be placed with and to have life long contact with their siblings. This child welfare practice was reinforced when sibling connections expectations were placed in the federal 2008 law Fostering Connections. This session will discuss the values, policies, procedures, activities, and skills necessary to ensure that whenever possible children are placed with their siblings and when that is not possible what type of activities should occur to ensure the children maintain and enhance these connections.

The training will include an interactive exercise that focuses on typical case scenarios that present challenges to either placing siblings together or ensuring frequent contact for siblings who are placed separately. Participants will apply the values, policies, procedures, activities, and skills to the case scenarios.

Trainer: Rose Marie Wentz has worked in the field of child welfare for 33 years. She has been a social worker, licenser, social work supervisor, trainer, supervisor of Washington State Training Academy, a residential treatment worker and a CASA for King County Juvenile Court. She is on the board of the National Staff Development and Training Association and is a consultant for the National Resource Center for Permanency and Family Connections. She provides training and consulting on case planning, collaboration, concurrent planning, engaging clients, visit planning, permanency planning, diversity and supervision. In this capacity she has worked with agency and staff in over 65 counties and states and in 2 countries. Rose has an undergraduate degree in Social Work and a graduate degree in Public Administration.

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Questions? Please contact Melissa Townsend (mtownsend3@unl.edu, 402.472.3292) or Vicky Weisz (vweisz1@unl.edu, 402.472.9814).

All individuals with a stake in the child welfare court system are invited to attend, including judges, attorneys, caseworkers, clerks, school personnel, law enforcement, medical and service providers, foster families, treatment providers, CASA, FCRB, and court facilitators.

You must register to attend. Registration and more information will be available by February 5 at www.throughtheeyes.org. There is no cost to attend but registration will close when limits are reached. You must register in advance to receive MCLE credits. There will be a \$15 fee for 3 credits.

If you are unable to attend, this session will become available through video streaming at www.throughtheeyes.org.

