

It's June, and PolicyTalk is feeling spry. Today's PolicyTalk includes six items:

**1. \*\*\*Upcoming Event\*\*\* Growing Success: Statewide Community Summit on Depression**

On **June 19th, 2008**, the Public Policy Center in partnership with NET Television will convene a statewide summit on creating pathways to the successful treatment of depression. Noted talk show personality, humorist, and Nebraska-native Dick Cavett will serve as the event's keynote speaker, and talk about his personal experiences as a depression survivor. The event will start at 9 a.m. CST/8 a.m. MTN and conclude at 1 p.m. CST/12 p.m. MTN.

The theme of the summit is "Growing Success," and will feature a panel of local experts on depression and a short workshop about what communities in Nebraska can do to plan for and create opportunities for the successful treatment of depression. Among the topics to be addressed are: Depression 101, success stories of depression survivors, and depression among military families, the elderly, and teens. The event is free and open to the public. A full schedule of the event is available at <http://www.ppc.nebraska.edu/>.

The summit is free and open to the public. However, *advanced registration is required due to limited space*. The event will be held at NET Television Studios in Lincoln, and broadcast live via video conference to satellite locations in Chadron, Grand Island, Omaha, and Scottsbluff.

**To register**, call 402-472-7777 or 1-800-868-1868, or email [tv@netNebraska.org](mailto:tv@netNebraska.org) **by June 16, 2008**.

**2. Information and Referral Systems (2-1-1) for Human Services**

The Public Policy Center has been working with 2-1-1s (in Nebraska and around the U.S.) to ensure that people know about human services available in their communities. The Center has hosted the [ne211.org](http://ne211.org) online website since its inception in 2005. Over the past year, the Center and the UNL Laboratory for Advanced Research Computing redesigned the [ne211.org](http://ne211.org) website to make it more user friendly. The site includes information about human services available at more than 3,200 locations across Nebraska, including programs such as food banks, homeless shelters, counseling, support groups, drug and alcohol rehabilitation, financial assistance, job training, respite care, senior centers, child care, recreation programs, mentoring programs, disaster relief, volunteer opportunities, and more.

At the [ne211.org](http://ne211.org) site, users may search for resources in a number of ways:

- Type in a keyword, such as "emergency housing"
- Browse the categories of human services and select the one that best fits
- Use one of the "quick" searches
- Look for an agency or program name with the alphabetical search
- Limit search results by selecting a miles radius from a ZIP Code (for keyword, category, alphabetical, and "quick" searches)

The [ne211.org](http://ne211.org) Web site is a companion to 2-1-1, the three-digit phone service. Residents of 38 Nebraska counties (approximately 80% of the state's population) and eight counties in southwest Iowa can dial 2-1-1 and connect with a certified information and referral specialist. Interpretation assistance for more than 150 languages is offered to those who phone the 2-1-1 call center. Both the Web site and the call center are free, confidential and available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

### 3. **“Priority Lincoln” – Budgeting for Outcomes and Public Input**

The Public Policy Center's final report was issued describing Lincoln's initiative to involve the public as part of the budgeting for outcomes process for deciding the 2008-09 budget's priorities and presenting the community's priorities. There is a brief report available at

[http://ppc.nebraska.edu/program\\_areas/documents/mayordeliberation/Priority%20Lincoln%20Brief%20Final%20Report%20May%202009,%202008.pdf](http://ppc.nebraska.edu/program_areas/documents/mayordeliberation/Priority%20Lincoln%20Brief%20Final%20Report%20May%202009,%202008.pdf) , and the entire report is available at

[http://ppc.nebraska.edu/program\\_areas/documents/mayordeliberation/Priority%20Lincoln%20Final%20Report%20May%202009,%202008.pdf](http://ppc.nebraska.edu/program_areas/documents/mayordeliberation/Priority%20Lincoln%20Final%20Report%20May%202009,%202008.pdf) . More details about the project are available at

[http://ppc.nebraska.edu/program\\_areas/documents/Mayor%27sDeliberation.htm](http://ppc.nebraska.edu/program_areas/documents/Mayor%27sDeliberation.htm) .

### 4. **\*\*\*Upcoming Event\*\*\* Nebraska Disaster Behavioral Health Conference**

The 2008 will be held in Omaha, NE on **Friday, July 18, 2008** at the Old Market Embassy Suites Hotel. The conference brochure is available at

[http://ppc.nebraska.edu/program\\_areas/documents/DisasterConfBroch2008.pdf](http://ppc.nebraska.edu/program_areas/documents/DisasterConfBroch2008.pdf) , and to register please go to [http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=pZUg1sB5uuCN\\_2fLGn0kGfBw\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=pZUg1sB5uuCN_2fLGn0kGfBw_3d_3d).

### 5. **Former PPC Student's Critical Incident Stress Management Project Highlighted**

For his doctoral dissertation, Robin Chang is examining whether there are differences in outcomes by providing debriefings for first responders immediately after a critical incident versus delaying the debriefing. The project was featured in the June issue of the American Psychological Association's monthly magazine, the APA Monitor on Psychology, and is available from the Monitor's website at

<http://www.apa.org/monitor/2008/06/apf-trauma.html> or the Public Policy Center's website at

<http://ppc.nebraska.edu/publications/documents/2008/Robin%20Chang%20Article.pdf> .

### 6. **Save the Date!**

Mark your calendars for Friday, September 26th! The Public Policy Center will be celebrating its 10 year anniversary. Please come join us for appetizers and drinks from 4:00-7:00 pm.

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