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SUBJECT: Partnering4Students Presentation

Presentation Title: *Partnering4Students: Nebraska's Tool Kit for Systems Involved in Education of Students in Out-of-Home Care*

Presenters:

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Presentation Description:

The presentation provides an overview and demonstration of the *Partnering4Students* project. *Partnering4Students* is Nebraska's new web-based "Tool Kit" of information and resource materials designed to assist educators and child welfare / juvenile justice professionals involved with the education of children and youth in out-of-home care. Developed through a multi-disciplinary collaboration, the *Tool Kit* includes *Frequently Asked Questions*, *Asking the Right Questions* checklists, sample processes, forms, contact listings and interactive maps as well as links to related documents and websites. The resources available through www.Partnering4Students.org address the following general topic areas: Systems Collaboration, Nebraska's Child Welfare System, Nebraska's Juvenile and Criminal Justice Systems, Elementary and Secondary Education, Post-Secondary Education and Employment, and Diverse Student Populations.

Partnering4Students is provided through a collaborative partnership involving the Nebraska Supreme Court, Nebraska Department of Education and Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services as well as several other agencies and organizations. A *Systems Work Group* overseeing the ongoing development and maintenance of the *Tool Kit* and website includes representatives from the public schools and Interim-Program Schools, the Juvenile Courts, Nebraska Department of Education, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, Nebraska State Probation, Nebraska State Foster Care Review Board, Court-Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), Nebraska Children and Families Foundation, Nebraska Court Improvement Project, and UNL Center on Children, Families and the Law's *Answers4Families* Program.

Audiovisual Equipment: LCD projector, screen and Internet access
