The Nebraska Adolescent Perpetration Network (NAPN)

34th Annual Conference

The NAPN and HopeSpoke Present

Kevin Powell, PhD

A Strengths-Based Approach for Sex Offense-Specific Services and Beyond

November 12, 2026

8:30 - 4:45pm

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1201 Infinity Court, Lincoln, NE 68512

Register NOW!

Join us for a full day training featuring Kevin Powell, PhD, focusing on a strengths-based approach for sex-offense specific services.

Early Bird registration is $100 and allows first access to registration for the conference as space will be limited. You can reach out to Whitney Kuhn, wkuhn@hopespoke.org, with questions or assistance registering bulk numbers of participants. You must register by October 10, 2026 to receive the Early Bird discount.

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Registration includes training, breakfast, lunch, and Continuing Education hours

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AGENDA

8:30-9:00am	Registration and Breakfast (provided)
9:00-10:30am	Defining a Strengths-Based Approach
	Case Study Description
	Forming a Positive Relationship and Meeting Basic Human Needs
10:30am-10:45am	BREAK
10:45am-12:15pm	Engagement with Families
	Strengthening Youth Support Systems
	Promoting Hope and Self-Efficacy
12:15-1:00pm	LUNCH (provided)
1:00-2:30pm	Managing Hypersexuality and Impulsivity
	Promoting Prosocial Behaviors and Healthy Sexuality
2:30-2:45pm	BREAK
2:45-430pm	Identifying Protective Factors Linked to Resilience
4:30-4:45pm	Q&A
4:45pm	END

Meet Your Presenter:

Kevin M. Powell, Ph.D. is a licensed psychologist, trainer, consultant, and author who has been working with at-risk (or what he likes to call 'at-promise') children, adolescents, adults, and families for over 3 decades. He has worked in schools, university counseling centers, community-based agencies, a children's hospital, and residential programs including 20+ years in a maximum-security detention center. Dr. Powell is also an adjunct professor at Colorado State University in the Department of Psychology where he lectures and has been conducting research on protective factors associated with resilience (Arkfeld, Powell et al., 2025; Powell et al., 2021). Kevin has authored several publications focusing on strengths-based services (i.e., Powell, 2015, 2025). He presents both nationally and internationally on strengths-based topics that foster healthy, resilient, prosocial development in youth and adults. Additional information can be found at www.kevinpowellphd.com.

Conference Summary

A strengths-based approach (SBA) targets individual, family, and community strengths and resources that can enhance the effectiveness of sex offense-specific services, as well as all human services. It is an approach that focuses not only on stopping harmful sexual behaviors and harmful non-sexual behaviors, but also developing skills for leading prosocial, resilient lives. Young people, families, and adults are all more open to services when there is an emphasis on factors that assist them in living positive, fulfilling lives. SBA is relevant for all human service providers, including clinicians, probation officers, caseworkers, social workers, school counselors, teachers, anyone working with youth.

Conference Objectives

At the end of the training participants will:

1. Identify the prevalence and impact of trauma among justice-involved youth.
2. Apply the principles of trauma-informed and culturally responsive care to assessment and treatment practices from the RNR framework.
3. Demonstrate cultural humility in clinical and organizational settings.
4. Evaluate ethical considerations in trauma-informed and culturally responsive care.
5. Develop actionable strategies to improve equity and effectiveness in services for justice-involved youth.

Registration & Cost

Register NOW! via Eventbrite.

Contact Whitney with questions or to register by phone/email.

Early Bird Discount (register by 10.10.26): $100 **Registration from 10.11.26 - 11.11.26:** $120

Registration includes breakfast, lunch, and continuing education hours.

No-shows will be charged for the conference.

Refunds will NOT be issued after November 1, 2026

Continuing Education Hours

Conference participants will receive a certificate of attendance confirming Continuing Education* hours awarded. Participants attending the entire program will receive 6.5 Continuing Education Hours. Participants will receive Continuing Education hours if they sign in at the start of the conference, after lunch, and turn in a completed evaluation form at the close of the conference day.

*Continuing Education hours are approved for Social Workers, Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists, and Licensed Mental Health Practitioners. Continuing Education Hours for Psychologists are pending approval from the Nebraska Psychological Association. HopeSpoke maintains responsibility for this program and its content.

Criminogenic Hours

Conference participants attending the entire program will earn 6 Criminogenic Hours. Criminogenic hours are pending approval.

Questions or to Register via Phone/Email

Call 402-475-7666 or send an e-mail to info@hopespoke.org with any questions or for more information.
Contact Persons: Whitney Kuhn and Pat Sailors

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