IN THE MEDIA

BHECN's immediate response to Newtown.
BHECN medical director Dr. Howard Liu served as an expert mental health spokesman for local, regional and national media — and provided helpful resources for Nebraskans.  

More

Total media appearances: 100+ slots in 2012.
Beyond Newtown, BHECN is a prominent champion and guide for mental health issues in the news. In 2012 alone, BHECN faculty appeared 106 times — TV, radio, newspapers, magazines, web.

Sand Hills woman knew need — and filled it.
Murlene knew firsthand about need — and lack of care in rural Nebraska. So she became a psychiatric nurse practitioner via the online program created by BHECN associate director Michael Rice. 

Her story

Editorials call for Nebraska mental health action.
The Omaha World-Herald has published a series of compelling editorials calling for proactive steps:  'Wake-up calls for Nebraska' (12/28), 'Vital health priorities' (1/25) and 'Focus on PTSD' (2/9).

TRAINING AND AWARENESS PROGRAMS

Something for everyone: training & talks menu.
Our training and talks menu covers a wide array of topics — adaptable for nearly any audience: students, communities,
Everybody should know how: it's free & easy.
Most everyone knows basic first aid for cuts, choking (Heimlich) and heart attack (CPR). Now, add Mental Health First Aid. We do free workshops statewide, recently for Kearney students.

'My recovery' - hear moving personal stories.
We’re expanding our Council of Recovery Storytellers, who often lend hope to those on their journey to wellness. Check out Recovery Stories, now growing via storyteller training.

Training police to help youth in crisis.
In December, BHECN and the UNMC Department of Psychiatry were participants in training police to assist children in mental health crisis — 29 officers from 3 states attended.

Telling students about behavioral health careers.
BHECN will spread its Ambassador Program statewide to introduce high school and college students to behavioral health careers. Events: over 160 at Wayne — upcoming: Kearney.

Meet Norfolk High School student Abby Stewart.
Abby was one of hundreds of high school students to learn about behavioral health careers at a recent Ambassador Program event at Wayne State College hosted by BHECN.

Connecting employers with psychiatry residents.
BHECN's Employer Connection Forum gives Nebraska hiring managers regular opportunities to present their case to all psychiatry trainees scheduled to graduate from UNMC and Creighton.

Update: BHECN’s statewide workforce analysis
Survey results from all six of Nebraska's Behavioral Health Regions are now complete. They're summarized in a statewide workforce report that shows recurring trends.