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Students -

We are beginning a quarterly newsletter to keep you up to date on new and useful information. We want to provide you with information that you can use for school and work. If you have suggestions for information you would like to see in future newsletters, we would love to hear them.

Thank you,

Michele Bauman

CPS Stipend Recipients - Please remember to keep us informed about changes in your contact information. If you get a new email addresses or your home address changes, call Michele at 512-245-1784 or email her at mb19@txstate.edu

Family Preservation Conference

The 14th Annual Family Preservation Institute Conference was this week (September 3-5) in San Antonio. The conference was on "Teaming for Families and Communities: Walking the Talk". Visit the Institute's website for information:

www.nmsu.edu/~socwork/fpi/conf2003.html

Job Tip of the Quarter



Keep a positive outlook on your job. If you get to a point where you are "pulling your hair out", take time to remember back to the real reason you chose to pursue this line of work. If you need more encouragement, talk to someone in your office who has been there for many years and ask that person how they get through the stress.



CCF Fact Files

This past year, two journal articles were published on the Center! You can find these articles on the 4th floor of the Alkek library. For easy reference the two articles are in APA format:

- Brown, J.K., Chavkin, N.F., Peterson, V. (2003). Tracking Process and Outcome Results of BSW Students' Preparation for Public Child Welfare Practice: Lessons Learned. *Journal of Health and Social Policy*, 15, 105-116.
- Chavkin, N.F., Brown, J.K. (2003). Preparing Students for Public Child Welfare: Evaluation Issues and Strategies. *Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment*, 7, 53-66.

Read the articles online at www.library.txstate.edu/ref/ejs/index.asp

Dates to Remember

September 1

Labor Day. Classes do not meet.

September 3-5

Family Preservation Conference

September 9

Name change celebration

October 16

National Boss Day

October 18

Homecoming

October 22

2nd half classes begin

October 26

Graduation Application Deadline

October 27

Spring advanced registration

Quote

“How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving, and tolerant of those who are weaker than you – because someday you will be all of these.”

– George Washington Carver

Faculty Bio

We have a new faculty member!

Dr. Dexter Freeman is joining us this fall. He holds a Ph.D. from the Catholic University of America and a Masters of Social Work from the University of Georgia. He is retired from the Army where he provided administrative and clinical oversight for the largest social work department in the Department of Defense at the Darnall Army Hospital in Fort Hood. His special interests are in clinical social work and domestic violence. He is teaching Advanced Social Work Practice II – Intervention with Family Systems. Feel free to stop by his office at any time to meet him.

Name Change

As you already know, our university's new name is Texas State University-San Marcos. Governor Perry signed the university's name-change bill on June 18th. The new name officially went into effect on September 1st. To celebrate this momentous occasion, President Trauth has invited everyone to attend a ceremony on September 9th at Old Main.

Check out an article from the Austin American-Statesman about the name change at: www.mrp.swt.edu/mrp/relations/news/news138_aas.html



Useful Links

- Child Abuse, Child Welfare & Adoption Database
(Access to this database is only available through the Alkek Library website.)
<http://www.library.txstate.edu/ref/onlinedb/social.asp>
This database is indispensable for researchers, practitioners, policy makers, and administrators working to prevent and treat child abuse and neglect. Click on *Getting Started* once you are on the database search page. This will explain how to search for different topics, authors, etc.
- Annie E. Casey Foundation - Kid's Count
<http://www.aecf.org/kidscount/>
The Kid's Count project is a national and state-by-state effort to track the status of children in the U.S. It seeks to enrich local, state, and national discussions concerning ways to secure better futures for all children. You can order free materials or view them online.
- Child Welfare Review
<http://www.childwelfare.com/kids/news.htm>
This review is an electronic journal for coverage of issues related to the well being of children. It contains both links to articles related to child welfare and original articles. They examined various web sites on the Internet to locate the most important and useful articles on child welfare issues.

For more links visit our website at: http://www.health.txstate.edu/sowk/ccf_links.html

If you have a link to a website that you would like to share with us, email Michele at mb19@txstate.edu