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Welcome!

IV-E Alumni News

Here's the latest on what IV-E graduates are doing:

Candice Tovar accepted a supervisor position at CPS that started in June. Her official title is OJT (On Job Training) Supervisor. She will work with all new employees who come into the agency and will also be supervising, teaching and developing new tools for training.

National News

Nonresident Fathers and Child Welfare

Engaging nonresident fathers is sometimes a challenge in child welfare, but it can be significantly beneficial for the children. A recent study published by the Urban Institute entitled *What About the Dads? Child Welfare Agencies' Efforts to Identify, Locate, and Involve Nonresident Fathers* examined four states in which child welfare agencies are targeting fathers. Read about the study at the following link:

http://cbexpress.acf.hhs.gov/articles.cfm?article_id=1181&ref=htmlEml

Government Costs for Adoption vs. Foster Care

A new study shows adoption means significant government cost savings when compared to the costs of long-term foster care. The study is titled "A Comparison of Governmental Costs of Long-Term Foster Care and Adoption" and is from the University of Chicago. Here is the link to more information:

http://cbexpress.acf.hhs.gov/articles.cfm?article_id=1183&ref=htmlEml

Frequently Encountered Families

In most child welfare systems, there are families who receive disproportionately more services than others, known as FE (frequently encountered) families. A new study from the Institute of Applied Research has focused on identifying characteristics of these families and discusses ways to lessen their involvement with the child welfare system. Go here for the whole story:

http://cbexpress.acf.hhs.gov/articles.cfm?article_id=1185&ref=htmlEml

Systems of Care for the Most Vulnerable Families

There is increasing demand for mental health and substance abuse services for families in the child welfare system. Child Welfare League of America has released publications with more information and recommendations. Here's the link:

http://cbexpress.acf.hhs.gov/articles.cfm?article_id=1188&ref=htmlEml

Quotation

*"A torn jacket is soon mended;
but hard words bruise the heart
of a child."*

--- Henry Wadsworth

Longfellow

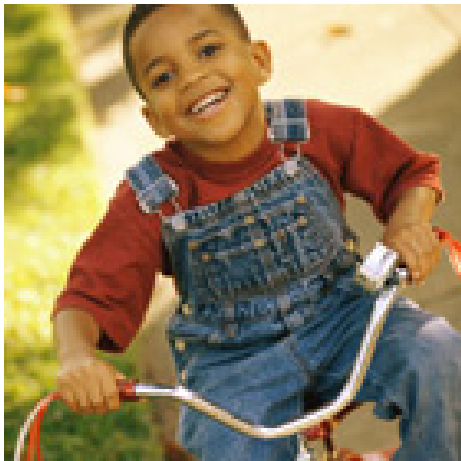
Dates to Remember

Aug 16-18 West Coast CW Trainers

Aug 23 Classes Begin

Sept 6-8 FPI Conference

Oct 26-28 NASW TX Conference



Job Tips of the Quarter






Having "one of those days?" How are you going to deal when you get home from work? Here are some tips to keep you from yelling at your spouse or kicking the dog.

-  Breathe deeply.
-  Don't drink.
-  Don't rehash it.
-  Exercise.

For more tips like these visit www.careers.msn.com

Interesting Facts

-  Depression is at least 3-5 times more common in individuals with histories of child maltreatment.
-  Victims of child abuse are 12 times more likely to attempt suicide than non-abused individuals.
-  Physically abused adolescents are 6-12 times more likely to have alcohol and drug problems and sexually abused adolescents are 18-21 times more likely to become substance abusers.

These figures are from a study entitled "The Impact of Trauma on Child Development" published in the Winter 2006 issue of *Juvenile and Family Court Journal*. For the full study, go here:

http://www.ncjfcj.org/images/stories/dept/publications/winter%2006_putnam.pdf

Resources

Understanding the Medical Diagnosis of Child Maltreatment: A Guide for Non-medical Professionals

The latest resource from the American Humane Association, this practical guide answers frequently asked questions about the medical aspects of child abuse and neglect. Designed for the non-medical professional unfamiliar with medical terminology, the third edition of a classic translates injuries into clear language for child protective services workers working with medical providers.

Here is the link for more information:

<http://www.us.oup.com/us/catalog/general/subject/SocialWork/?view=usa&ci=9780195172164>

Child Welfare Information Gateway Now Open!

Formerly the National Child Abuse and Neglect Clearinghouse, the Child Welfare Information Gateway is a service of the Children's Bureau. This new website contains information regarding family centered child practice, temporary out-of-home care, post adoption services, and much more. Check it out:

<http://www.childwelfare.gov/>

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

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