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Welcome!

Martha Sue Wildberger has joined the Center for Children and Families as a new Grant Specialist and Selena Robledo is our new Administrative Leadership MSW intern.

Claire Dwelle, Samantha Kenney, Leslie Campbell, and Kathryn Schumacher join the IV-E stipend students in Region 7.

Our new title IV-E students in Region 8 are Janisa Hodges and Lindsay Mashak.

Congratulations!

Angela Ausbrooks got her Ph. D. degree in July.

Kendall Mason, Mindy Humphreys, Maddison Moore, Crystal Medelez, Jana Anderson and Jason Robbins completed the stipend program this past summer and graduated from Texas State University with BSWs on 8/10/07. Congratulations, all will be great assets to Child Protective Services

IV-E Alumni News

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

Heather Brodstad was a IV-E graduate and was recently promoted to CPS investigative supervisor.

National News

STATES SEEKING TO HELP YOUTH AGING OUT OF CARE BY EXTENDING BENEFITS

Although all states provide some housing, counseling, scholarships and career training for youth in the U.S. foster care who are "emancipated" from the system at the age of 18, states are seeking ways to extend more benefits to foster youth, according to an article by Christine Vestal, "States Trying to Extend Foster-Care Benefits," published on the website Stateline.org. Three states (Illinois, District of Columbia and Vermont) have extended foster-care services to the age of 21, if a youth chooses to remain in the program. Other states reportedly would consider extending benefits through age 21 if there was more federal support. At least 18 states offer Medicaid health-care benefits for youth up to age 21, and some states are starting to find mentors for youth who have not found permanent homes. Critics argue that raising the age for foster care is only part of the solution, and that states must do more to find permanent homes as well as to provide more preparation for adulthood. To read the article, go to:

<http://www.stateline.org/live/>

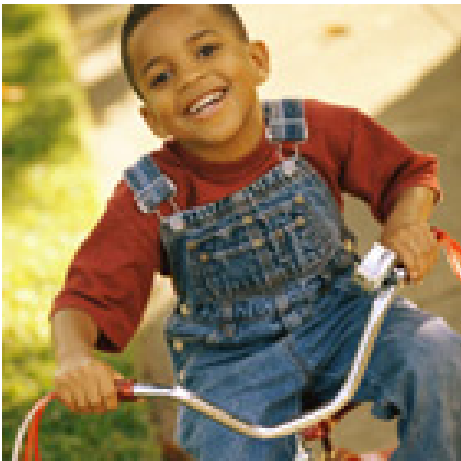
Quotation

*“Out of clutter, find simplicity.
From discord, find harmony. In
the middle of difficulty, lies
opportunity.”*

--- *Albert Einstein*

Dates to Remember

September 5-7	FP Conference
October 18-20	NASW Conference
October 27-30	CSWE Conference
November 30	TWU/UNT Conference



Save the date for these upcoming events!

The 18th Annual Family Preservation Conference was held on September 5-7, 2007, at the Crowne Plaza San Antonio Riverwalk. The Family Preservation Conference provides a forum for practitioners, researchers and families to exchange ideas on the work we do in the areas of family preservation and family support. This conference is intended to positively impact the type and manner of services provided to families.

NASW/Texas Annual State conference will be on October 18-20, 2007. The conference will be at the Crowne Plaza San Antonio Riverwalk.


CSWE will be October 27-30, in San Francisco, and will be preceded by a Title IV-E pre-session day of workshops.


We are working with DFPS Region 7 and Region 8 to provide trainings for foster care and adoption families and workers. Contact Elena Gibson at (512) 245-6727.

3rd Annual TWU/UNT Child Welfare Conference CPS Back to Basics: Ensuring Safety, Well-being and Permanency

The Texas Woman's University's 3rd annual TWU/UNT Child Welfare conference will be on November 30, 2007 from 8:30am-5:00pm. The theme for this conference is "ensuring safety, well-being and permanency." Presentations by speakers will inform participants about the effects of illegal drugs, how to effectively engage clients, and understanding and assisting clients with disabilities. Other topics include "Everything you always wanted to know about CPS," and a panel of foster care experts. For more information contact: Michele Bland at mbland@mail.twu.edu. For registration assistance, contact the Office of Lifelong Learning at 940-898-3408.

Resources

 The World Wide Web Resources for Social Workers (WWRSW) contains over 81,585 links. The majority of the links are for full text electronic journals and scientific, technical, and policy reports. www.nyu.edu/socialwork/wwrsw

 Center for Public Policy Priorities-Information on public policy initiatives in Texas, including Childcare, Medicaid simplification, and Omnibus Medicaid Policy Bill. www.cppp.org

For more links visit our website at: www.ccf.txstate.edu/title-IV-E/resources

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

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