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Welcome!

The Center for Children and Families welcomes its new administrative assistant Jennifer Smith! The CCF will also celebrate its 12th Annual Title IV- E Roundtable May 29th through the 30th!

Congratulations!

The following Title IV- E students will graduate this May: Juanita Medrano and Ana Perez- Ingram will graduate from Texas State University with their BSW's, Carey Glenney will graduate from Texas State University with her MSW, Crystal Arevalo will graduate with her MSW from Our Lady of the Lake University, and Rosa Maria Salazar will graduate with her BSW from Our Lady of the Lake University in May!

The following Title IV- E CPS employees will receive their MSW's from Texas State University in May: Sabrina Harris, Amy Pflaum, Katherine Guidry, Rigo Montero, and Richard Brooks.

Katie Hatch, the Administrative Intern for the CCF, will also graduate with her MSW this May!

Congratulations to all our graduates!!!!

Check out the Child Welfare Information Gateway

The Child Welfare Information Gateway is an information center that provides a wealth of resources and information to improve the lives of children and families. This website connects you to a variety of resources including: an on- line catalog, a library search, statistics, a conference calendar, the Child's Bureau Express on-line digest, related organizations, user manual series, state statues search, and the National Foster Care and Adoption Directory. An array of topics discussed on the website are: Family Centered Practice, Child Abuse and Neglect, Preventing Child Abuse and Neglect, Responding to Child Abuse and Neglect, Supporting and Preserving Families, Out- of - Home Care, Adoption, Systemwide, and Achieving and Maintaining Permanency.

Visit the website at www.childwelfare.gov.

The 2008 Promoting Healthy Families in Your Community Resource Packet is now available! This packet was designed to assist service providers who work with children and families with the goal of promoting healthier families.



Save the date for these upcoming events:

- April is Child Abuse Prevention Month
- National Volunteer Week is April 27th- May 3
- "Someone Watching Over Me" ~ Training by Carol Cofer April 12th in Austin

~12TH Annual Title IV-E Roundtable~

Planning is in progress for the 12th Annual Roundtable on May 29 & 30th, 2008 at the T bar M ranch in New Braunfels! Go to www.ccf.txstate.edu for registration information or contact Elena Gibson at (512) 245-6727.

This year we have invited F. Scott McCown, Executive Director, Center for Public Policy Priorities; Ms. Madeline McClure, Director, Texas Protects and Mary Lee Allen with the Children's Defense Fund.

Dates to Remember

May

- 12th Annual Title IV- E Roundtable Conference New Braunfels, TX May 29th-30th

July

- 22nd Annual Conference on Treatment in Foster Care Woodlands, TX July 13th



"Children are one-third of our population and all of our future"

~ Unknown author

Connecting the Dots . . . Turning Knowledge into Action

2008 Conference: Presented by Prevent Child Abuse Texas
Dates: May 19- 22, 2008
Midwest Airline Center
Milwaukee, MI

This conference is dedicated to the prevention of child abuse and neglect. This year's conference has invited keynote speakers from all over the country to speak on a variety of topics including: innovation, research, and skills- building on effective prevention strategies and programs.

To register visit Prevent Child Abuse Texas:

<http://www.preventchildabuse.org/> You may register on line or mail in a registration form provided by the website. Registration fees are also listed.

Resources

Books Recommended by the National Association of Social Workers

Additional Resources by be found at <http://www.naswpress.org/publications/books/children/children.html>



[Widening the Circle: The Practice and Evaluation of Family Group Conferencing with Children, Youths, and Their Families](#) - Joan Pennell and Gary Anderson, Editors.



[Making Choices: Social Problem- Solving Skills for Children](#) - Mark W. Fraser, James K. Nash, Maeda J. Galinsky, and Kathleen M. Darwin.

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