

# The Center for Children and Families

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### *Welcome!*

Congratulations go to Candice Tovar, a recent BSW graduate of Texas State, for receiving worker of the year in CPS/Travis County.

### **Coat Drive**

"Bryant Smith, CPS intern in Region 7, will be conducting a coat drive for his agency project. He will be collecting coats for the children who are involved with CPS (those in the custody of the agency and those who are not). If you are interested in donating a new coat for a child, please contact Bryant Smith at 618-8076 or Angela Ausbrooks at [aa16@txstate.edu](mailto:aa16@txstate.edu) or 512-834-3455. Donations will be accepted through November 30th."

### **The First Generation College Student BSW Project**

This project will soon be available to students in fall 2005. It is set up to provide students with financial assistance, social support, and academic support while completing the BSW degree. If you would like more information about the requirements, deadlines, or guidelines about this project, visit: <http://www.health.txstate.edu/sowk/fqcs.htm>.

### **No Caps on Kids**

"No Caps on Kids!" is a campaign by the CWLA created to strengthen the voices of children, youth, families, and the agencies who serve them. The link listed below provides information on the most recent legislative funding limits and changes. It also educates people who may not know child welfare funding is regulated. It is an excellent database of information pertaining to our government and the legislature, plus it enables you to write a letter to congress using the CWLA's Kid's Advocate Online email service.

<http://www.cwla.org/advocacy/nocapsonkids.htm>

### **The New Social Worker Seeking Article Submissions**

*The New Social Worker* magazine is seeking articles on social work ethics. Articles should be approximately 1,500-2,000 words in length, and should focus on a specific issue—for example, confidentiality in a rural setting, which sections of the Code of Ethics relate to the issue, and how a social worker might respond to the issue. You may also write about an ethical issue you have faced and how you have dealt with it. If you have an idea for an article, please e-mail editor Linda Grobman ([linda.grobman@paonline.com](mailto:linda.grobman@paonline.com)) with a brief proposal of the topic and what would be covered in your article.

## Quotation

“The first rule is to keep an untroubled spirit. The second is to look things in the face and know them for what they are.”

--Marcus Aurelius

## Dates to Remember

**November 2-6<sup>th</sup>**

BPD Conference at Austin, TX

**November 10-12<sup>th</sup>**

NASW Conference in Galveston, TX



**September 7-9, 2005**

16<sup>th</sup> Annual Family Preservation  
Institute Conference San Antonio, TX  
at Menger Hotel (Website link below)

## Job Tips of the Quarter

The following job tips were obtained from the NASW website:  
<http://www.naswdc.org/pressroom/swm2005/facts.asp>.



Forty percent of mental health professionals working with the Red Cross Disaster Services Human Resources system are social workers.



Social workers help people in all stages of life, from children to the elderly, and all situations from adoption to hospice care.

## Interesting Facts

Here are some interesting facts on Texas child welfare obtained from  
<http://www.cwla.org/programs/fostercare/default.htm>.



**Permanent Families for Children:** Of the 9,108 children exiting out-of-home care in 2002, 57.2% were reunited with their birth families.



**Kinship Support:** In 2003, more than 252,105 Texas grandparents had primary responsibility for caring for their grandchildren.

## First Annual Region 7 Title IVE Reunion

This past fall, Angela Ausbrooks held the first annual Region 7 reunion, which went very well. She plans to have another fall reunion, and anyone interested in helping her plan, can contact Angela at (512) 834-3455 or [AA16@txstate.edu](mailto:AA16@txstate.edu).



Left to Right: Lisa Osborn, Sammye Sessions, Regina Perez, Candice Tovar, Leslie Schuster, and Heather Brostad

## Resources

🔗 For more information about the FPI Conference in September, please visit:

<http://fpi.nmsu.edu/conference.php?go=conferences.html>.

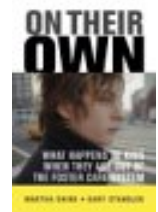
🔗 The book *On Their Own*, by Jimmy Carter, discusses what happens to children who have turned 18 and have exited the foster care system. For more information, visit:

<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0813341809/newsocialwork-20>.

🔗 A new edition of the child welfare newsletter "Fostering Perspectives" is now available at

[http://www.fosteringperspectives.org/fp\\_vol9no2/vol9no2.htm](http://www.fosteringperspectives.org/fp_vol9no2/vol9no2.htm).

🔗 The book *My Foster Care Journey*, by Beth O'Malley, is suitable for any child who has spent time in foster care. It not only reads like a children's book, but it provides essential information for children to make sense of what is going on in their life. For more information, visit: <http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0970183267/newsocialwork-20>.



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