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Welcome!

IV-E Alumni News

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

Candice Tovar has been recognized as Child Protective Services Professional of the year by Travis County Child Protection Team. Way to go, Candice!!

Tara Hopkins is now supervisor for Travis County Night Duty Unit. Congratulations, Tara!!

National News

November is National Adoption Month

"Answering the Call - You Don't Have to be Perfect to be a Perfect Parent."

The history of National Adoption Month goes back about 25 years. In 1976, the governor of Massachusetts declared Adoption Week and President Gerald Ford signed Adoption Week into law later that same year. Increasingly, states began to observe Adoption Week until finally, in 1990, it became Adoption Month. Adoption Month is now celebrated across the country every year in November. The Ad Council and The Collaboration to AdoptUsKids have teamed up to educate and encourage American families to "answer the call." Visit the following links for more information.

National Adoption Month Website

<http://naic.acf.hhs.gov/general/adoptmonth/index.cfm>

National Adoption Day Website

<http://www.nationaladoptionday.org/2005/>

Information for Spanish speaking families

http://naic.acf.hhs.gov/general/adoptmonth/recursos_espanol.cfm

Resources on Methamphetamine Use

Social service agencies are seeing an increase in their caseloads due to methamphetamine use. The National Clearinghouse on Child Abuse and Neglect, a service of the Children's Bureau, has developed web resources on methamphetamines and the unique environment (i.e. labs) abuse creates for children. These website discuss what methamphetamine use means for the child welfare professional and how to handle such situations.

Web Resources on Methamphetamine Use

<http://nccanch.acf.hhs.gov/topics/issues/meth.cfm>

Quotation

"What is money? A man is a success if he gets up in the morning, and goes to bed at night, and in between does what he wants to do."

--- Bob Dylan

Dates to Remember





November 10-12	NASW Conference (Galveston)
November 23-27	Thanksgiving Break
December 5	Last Class Day
December 6-13	Final Exams
December 16	Grades Available By Phone and Web
January 17	Classes Begin



Job Tips of the Quarter






It is ironic that Americans are characterized as lazy when we consistently put in more hours in the office than our neighbors across the pond. Here are some tips for getting away for a while.

-  Plan ahead. Give plenty of notice for vacation days.
-  Schedule vacations around large projects, either before they begin or after they are completed.
-  Train workers to help out in your absence.
-  Leave a number for emergency uses only.


Source: careerbuilder.com

Interesting Facts

-  Of the estimated 530,000 children who have been separated from their birth parents, about 118,000 can never return to their original home (Children's Bureau).
-  Over 1/3 of Americans have considered adopting (Harris Interactive, Inc., 2002), but no more than 2% of Americans have actually adopted (Mosher & Bachrach, 1996).
-  Most Americans who have considered adopting a child are between ages 35-54, married, and female (Harris Interactive, 2002).


Statistics researched by: Jessica Arguijo

Resources


 The National Clearinghouse on Child Abuse and Neglect and the National Adoption Information Clearinghouse are offering a new resource to professionals in child welfare. My Child Welfare Librarian will keep human service workers up to date with the latest research in the field. The information comes in the form of monthly e-mails.

<http://naic.acf.hhs.gov/admin/subscribe.cfm>

<http://nccanch.acf.hhs.gov/admin/subscribe.cfm>

 The latest KIDSCOUNT data book is available online, courtesy of the Annie E. Casey Foundation. The book can be viewed online and a free hard copy is available by mail.

www.aecf.org/kidscount/sld/databook.jsp

 A provision for loan forgiveness for social workers in child welfare has been added to the house version of the Higher Education Act reauthorization bill. If the legislation passes, a social worker could get up to \$5000 of loan debt forgiven in exchange for five years of employment. Here's the full story.

<http://www.naswdc.org/advocacy/updates/091605.asp>

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

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