Welcome!
The Center for Children and Families would like to welcome Katherine Hatch as the Administrative Leadership Intern for the Spring semester.

Congratulations!
Claire Dwelle, Samantha Kenney, Leslie Campbell, Kathryn Schumacher, and Janisa Hodges will be completing the Title IV-E stipend program in December and will be graduating with their Bachelors in Social Work.
Lindsay Mashak, and Selena Robledo will be graduating with their Masters in Social Work in December. Lindsay was also part of the Title IV-E stipend program. Congratulations to all graduates!

IV-E Alumni News
Here’s the latest on what some IV-E graduates are doing: Tonya Rollins was promoted to Child Protective Service’s Academy Manager for Regions 4, 5, and 7.

National News
Advocacy Day Tuesday, February 26, 2008
The Child Welfare League of America has launched a Campaign for a White House Conference on Children and Youth to take place in 2010.

This White House Conference would be the first since 1970. Nearly four decades have passed without the White House bringing the focus of the nation to examine the state of our children. CWLA is calling on Congress to authorize this conference so the next President will convene a conference in 2010. The CWLA would use the national conference on the welfare of our children to establish national goals for improvement within the next 10 years. For more information visit Child Welfare League of America at: http://www.cwla.org/advocacyday/default.htm
Save the date for these upcoming events!

**The following Foster Parent Trainings will be held on:**

- January 19, 2008 in Harker Heights, TX
- February 5, 2008 in San Marcos, TX
- February 23, 2008 in Burnet, TX
- April 12, 2008 in Austin, TX

**The following Ethics Training will be held in Belton, TX.**

- February 21, 2008- Afternoon Training
- February 22, 2008- Morning Training

22nd ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON THE PREVENTION OF CHILD ABUSE
Presented by Prevent Child Abuse Texas

**Dates:** February 4-5, 2008
Omni San Antonio Hotel
San Antonio, TX

The Conference will offer information on topics and model programs of interest to leaders in child abuse prevention: social workers, counselors, educators, child care and youth workers, law enforcement personnel, medical & legal professionals, foster parents, child welfare board volunteers, elected officials, and other interested child advocates. Workshops include topics on child abuse, neglect prevention, and educational programs. Participants may also select workshops for specialized training credits and professional development.

To register visit Prevent Child Abuse Texas:
[http://www.preventchildabusetexas.org/](http://www.preventchildabusetexas.org/) You may register on line or mail in a registration form provided by the website. Registration fees are also listed.

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**Resources**

Books Recommended by the National Association of Social Workers

**Finding Help for Struggling Teens** A Guide for Parents and the Professionals Who Work with Them- *Frederic G. Reamer* and *Deborah H. Siegel*

**When Their World Falls Apart: Helping Families and children Manage the Effects of Disasters**
*Lawrence B. Rosenfeld, Joanne S. Caye, Ofra Ayalon, and Mooli Lahad*

For more links visit our website at: [www.ccf.txstate.edu/title-IV-E/resources](http://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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**Dates to Remember**

22nd Annual San Diego International Conference on Child and Family Maltreatment. Jan. 28-Feb. 1, San Diego, CA
[http://chadwickcenter.org/conference.htm](http://chadwickcenter.org/conference.htm)

17th Annual Texas School Social Work Conference: Fostering Strengths and Nurturing Dreams Feb, 21-22, Austin, TX

Strengthening Connections between Parents and Children Affected by Substance Abuse, HIV and Incarceration”, sponsored by National Abandoned Infants Assistance Resource Center March 12-14, San Francisco, CA

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**Quotation**

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