

# The Center for Children and Families

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### *Welcome!*

#### *IV-E Alumni News*

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

Leslie Schuster was promoted to the CPS state office in August. She is the FAD (foster/adoptive home development) policy program specialist for CPS. Her duties include writing and developing policy for the FAD program and developing the program statewide. Well done!

### *Important Announcement!!*

Plans are being made for a IV-E social! The event will be an open house for all current and former IV-E stipend recipients. Texas State students who are interested in child welfare will also be invited, as will many social work faculty and agency staff. Mark your calendars now!

The event will be held Monday April 3 from 5-6:30 PM in HSC 231 B/C. There will be speakers, networking opportunities, and, of course, food.

#### *National News*

*Here are updates on legislation regarding several hot topics.*

##### *Kinship Care*

The Kinship Caregiver Support Act will create a Kinship Guardianship Assistance Program. This program will allow for federal funds to be granted states for subsidized guardianship programs, establish a Kinship Navigator Program, and notify relatives when children enter foster care. This will be reintroduced to the US Senate. Click here for the full story:

<http://www.cwla.org/advocacy/2005legagenda11.htm>

##### *Chemical Dependency & Child Welfare*

The Child Protection/Alcohol & Drug Partnership will be reintroduced to Congress. Grants would be provided to state child welfare and substance abuse agencies over five years if the agencies agree to take certain steps.

More information here:

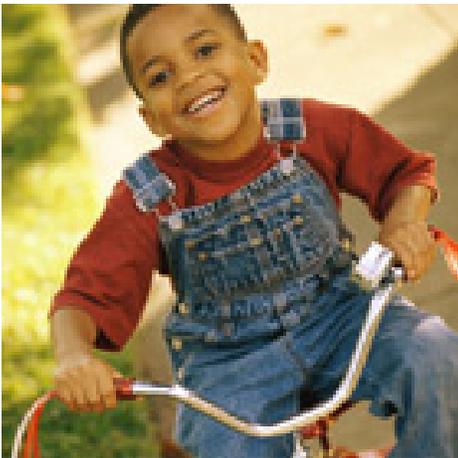
<http://www.cwla.org/advocacy/2005legagenda03.htm>

*"The test of our progress is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have too much; it is whether we provide enough to those who have too little."*

*-Franklin Roosevelt*

## Dates to Remember

March 13-17    Spring Break  
April 3        IV-E Social



## Job Tips of the Quarter



Ten Attitudes of Successful Workers:

1. I am in charge of my destiny.
2. Anything is possible.
3. No task is too small to do well.
4. Everyone is a potential key contact.
5. I was made to do this job...and the one above me.
6. It's not just what I know; it's who I know.
7. What else can I do?
8. Failure can help pave the way to my success.
9. I am my own biggest fan.
10. My opportunity monitor is never turned off.

Source: careerbuilder.com

## Interesting Facts



According to the National Council of Nonprofit Associations, there are approximately 10.4 million people in the nonprofit workforce. This is a 76% increase from just 10 years ago.



San Antonio and Waco are the Texas cities listed in the Best Cities to Find a Job publication, which takes into account job growth and cost of living, among other indices.

Source: careerbuilder.com



According to the 2000 Census, some 6 million children live with relatives--4.5 million live with grandparents, a 30% increase between 1990 and 2000. Most of these families are not a part of the formal child welfare system.

Source: Child Welfare League of America

## Resources

The National Association of Christian Social Workers has e-published proceedings from their 2005 convention. NASCW members and friends may access this information at no cost by clicking on the following:  
<http://www.nacsw.org/Publications/Proceedings2005/Proceedings2005.htm>

The Children's Bureau has launched a new website with many exciting enhancements. To check it out, go here:  
<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb>

Proceedings from the 15<sup>th</sup> annual National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect are now available online. View videos of plenary speeches, read abstracts, and much more. Go to this link:  
<http://nccanch.acf.hhs.gov/profess/conferences/cbconference/index.cfm>

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