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Welcome!

On Monday, April the 25th, the Center for Children and Families will be holding their End of Year Celebration. The celebration will start at 1:00 PM at Mamacita's Mexican Restaurant in San Marcos.

This May, we have 12 graduating stipend scholars. From the MSW program we have: Kathryn Bechtel, Michelle Cunningham, Summer Helms, Annette Hodges-Brothers, Debbie Randle, Lupe Salas, Clystia Skinner, Gena Parkman, Rachelle Richardson, and Alicia Cisneros who currently attends OLLU. Those graduating with a BSW are: Selena Robledo at Texas State and Norma Reboloso at OLLU. Congratulations graduates!

National News

CED Makes a Case for Early Childhood Education

Two recently released working papers from the Committee for Economic Development (CED) examine the value of early childhood education as a development tool with lasting benefits. The documents are part of CED's effort to advance high-quality universal preschool for all children in the United States. One of the papers examines job growth and economic development and their relationship to early childhood education. The paper concludes that early childhood education offers potential high returns as an economic development incentive for convincing high-profile companies to locate in a community. The other paper outlines the various benefits of early childhood education. This includes an examination of long-term social benefits and costs per participant at two preschool programs. The two papers are downloadable at:

http://www.ced.org/docs/report/report_preschool_2004_developmental.pdf

http://www.ced.org/docs/report/report_preschool_2004_assessingbenefits.pdf

Three Free New Publications Released by the Children's Bureau

Their titles are:

-“The Role of Educators in Preventing and Responding to Child Abuse and Neglect”

-“Child Protection in Families Experiencing Domestic Violence Supervising” -“Child Protective Services Caseworkers”

Part of the 3rd edition of the Child Abuse and Neglect User Manual Series, these manuals offer a foundation for understanding child maltreatment and the roles and responsibilities of various practitioners in its prevention, identification, investigation, and treatment. The manuals are available online at:

<http://nccanch.acf.hhs.gov/profess/tools/usermanual.cfm>.

Quotation

“ Wisdom lies in taking everything with good humor and a grain of salt. ”

--Maya Angelou

Dates to Remember

April 25th

End of Year Celebration 1:00 PM at Mamacita's in San Marcos

May 2nd

Last Class Day

May 3-10th

Final Exams

May 13th at 2:00 p.m.

College of Health Professions Convocation



Job Tips of the Quarter



When conducting an informational interview, do not focus solely on the positives of a career or company. Find out the good and the bad of the industry.



If you will have to relocate for a job, negotiate moving costs. It is not uncommon today for moving expenses to be covered by your new employer.

Interesting Facts

The following are facts concerning the social work career track. They are from the University of Michigan website at:

<http://www.ssw.umich.edu/about.html>



MSW-level social workers earn 18.5% more than BSW social workers



Career satisfaction is higher for social workers than for attorneys or doctors



Many social workers work in different sectors of the field during their careers



Social work is an expanding field



The number of social workers is expected to rise 36% from 1998–2008

Resources

By visiting the National Youth Development online information center, you can sign on as a supporting organization or send an email or fax to Congress to back bipartisan legislation--the Federal Youth Coordination Act of 2005. <http://www.nydic.org/nydic/policy/FYCA.htm>

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For an excerpt of the book, *Days in the Lives of Social Workers*, click on:

<http://www.socialworker.com/days2page.htm>

A new edition of the child welfare publication "Children's Services Practice Notes" is now available at <http://www.practicenotes.org>.

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

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