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### Welcome!

We have a new title IV-E stipend student in Region 8. Her name is Jennifer Alba- Dausin.

### IV-E Alumni News

**Here's the latest on what some IV-E graduates are doing:**  
Tina Ybarra was a IV-E graduate and speaker in the December commencement ceremony.

Planning is in progress for the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Roundtable on May 31- June 1, 2007 at the T bar M ranch in New Braunfels! Go to [www.ccf.txstate.edu/](http://www.ccf.txstate.edu/) for registration information or contact Elena Gibson at (512) 245-6727.

### National News

The Center for Law and Social Policy has put together a summary of the Child and Family Services Improvement Act of 2006 (CFSIA). It reauthorized the Promoting Safe and Stable Families Program and also includes attention to improving the child welfare workforce. An In-Depth Summary by T. Conway & R. Hutson, explain that The Child and Family Services Improvement Act of 2006 represents an important step toward providing crucial services to children and families involved or at risk of becoming involved with the Child Welfare System. Of particular benefit are the addition of \$40 million annually and the attention given to improving the workforce and addressing substance abuse, specifically methamphetamine abuse. Follow the link for the full outline of the provisions of the law.  
[http://clasp.org/publications/summary\\_cfsia.pdf](http://clasp.org/publications/summary_cfsia.pdf)

### January was Poverty awareness month!

The Basic Needs Coalition of Central Texas recently released and conducted a food survey in Travis County that revealed the gaps in food availability. To help be a part of the solution please consider these opportunities:

1. Let your Federal & State elected officials know what you think about issues regarding poverty. To be connected by telephone to the office of any U.S. House of Representative or Senator, call 1 (202) 224-3121. To contact any state legislator start at [www.capitol.state.tx.us](http://www.capitol.state.tx.us).
2. Get involved by continuing to visit the Basic Needs Coalition

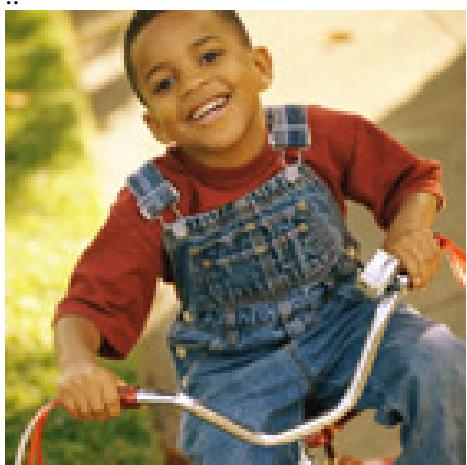
### *Quotation*

*"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**

February 22-23	SSW Conference
March 27	Advocacy Day
April 16-17	Ethics Training
May 31-June 1	Roundtable



## **Save the date for these upcoming events!**

The 16th Annual University of Texas School Social Work Conference will be held at the Doubletree Austin Hotel from February 21 - 23, 2007 in Austin. Approximately 400 school social workers and other youth service professionals from around the state of Texas are expected to be in attendance at the conference. The Texas State Center for Children & Families will display an exhibit.

NASW/Texas Annual social work awards banquet will be on Wednesday, March 28, 2007. The nominations for all categories must be in by March 1, so think of the most amazing Social Worker, Life Time Achievement, student, public citizen and media person, and make that nomination. Forms are on the NASW Website at [www.naswtx.org](http://www.naswtx.org) and can be send to [javera@mail.utexas.edu](mailto:javera@mail.utexas.edu). The banquet will be at Matt's El Rancho at 2613 S. Lamar Blvd., Austin, Texas 78704 (462-9337).

Ethics Training will be taught by Dr. Dorinda Noble and Mr. Andrew Marks in San Antonio at DFPS, Region 8, April 16, 17. Trainings are open to all. For more information contact Elena Gibson at (512) 245-6727.

Join us for Advocacy day at the capitol on March 27, 2007- Wear Red

...We are anticipating a 10<sup>th</sup> annual celebration for the MSW program sometime in May...further details will follow....

We are working with DFPS Region 7 to provide trainings for foster care and adoption families and workers on March 31 in Austin and on April 28 in Belton. Contact Elena Gibson at (512) 245-6727.

## **Resources**

✉ The Children's Bureau now has two new resources available through the Children's Bureau Child Abuse and Neglect User Manual Series. Working with the Courts in Child Protection provides the basic information CPS caseworkers need to prepare to go to court, including relevant terminology, descriptions of the key court processes, and other practical information. Child Neglect: A Guide for Prevention, Assessment, and Intervention describes the root causes, symptoms, and consequences of neglect, as well as interdisciplinary ways to prevent both its occurrence and recurrence. To obtain free copies of any of the manuals in this series: Email Child Welfare Information Gateway at [info@childwelfare.gov](mailto:info@childwelfare.gov) Or call toll free at (800) 394-3366. You can also download at: [www.childwelfaregov/pubs/usermanual.cfm](http://www.childwelfaregov/pubs/usermanual.cfm)

✉ The World Wide Web Resources for Social Workers (WWWRSW) contains over 81,585 links. The majority of the links are for full text electronic journals and scientific, technical, and policy reports. [www.nyu.edu/socialwork/wwwrsrw/](http://www.nyu.edu/socialwork/wwwrsrw/)

✉ Center for Public Policy Priorities-Information on public policy initiatives in Texas, including Childcare, Medicaid simplification, and Omnibus Medicaid Policy Bill. [www.cppp.org](http://www.cppp.org)