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Welcome!

Five new stipend recipients are joining CPS, so here is a brief introduction from some of them:

Beth Matteson hales from Cleveland, Ohio, and she chose CPS because of the valuable intern experience with a wide variety of clients.

Alicia Cisneros is from San Antonio and has always wanted to pursue a degree in social work mainly because she feels that everyone deserves a happy and prosperous life. She wants to make a difference in people's lives. Alicia is also a student at Our Lady of the Lake University.

Shelly Richardson is from New Braunfels, TX and is a mother and grandmother, so she knows the importance of helping fathers become responsible in raising the next generation. Shelly is also a follower of Jesus Christ.

Norma Garcia Reboloso is a student at Our Lady of the Lake University earning her Bilingual Bachelor's degree in Social Work. She chose CPS because she knew it would be a challenging experience, and it will help her gain knowledge on the micro level so that one day she can make a difference on the macro level.

National News

Reading Rainbow Episode Explores Incarcerated Parents Issue

Reading Rainbow, the award-winning children's television program, is airing an episode in January devoted to a book about a child who visits her father in prison. *Visiting Day*, written by Jacqueline Woodson, is about a young girl and her grandmother who make the long bus trip every month to visit the girl's father in prison. The program will explain what life is like for kids when a parent is incarcerated and what it's like for a parent who can't be at home with his or her family. The episode will be airing in April. To check local broadcast listings, download a free teacher's guide for the episode, or to order the program on DVD or VHS, visit <http://www.readingrainbow.com/>.

Toolkit Helps Agencies Build Children's Programs

Beginning domestic violence programs can learn new lessons about what it takes to build a successful program with the help of a "toolkit" created by the House of Ruth Maryland. The House of Ruth Maryland is distributing the "Children's Program Toolkit" to share the story of their success as a safe haven for victims of domestic violence, and to serve as a guide for other agencies. The written manual contains a range of information, including a sample organizational chart and job descriptions, guidelines and rules for volunteers, procedures for confidential cases, discipline policies, examples of therapeutic and mental health services, a quality assurance plan, a program evaluation plan, and sample parent/child satisfaction exit surveys. The Children's Program Toolkit is downloadable at <http://www.hruth.org/>.

Quotation

“A bird doesn't sing because it has an answer, it sings because it has a song.”

--Maya Angelou

Job Tip of the Quarter



Have you ever been caught off guard by a possibly "illegal" questioning an interview or, been asked a question that might be offensive? If you are a job applicant, you should not be asked questions that cover the following:

- Age
- Place of Birth/Date of Birth
- Race/Nationality
- Arrest Record
- History of alcohol or drug addiction
- Marital status
- Sexual orientation
- Anything about children
- Height and weight
- Hobbies and sports activities
- Disabilities or physical limitations
- How you feel about unions

Dates to Remember

February 10

Summer Job Fair

February 11

Graduation Application Due

March

National Professional Social Work Month

March 7

Mid-Term



Interesting Facts

According to the America's Professional Social Workers website, a myth about therapy is that you always need to go to a psychologist or psychiatrist.



The fact is that professional social workers are America's largest providers of mental health and therapy services, and



Professional social workers are often the only mental health care providers serving residents of many poor, rural counties.

Resources

☞ One Family Inc. in Massachusetts recently launched the Every Child A Home Campaign, designed to increase awareness about the issues surrounding family homelessness: <http://www.everychildahome.org>

☞ The Center for the Improvement of Child Caring (CICC) has a free electronic newsletter called Effective Parenting, and is about how to raise healthier, more confident children. To be added, go to <http://www.ciccparenting.org> and click "Add Me."

☞ Social Work Search is a search engine devoted to the interests of social workers and other helping professionals. <http://www.socialworksearch.com/>

☞ http://www.collegeview.com/career/careersearch/job_profiles/human/sw01.html Social Workers Making a Difference.

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

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