

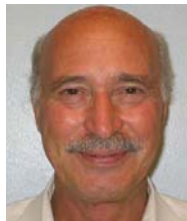


**CWEP Website**

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## Director's Comments

“Well, it is the time of year for a new legislative session. Only this year will be one of the most difficult ones in a long time for many statewide programs including health and human services, education, criminal justice services, and many others due to the significant budget deficit that is facing Texas. How Texas leaders will cope with this difficult budget situation will only be known when the session ends May 30<sup>th</sup> or after a summer session if the legislature does not complete a budget by the end of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Regular Session. The key dates of interest for all of us to follow begin with the start of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Regular Session on January 11, 2011. Other key dates include:

- March 11, 2011 – the deadline for filing bills and joint resolutions other than local bills, emergency appropriations, and bills that have been declared an emergency by the governor;
- May 27, 2011 – the last day for the house to consider senate amendments and the last day for senate committees to report all bills;
- May 29, 2011 – the last day for the house to adopt conference committee reports and the last day for the senate to concur on house amendments or adopt conference committee reports;
- May 30, 2011 – the last day of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Regular Session;
- June 19, 2011 – the last day the governor can sign or veto bills; and
- August 29, 2011 – bills without specific effective dates become law.

It is my hope that Texas legislative leaders use a balanced approach concerning the cuts, the use of the Rainy Day Fund, and some new revenue. I hope all of you will take an active part in this process by following legislation that are of interest to you, keeping up with the events as they unfold, and letting your legislative leaders know of your desires regarding services of the state. I will be watching this process and will let you know if there is any major impact, but I am hopeful that together we will find a way that protects children, families, and the elderly and keeps Texas moving forward for all.”

*Joe Papick, CWEP Director*

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# CWEP Spotlight



This month we are highlighting Stacy Thompson, CWEP Student

## What sparked your interest in social work?

I think helping people in need has always sparked my interest in the field of social work. To be a social worker is a truly admirable choice that many people make. I believe it was in my undergraduate year when I realized that I wanted to be a social worker. I took an introductory to social work class. Before this class, I never knew how social workers impact the philosophical and professional values of our society, but I was in for a surprise. Without knowing, this introductory class changed my career path, but most importantly my outlook on life.

## What has been one of your favorite classes at the GCSW?

One of my favorite classes at the GCSW has been Women Issues; I feel that I have learned a lot on feminist issues in past and present and how it affects women in today's society. I also found ways on how I can empower people within a certain diverse cultural.

## What year are you in the program?

I am a second year student; I am planning to graduate May 2012.

## Do you work for CPS now? If yes, what do you do, and how long have you been there?

I am a CPS Kinship Caregiver Specialist III, I assist relative and kinship placements that are caring for their loved ones who are in CPS custody. I assist them with financial assistance, resource support and helping them becoming licensed verified home while caring for their love ones.

## What are some of your hobbies?

Some of my hobbies are going to the gym to relax my mind, and I also love taking vacations with my family.

## Is there anything else that you'd like to share with your fellow students?

I would tell fellow students to always follow your heart's desires and never give up. A social work career is a rewarding career; in the end, empowering the lives of others will forever give you a sense of pride and fulfillment.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## UPDATE: CWEP SYMPOSIUM

THE SPRING CWEP SYMPOSIUM HAS BEEN CANCELED DUE TO THE SIMILARITIES IN THE PROGRAMS BETWEEN CWEP AND THE CULTURAL DIVERSITY FAIR PRESENTED BY CPS. THEREFORE, ALL CWEP STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND THIS EVENT IN LIEU OF THE SPRING CWEP SYMPOSIUM. ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY. SEE YOU THERE!

### Introducing **COST**, A Cultural Diversity Fair!

**COST** is an acronym for "Celebrating diversity and creating Opportunities for Sharing cultures and Traditions."

## *A Cultural Diversity Fair*

*It won't cost us anything to learn about culture, it costs everyone when we don't!*



# March 10, 2011

## 11:00am

## 2525 Murworth,

## Conference Room D36

We have a great program planned, after which participants will visit various booths and sample cultural foods. Cultural information will be shared on how we can work better with families and children from multi ethnic cultures and communities. You don't want to miss it!

We will have information on various cultures including:

- Asian (Indian, Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, etc.)
- African
- Black American
- German/Italian/Russian/Greek/Irish
- Hispanic (Mexican/Spanish/Cuban/Puerto Rican, Cuban, Dominican Republic , etc.)
- Swedish
- Turkish
- Jewish
- Native American

We want to be inclusive! Is your culture represented? If not let us know. Anyone willing to act as a cultural tie is welcome to share your culture and join us in planning for this great event!



**"Embrace DIVERSITY! Dare to be DIFFERENT!"**

# CONGRATULATIONS

We are so proud of our CWEP students who graduated in December 2010:

Sharon Mitchell & Cassandra Davis

## Two New Child Welfare Reports

**1** *Child Welfare Outcomes 2004–2007: Report to Congress* is designed to inform professionals related to the child welfare field about national and State performance on several measures of outcomes for children served by child welfare systems throughout the country. The outcomes address the safety, permanency, and well-being of the children, and focus on widely accepted performance objectives for child welfare practice. You can find the full report, along with a 12-page Executive Summary brochure, at the Children's Bureau's website:

[www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/pubs/cwo04-07/cwo04-07.pdf](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/pubs/cwo04-07/cwo04-07.pdf)

**2** *Child Maltreatment 2009* shows a steady decrease in the number of victims who suffered maltreatment for the third consecutive year. Data collected through the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System, a voluntary data collection system, shows an estimated 763,000 children were victims of child abuse and neglect, at a rate of 10.1 per 1,000 children. Data from states continue to indicate the greatest proportion of children suffered from neglect and that the 87,612 child victims younger than one year had the highest rate of victimization at 20.6 per 1,000 children in the population of the same age. Moreover, President Obama's 2011 budget reflects a further commitment to reducing child maltreatment by requesting \$107 million for child abuse prevention programs through child abuse state grants, community-based child abuse prevention and child abuse discretionary activities. The full report, "Child Maltreatment 2009," is available at:

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/pubs/cm09/index.htm>.

Additional resources can be found at:

<http://www.childwelfare.gov/preventing/> and [www.acf.hhs.gov/opa/index.html](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/opa/index.html)



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# Children's Bureau Launches New Child Welfare Outcomes Data Website

<http://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/data>

*The site makes the latest Child Welfare Outcomes data (from 2006 through 2009) available for you to view in a variety of ways according to your needs by featuring a custom report builder which allows users to select the specific State(s), data, and data years that they would like to view. Users are also able to select the format in which they would like their data displayed: graph, table, or map outputs. Users also have the capability to compare data across States.*

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## LEARNING ENHANCEMENT OPPORTUNITY

**Corrine Walijarvi, LEO Mentor for CWEP**

When you want to get a third-person perspective about your academic preparation, or when you need someone to go over your presentation outline or paper format, please email or see Corrine Walijarvi, your LEO mentor for CWEP students.

Available hours in Spring 2010: **Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm**

Feel free to email Corrine any time at [cmwalija@mail.uh.edu](mailto:cmwalija@mail.uh.edu) to ask any questions related to your academic preparation or to confirm a specific time for meeting with her. She looks forward to meeting with you in Room 412 and helping in any way that she can.

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# EVENTS

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## SAVE THE DATES

**MARCH 10, 2011**

**11:00 am (2525 Murworth)**

**CWEP Symposium\***

*\*Please Refer to Page 3 of the Newsletter*

**MAY 24-27, 2011**

**Title IV-E Roundtable**

**In Houston-Galveston**

*Organized by UH and UH-Downtown*  
<http://www.sw.uh.edu/images/IV-ERoundTable.JPG>



# CWEP Calendar of Events

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## SPRING 2011

### January

- 17<sup>th</sup> - MARTIN LUTHERN KING, JR., HOLIDAY
- 18<sup>th</sup> - Classes Begin for Spring Semester
- 28<sup>th</sup> - Brown Bag at CPS from 12:00pm-1:00pm
- 11/6<sup>th</sup> -2/26<sup>th</sup> - ONLINE APPLICATION FOR SPRING GRADUATION OPENED ( FEE-\$25)

### February

- 5<sup>th</sup> - Field Educational Contracts Due
- 11/6<sup>th</sup> -2/26<sup>th</sup> - ONLINE APPLICATION FOR SPRING GRADUATION OPENED ( FEE-\$25)
- 25<sup>th</sup> -Social/Networking Event (Self Care) 12 pm-1 pm
- 2/27<sup>th</sup>-3/26<sup>th</sup> - Late Period for Spring Graduation/ Late fee \$ 50

### March

- 10<sup>th</sup> - CPS Cultural Diversity Fair- 11:00 AM RM D36
- 11<sup>th</sup> - CWEP Symposium (cancelled)
- 14<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> - **SPRING BREAK WEEK**
- 21<sup>st</sup> -25<sup>th</sup> - CWEP Student Advising for Summer/Fall 2011
- 25<sup>th</sup> - - **GCSW/ Licensing Prep Class**

### April

- 6<sup>th</sup> - Field Agency Marketplace
- 8<sup>th</sup> - **GCSW/ Licensing Prep Class**
- 15<sup>th</sup> - Field Applications Due For Summer/Fall 2011

### May

- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Field Evaluations Due / Last Day of Classes
- 11<sup>th</sup> - Preference Forms for Concentration Year Summer/Fall Placements Due
- 13<sup>th</sup> - **CONVOCATION**

## Summer 2011

### May

- 24<sup>th</sup>- 27<sup>th</sup> - **TITLE IV-E CHILD WELFARE ROUNDTABLE IN GALVESTON, TX**  
***STUDENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED***
- 30<sup>th</sup> - **MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY**
- 31<sup>ST</sup> - **Classes Begin for Summer**

### June

- 10<sup>th</sup> - **GCSW/ Licensing Prep Class**
- 10<sup>th</sup> - New Applicant's Deadline to turn in CWEP Application for Fall 2011
- 13<sup>th</sup> - Field Educational Contracts Due

### August

- 9<sup>th</sup> - Field Grades Due