Dear CWTAP Community,

On February 27-28 Eastern hosted the 18th Annual CWTAP Student Institute in Spokane. The conference was well attended by students, 90 total from around the state from all three schools (Eastern, UW-Seattle, and UW-Tacoma). We were joined by Randy Hart, Connie Lambert-Eckel and Marilee Roberts. We were grateful to have a presentation by Randy and glad for the opportunity to thank him for his support of CWTAP. Connie and Marilee participated in our Speed Job Interviewing session. The Speed Interviewing activity is consistently highly-rated by students preparing for work with the Department and this year was no exception. We wholeheartedly thank Randy, Connie and Marilee for their support of CWTAP, on a Saturday no less!

In June, our Vancouver part-time program students will graduate along with our Cheney full-time students. Eighteen non-employee graduates will soon be seeking work with the Department. Please see inside for more details about our programs, students and alumni.

As always, thank you for your support of CWTAP.

Sincerely,
Diana Patterson

Bob Stirling Retiring
Long-time CWTAP senior lecturer and field instructor Bob Stirling retires at the end of the quarter. Bob has been with Eastern’s CWTAP program since September 1, 2002. He’s mentored hundreds of students during his tenure and has brought laughter and smiles to students and workers alike in the Spokane office over these many years. No doubt, he will still be seen around campus and Children’s Administration. Possibly dressed as Santa Claus, or performing an Elvis impersonation. Bob will be missed by many. CWTAP wishes Bob all the best in his retirement!

Important Spring Quarter Dates

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Save the Date

23rd Annual Children’s Justice Conference
“Shining the Light on Children”

May 11th & 12th, 2015
To be held in Seattle, Washington

EWU Expands opportunities for personal transformation through excellence in learning.
Marsheyl is a current CWTAP Student who is preparing to graduate in June 2015. She has always been passionate about children and expresses a strong motivation for making a difference in a child's life. While she started her undergraduate education to be a dental hygienist, she took a series of classes that led her to seeing social work as her vocation. Marsheyl earned her BSW from Eastern Washington University in Cheney and has minors in Aging and Communications.

In her practicum placement, Marsheyl is most passionate about finding the right resources for each individual family. She is known in the office as someone who is extremely determined and hard-working. Some of her most interesting cases have involved locating resources for undocumented people in our community and trying to engage families who are actively involved in substance use. Marsheyl has been able to work with various social workers during this field experience and has loved seeing the many different styles and leadership qualities within the Vancouver office. She is able to build some of these same leadership skills and work styles into her own personal style.

Marsheyl credits growing up with a strong matriarchal family for her passion in this work. She has a tremendously supportive family and she states that her grandmother is one of her biggest cheerleaders and has really helped her get through this program. Her father is retired Navy, making Marsheyl extremely knowledgeable about and comfortable with the military lifestyle. Marsheyl was born and raised in the Kitsap County area and hopes to work for Children’s Administration in the Kitsap, Pierce or Seattle offices upon her graduation this spring.

Helpful Links

- Alliance for Child Welfare Excellence: www.allianceforchildwelfare.org
- National Association of Social Workers: www.naswdc.org
- Child Welfare League of America: www.cwla.org
- Children’s Defense Fund: www.childrensdefense.org
- Casey Family Programs: www.casey.org
- National Resource Center for Child Protective Services: www.nrccps.org
Site News

Cheney: The Cheney full-time 1st year students started Foundation Practicum winter quarter. The full-time 2nd year students graduate this quarter, congratulations! Ten of these non-employee CWTAP students will be seeking employment with Children’s Administration.

Spokane Hybrid: Students begin Foundation Practicum summer quarter.

Everett: Students begin Foundation Practicum summer quarter.

Vancouver: The Vancouver students graduate this quarter, congratulations! Eight of these non-employee CWTAP students will be seeking employment with Children’s Administration.

Special Interest Story

By Bob Stirling

CWTAP Students Support Children’s Alliance

On February 2nd two carloads of MSW/CWTAP second year students drove to Olympia in support of the Children’s Alliance on their Lobby Day. The students made this trip in part to satisfy a requirement for their policy class. The students organized the trip by scheduling appointments with their local state legislators and advocating, with passion, issues such as the Dental Care Act, Early Start Act, and Breakfast After the Bell. These are all programs that benefit our most vulnerable populations who are in dire need of dental care, stimulating pre-school experiences, and healthy nutrition. As mentioned before, the students set up appointments with elected officials such as state officials Kevin Parker and Michael Baumgartner. The students met face-to-face with Kevin Parker to discuss the Early Education Act and the Breakfast After the Bell proposals and bills. The group photo on the left was taken with Rep. Kevin Parker in front of the Capitol building. In addition to meeting with the legislators, the students also wrote personal letters to their representatives. What I heard most from the students was what an amazing and empowering experience this was for them.

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