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SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM

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Mission: The Eastern Kentucky University Social Work Program provides a student-centered collaborative and dynamic environment that prepares students for competent and ethical social work practice in a diverse world.

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EKU Social Work Day 2015 Free CEUS

Eastern Kentucky University's Annual Social Work Day will be held Friday March 20th, 2015 from 8.30—4 pm. This year the event will be held in the auditorium of the Business and Technology Center. Starbucks coffee and light refreshments will be provided during registration. Beginning at 9 am we will hold a 1.5-hour free CEU program for field instructors. Lunch will be from 11.30—12.15. The cost is $10. Jeanne Keen will provide a workshop on Pediatric Head Trauma from 12.30 until 2 pm (1.5 CEUs available). Lastly, the Welch Appalachian Social and Economic Justice Lecture will be delivered from 2.30—3.30 with a reception to follow: (1 SWK CEU available). The speaker for this event will be Dr. Ann Kingsolver. For registration information, please contact Evelyn.Jones@eku.edu or download a registration form from our website: www.socialwork.eku.edu.
Social Work students had the opportunity to meet with Secretary of State Representative Alison Lundergan Grimes at the EKU Student Social Work Day. Grimes delivered the final speech on the theme of the day which was Political Empowerment within the Feminist Perspective. Grimes shared her vision for not only Kentucky but for the nation. “I’ve met some amazing individuals,” Grimes said. “Especially bright, talented, strong Kentucky women. They are the ones that are paving a bright path for our future.” Grimes said many times throughout her speech the importance that women and college students in Kentucky will play in the future. “Kentucky needs each of you if we are going to continue to make a difference.”

Social Work Student Tina Newman goes GLOBAL with her social work skills!

Tina Newman graduated from EKU with a Bachelor of Social Work in May 2011 and is now the owner and CEO of MAD Marketplace. MAD stands for Make A Difference. That’s what she wanted to do after she graduated! MAD Marketplace partners with social entrepreneurs who want to eradicate injustices like poverty, hunger, and human trafficking. Mad Marketplace provides funding for orphan care and micro-financing and is helping to change the world with everyday purchases. According to Tina “What we do is simple. We gather in homes to tell stories of the lives being changed, sell products that help make the change a reality and the result is we are able to help others all around the world.” She is grateful that her husband dropped her off at EKU on that Monday in August of 2006 and said “go follow your dream!” She said that so much has happened since then and that she is still dreaming of how she can take what she learned at EKU Social Work and looks for ways to make a difference! For more information on MAD Marketplace contact: tina@themadmarketplace.com.
Director's Corner

Dear Alumni, Community and University Partners,

Hello from the Director's Corner. This academic year brings us interesting and exciting developments within EKU and the social work program.

This fall we all watched as the Combs dormitory building next to Keith came down. Wow.!! Several faculty were convinced the last wall standing was going to fall on the Keith Building and then we would get a new building. But it didn't fall on us and we are still here. Happy in Keith.

The number of declared social work majors remains constant at around 250 each semester and we are graduating between 40-50 each year. We remain highly committed to taking our program to the Corbin extended site and will graduate 14 students who have had the entire social work curriculum provided at that campus.

We welcomed two new faculty in August. Karen Martin, Assistant Professor and Phyllis Leigh, Lecturer. Karen is teaching in the policy sequence while Phyllis is teaching practice courses.

Our re-affirmation self-study is “in the works” and I anticipate delivering it on time this summer to the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). CSWE will review the document and then send a site visitor around February, 2016. Also this year, EKU held its first Winter Term (December – January). Dr. Caroline Reid offered the online addiction course. Please send us your news and keep in touch with us to let us know of your successes. Dr. Pat Litzelfelner, Director, EKU Social Work Program

AMAZING Scholarship Opportunity

The University of Kentucky College of Social Work is proud to introduce the new Integrated Behavioral Health Care Track (IBHT) in the Masters of Social Work program. After application and acceptance into IBHT, participants will complete their year-long behavioral health care internship in a primary health care setting, learning key skills for working with children, adolescents, and transition-age adults. After signing a letter of commitment for the IBHT, the student will receive a $10,000 stipend for their concentration year of study in the MSW program. For application information and for all questions, please contact Carlton Craig, PhD at carlton.craig@uky.edu or (859) 257-6657. Visit us on the web at www.uky.edu/socialwork. This ad is associated with HRSA grant #G02HP27983.
EKU Welcomes New SOCIAL WORK Professors

Karen Martin joined EKU’s Social Work Program in August 2014. Karen has her BSW and MSW from the University of Kentucky and is currently pursuing her PhD in Social Work. Prior to coming to EKU, Karen was employed as a Director with the Department of Medicaid Services and had taught in undergraduate and graduate programs at the University of Kentucky. Her areas of teaching have included policy, ethics, HBSE and aging. Karen has a strong interest in the area of human rights in both her research and instructional efforts. Her dissertation is an exploratory study on those persons in Kentucky’s Public Guardianship program that have exhibited criminal behaviors.

Phyllis Leigh, a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, joined the faculty in August 2014 as a full-time lecturer in the Social Work Program. Ms. Leigh earned her Bachelor of Arts in Communication and Master of Social Work from the University of Kentucky. She has over 25 years’ experience teaching adult learners, including 12 years (adjunct) in higher education teaching social work students. She came to EKU with broad clinical experience in assessment, treatment planning, trauma-focused mental health treatment, hospice social work, bereavement counseling, and hospital/medical social work, and she is a trained provider of Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT), Parent-Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT), Psychological First Aid, and The Child and Family Traumatic Stress Intervention (CFTSI). Ms. Leigh is particularly interested in and excited about working with EKU’s social work students to increase their practice knowledge and help hone essential social work practice skills prior to entering the profession.

Alumni News

Please send us your news! Email Evelyn.Jones@eku.edu

Class of 2014

Candace Gentry will begin her new position with the Estill County Department for Community Based Services on February 2, 2015.

Born to Tiffany Ballard: Born to Danielle Murray:
Willa Rose Lyla Alise Murray
11lbs 20.5 inches 11lbs 20.5 inches
8 lbs, 4 ozs 20 inches

Born January 27, 2015
Benefits of PCWCP
Your in-state tuition will be paid (the Cabinet will pay tuition at private universities equal to the rate of the highest tuition at a participating public university) through this program for three or four semesters.

You will be provided a stipend of $1300 per Fall and Spring semesters and a $650 stipend for each Summer Semester to pay for your fees, books, living expenses and travel related to this program for three or four semesters.

Contact Pam Black
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Alecia Leigh is a December 2014 EKU BSW graduate who was a PCWCP student. Professor Pam Black, PCWCP Coordinator asked Alecia to reflect on the program and how it prepared her to work with families and children at the Department for Community Based Services.

What was the main motivation for you to apply to PCWCP?
Alecia: “The main motivation for me to apply to PCWCP was the guarantee that a job would be waiting for me when I graduated with a higher pay raise. Many social workers start their careers at DCBS because of the variety of populations they will work with. I did not know what I wanted to do for sure after I graduated so I thought this could give me some time to think about that.”

How has participating in PCWCP benefited you in your 30 days of employment?
Alecia: “PCWCP has benefited me in my first 30 days of employment by not having to juggle a caseload and training at the same time. If you begin at DCBS without PCWCP, you have to begin training right away and carry a caseload at the same time. I believe this would be very hard. Another way PCWCP has benefited me is by being more prepared to work in CPS. I knew what the job would require of me.”
What would you tell students who are on the fence in applying to PCWCP?

Alecia: “Do it! I love my job here as an investigative worker at DCBS. I have been provided with great mentors that are helping me learn what it takes to be a great social worker. I feel as though I am really making a difference in people’s lives and know that with this experience I will be able to pursue other careers in the social work field if I want to.”

If you have a positive, optimistic attitude toward working with families and children in crisis, due to issues of abuse and neglect, please plan to attend the next PCWCP Informational/Orientation.

**PCWCP Orientation**

Students interested in receiving information or applying to the Public Child Welfare Certification Program (pre-employment scholarship program) should attend a scheduled orientation session. The orientation will provide information about the program's criteria, benefits, obligations, and how to apply. For more information, please contact Pam Black, EKU Site Coordinator at pam.black@eku.edu or (859) 622-2279.

- PCWCP Orientation (Richmond) –February 26th 4:00pm-Keith 235
- PCWCP Orientation (Corbin) –March 4th 5:00pm-Corbin