

Youth Education Support Newsletter

"Promoting Academic Success"



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Please Email your feedback, questions or stories to: youth.education.support@dcfs.lacounty.gov
Also visit us on LA Kids' Youth Education Support website. We look forward to hearing from you!!
"Did You Know?"

Sign-ups for FREE IN-HOME TUTORING, OFFERED THROUGH SCHOOLS, are happening Now! Applications have been sent out for most school districts, but can also be picked-up at the child's school or district office. Children who attend LAUSD schools should be signed up *before* the first deadline of June 30th, in order to have a chance of receiving FREE Tutoring in the fall.

Eligibility Criteria

- Child attends a **Program Improvement School** – See *Youth Education Support's* website, under "Free Tutoring" page's listing for "No Child Left Behind," and click on "LA County list of schools."
- Any child signed up for the **Free/Reduced Lunch Program**.
- All foster youth, relative placed youth, and families living below the poverty line.

Kudos to Our Outstanding Clerical Staff

Lydia Scoggins, of the Vermont Corridor office, for inquiring about the proper way to enter IEPs into the Education Passport!
Sam McDonald, also from the Vermont Office, for being innovative and creating a helpful tool for entering DCFS 1726 information into the child's education notebook.

Jenny Pastran, from the Glendora office, is *already* making plans to prevent "panic overload" in her office, when the system "drops" back to "0%" for school information entered, during the month of August.

Betty Chan, from the Glendora office, had a keen eye for catching inaccurate school address information! Good eye, Betty!

We are getting closer to our 100% mark, thanks to YOU!

Above and Beyond

Celebrating the offices that reached 90% and above in May for current education information entered into CWS/CMS:

South County	92%	W. San Fernando Vly	91%
Lancaster	92%	American Indian	90%
Santa Clarita	92%	Palmdale	90%

Top Office for total cases with education information goes to: **Wateridge with 1718**

Only 4,500 cases left to update in LA Co.



Woohoo! Go Team DCFS!

Resources/Training Opportunity

Last chance to attend this MANDATORY training for all CSWs and SCSWs, including TDM Facilitators and Program Coordinators:

Supporting Educational Achievement and Rights

Where: CSULB, Child Welfare Training Center 7-14-11
6300 E. State University Dr., Ste 175, Long Beach 90815
or

CSULA, Child Welfare Training Center 7-19-11
3500 E. Colorado Blvd., Ste. 200, Pasadena 91107

Session 1: 9 am to 12 pm or Session 2: 1 pm to 4 pm
Topics Covered: AB 490; Special Education; IEP/SST/AB3632; NPS; Holder of Education Rights; FREE Tutoring; Pre-School; Ed.Consultants

Register on-line at the LAKids' Learning Net website.

Mentoring Relationships

A Great Success Story from the Belvedere DCFS Office....

CSW Adriana Garcia, of the Belvedere Office, should be very proud of one of the shining "stars" on her caseload. Youth, **Estephanie A.** was not only spotlighted on a recent "Wednesday's Child" episode, but was also the recipient of an award during a ceremony recently held at David & Margaret's Youth & Family Services, which honored Mentees and their Mentors. Estephanie has been an active participant in the Mentoring Program for some time now, and reports that she really loves spending time with her Mentor, Carmela R. About Estephanie, Carmela raves, "I'm so proud of her. She's a real chef-in-training!" Estephanie is an older youth in foster care, who is hoping to find a "forever home." We sure hope that happens. Until then, "Chef Estephanie" says that she will continue spending quality time with those that are important to her.

Celebration I & Enrichment Plus Recipients

A *huge* round of applause goes out to the following youth, who are all participants and honorees of *both* Celebration I *AND* the Enrichment Plus Awards:

- Amaris A., CSW Lupe Porter, Belvedere
- Zarkhi P., CSW Tracy Johnson, Pasadena
- Maria C., CSW Guadalupe Neri-Troliia, Belvedere
- Sharon B., CSW Debra Parker, Wateridge
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- Christian S., CSW Randolph Hardeman, Metro North

Congratulations, once again, to our bright and shining

