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Good News, Acknowledgements, & Announcements

January 2011

Sadhna Diwan & Meekyung Han. Meekyung and Sadhna were awarded a 3-year evaluation program with Santa Clara County Mental Health. Meekyung will be an evaluator on two Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Innovation (INN) projects of the Santa Clara County Mental Health Department (MHD): INN-05 Multicultural Center and INN-07 Mental Health & Law Enforcement Post Crisis Intervention. Sadhna will be the evaluator on INN-04 Older Adults.

Mike Gorman. Mike was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to Argentina. He will be a visiting faculty at the University of Palermo in Buenos Aires (Spring 2012). This is his 3rd Fulbright.

Ed Cohen. Ed's paper on the Healthy Families evaluation findings was accepted for presentation at the conference "From Disparities Research to Disparities Interventions: Lessons Learned and Opportunities for the Future of Behavioral Health Services" - Arlington, VA April 6-7, 2011.

Emily Bruce. Emily was asked to be a panel presenter at the Bay Area Association of Black Social Workers (February, 2011).

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Rebeca Barrans-Rojas. Rebeca will be retiring from the School and SJSU this summer. She has been invaluable to us as the BASW Field Coordinator, a position she has held since 2004. Thank you Rebeca!

Pnina Green. Pnina shares good news for the IV-E Program: despite the economic and budget crisis, and state and county hiring freeze and layoffs, 50% of our IV-E 2010 cohort have secured employment in public child welfare and 30% secured employment in non-profit agencies serving IV-E clients.

Ed Cohen. Ed just had an article accepted in the Juvenile and Family Court Journal, entitled "Mental Health Services for Incarcerated Youth: Report from a Statewide Survey" due out in May.



Sadhna Diwan. Sadhna was featured in the latest on-line edition of "Profiles in Social Work" - developed by the Geriatric Social Work Initiative maintained by Gerontological Society of America - www.gswi.org/careers/profiles/Diwan.htm

L.P. Social Work Fellowship. Through a generous financial gift from a former School of Social Work student, we are ready to begin writing support for MSW students, especially those who speak English as a second language. The first students to be awarded this fellowship to offer services are Aaron Dalton and Katie Fahrer. Congratulations to them and thank you to our generous sponsor.

Sang Lee. As of January 26th, Sang has been appointed as a member of the Board of Directors of Jeanne d'Arc Manor and Giovanni Center, both of which are low income senior housings in San Jose, by the Bishop of San José.

Laurie Drabble. Laurie just had a new article published: Drabble, Laurie (2011) Advancing Collaborative Practice Between Substance Abuse Treatment and Child Welfare Fields: What Helps and Hinders the Process? *Journal of Social Work Administration*, 35(1), 88-106.



Emily Bruce. Emily and the Research Institute for Foster Youth Initiatives (RIFYI) was featured on the university website home page (*SJSU Today*, Jan. 28, 2011): <http://blogs.sjsu.edu/today/2011/01/28/sjsu-research-institute-to-support-innovative-foster-youth-court/>

Gil Villagran. Gil shared that the documentary *Cointelpro 101* by Freedom Archives was shown on campus. It documents social justice movements in the United States and counteractive efforts by the government. The event was attended by students, community members, and several former SJSU students who participated in the anti-war and civil rights movements during the 1960s and 70s.



Social Work Month March 2011!

The Social Work Month 2011 theme promotes the role of social worker as positive change agent. There are 640,000 professional social workers in the United States who have dedicated their careers to either helping people transform their lives, or improving environments that make such progress possible. For more information, visit: www.naswdc.org/pressroom/swMonth/2011