CWTAP Quarterly

Child Welfare Training and Advancement Program Eastern Washington University

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Director's Letter

Dear CWTAP Community,

As we move into the new academic year with fall quarter's start, we are excited to bring our pilot BASW CWTAP onboard. The BASW CWTAP offers bachelor level students the opportunity to complete their practicum at DCYF with the requirement that they seek Social Service Specialist 1 (SSS1) positions within public child welfare upon graduation, with the option to defer their service if they pursue a CWTAP MSW. At this time, BASW students are admitted into the CWTAP program at the beginning of their senior year. We are hoping to continue and expand this valuable program.

Applications to the Everett part-time MSW program opened as of November 3rd, 2023. The deadline for this cohort is **April 1st, 2024.** If you know anyone interested in pursuing their MSW on the west side of the state, now is the time to apply for the next Everett MSW Cohort, more information can be found here. Questions about the MSW program can be directed to Nancy Fagan and CWTAP specific questions can be directed to Kara Rozeboom (contact information for both these individuals can be found on the last page of our newsletter).

Thank you for your continued support of Eastern's CWTAP.

Sincerely, Gerry Charvat *Interim Director*

CWTAP Welcomes Autrey Jeske



Autrey has joined CWTAP as the Program Specialist and is located in Cheney at Eastern Washington University. For the past few years, they were working for the public library system in Spokane, WA and obtained a Master's degree in Information and Library Science.

Seeing how the realm of social work and libraries overlapped, Autrey decided to join the CWTAP team in order to build a better understanding of social work. They are excited to be working with the students of CWTAP and to be providing support to the program itself.

Student Spotlight

Katie Moss – CWTAP Student & Spokane Valley DCYF CFWS Intern – Region 1

By Danelle Stone



Katie Moss is an EWU CWTAP student in her second and final year of the Cheney full-time MSW program. Katie obtained her undergraduate degree in Criminal Justice from Eastern Washington University in 2021.

Katie currently works full-time as a House Parent at Vanessa Behan Crisis Nursery and is thoroughly enjoying her work with infants and toddlers. Prior to this, Katie worked at PNW Helping Hands for three and a half years as a residential treatment coach. In this role, Katie worked directly with at-risk youth between 12-21 years of age and served as a mentor in helping them recognize their worthiness and ability to overcome past traumas.

It was during her time at PNW Helping Hands where Katie saw firsthand the intersection of child welfare and juvenile justice systems. Katie's interest in CWTAP grew due to her

desire to have a positive impact on the systems that so largely influenced the youth she was working with. She connected with CWTAP alumni and found an opportunity to fulfill her passion for working with youth, looking past their behaviors, and bridging service and system gaps.

Katie's advice to those considering CWTAP is simply "just do it" if the passion is there to help children and families in your community. CWTAP provides a unique opportunity for on-the-job child welfare learning and helps build your community of support as you embark on one of the most challenging yet fulfilling and important jobs in social work.

Katie is one of five siblings. Her interests outside of work and school include kayaking during the summertime and working on puzzles. She enjoys traveling and recently took a trip to the happiest place on earth, Disneyland. Katie has two pugs she adores named Bentley (8) and Louie (2).

Alumni Spotlight

Maloua Beck, MSW – Area Administrator – Smokey Point DCYF Office By Kara Rozeboom

Maloua Beck is a CWTAP alumni who graduated from EWU's Everett Part Time MSW program in 2017. She obtained a Bachelor of Social Sciences from Washington State University in 2012. Maloua started her career in social services in 2009 working with women who were homeless at YWCA Pathways for Women. She found a career in social work to be an appropriate match for her value system. Maloua values advancing human rights, social justice, and equity for all.

Maloua started with Children's Administration in 2012 as a CFWS social service specialist in the Everett office. She has worked in the FVS unit, CFWS drug treatment court unit, as an FTDM Facilitator, CFWS supervisor, CFWS drug treatment court supervisor, and as a CPS/FVS supervisor. Currently, Maloua is the new Area Administrator of the Smokey Point DCYF office.

Maloua decided to apply to the MSW program and CWTAP because her family values on education. She wanted to take the skills she learned in that program and apply them to her work with children and families at DCYF. She found the opportunity to obtain her MSW with tuition being covered through CWTAP something she didn't want to miss out on. Also, the Everett part time MSW program allowed her to attend school and be present for her family as a wife and mother. As for the benefits of CWTAP, Maloua appreciated the support and mentorship she received from her DCYF Agency Field Instructor and her EWU Faculty Field Instructor while she was in school and working on her practicum at DCYF. She really appreciated having an AFI and FFI with a global view of what she was doing in her practicum and that they

Maloua's advice to current CWTAP students is to be patient with yourself, give yourself grace and know that you are strong and will make it through the program.

knew the areas she needed extra support in.

When Maloua is not working, she loves spending time with her family and taking her dog Gia on walks at state parks. She also enjoys extended family gatherings.

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Helpful Links

Children's Bureau COVID-19 Resource Page

Includes information for frontline workers, children involved in child welfare, foster care providers, and other general workforce resources

National Indian Child Welfare Association COVID-19 Resource Page

Includes information for frontline workers, children, caregivers, and other general workforce resources

Alliance for Child Welfare Excellence: www.allianceforchildwelfare.org

Child Welfare League of America: www.cwla.org
Children's Defense Fund: www.childrensdefense.org
Child Welfare Information Gateway: www.childwelfare.gov

Casey Family Programs: www.casey.org

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families: www.acf.hhs.gov