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Conference Update

On February 26th, the TCSA Board held its 2015 Conference Planning Meeting in Fredericksburg. The board voted to select the Inn on Barons Creek as the host hotel. This ninety room hotel is located two blocks from Main Street. It sits on four scenic acres with a pool and complimentary deluxe continental breakfast.

In the event that more hotel rooms are needed, the board also selected the Fredericksburg Inn & Suites Hotel as the secondary hotel. This 103-bed hotel is located directly across the street from the host hotel.

It is expected that all training and events will be held at the host hotel. The only exception is that we will hold our complimentary luncheon at the Fredericksburg Inn. You will not be disappointed with the service and scenery at either of these venues.

Fredericksburg is centrally located. It is only seventy-seven miles southwest of Austin and seventy miles northwest of San Antonio. It has plenty of small town charm with all the amenities of a big city. Established in 1846 by German pioneers, Fredericksburg is nestled in the Hill County with several historic sites and museums that recount its rich history. Additionally, there are countless art galleries, shops, wineries, and much more.

Planning for the conference will continue with efforts headed by Domingo Sanchez, Gillespie County Sheriff's Office, who is the 2015 conference chair. The conference is set for November 8 – 11.

The conference agenda is still in the finalization stages; however, we already have most of the presenters committed. Fredericksburg Mayor Linda Langerhans will welcome conference attendees. Other speakers include, but are not limited to, Christopher Nevins, Gillespie County Attorney (Legal Liabilities); Dr. Jeannine Von Stultz, Bexar County Juvenile Probation Department (The Adolescent Brain); Conrad Jones, Texas Juvenile Justice Department (Abuse, Neglect & Exploitation); and more.

Should you decide to join us at the conference, and we hope you do, on page 2 you will find Conference Registration. On pages 2 and 3, you will find Hotel Registration Information. As we get more conference details, we will post them on our website www.texascommunityservice.com. ■

2015 Conference Registration Form

Texas Community Service Association

20th Annual Conference

WWW.TEXASCOMMUNITYSERVICE.COM

The registration fee for the 2015 conference in Fredericksburg is **\$125.00**.

Conference dates are:

November 8, 9, 10, & 11, 2015

Make All Checks Payable to: TEXAS COMMUNITY SERVICE ASSOCIATION

CS Mail Conference registration forms and fees by **October 15, 2015** to:

Caldwell County CSCD

Attn: Edward Delgado, TCSA Treasurer

401 E. Market Street

Lockhart, Texas 78644

Phone: (512) 398-7151 Fax: (512) 398-6639 E-mail: Edward@caldwellescld.org

If you fax or e-mail your registration information, follow up with your payment to the address above.
If possible, please bring a canned food item(s) as we will be making a contribution of non-perishable items to a local food bank.

Host Hotel Information

Inn on Baron's Creek Hotel

308 S. Washington St.

Fredericksburg, Texas 78624

(866) 990-0202

www.innonbaronscreek.com

To make a room reservation telephone the hotel directly. Let the hotel employee know that you are requesting a room from the room block that is set aside for the **Texas Community Service Association**. The government room rate is \$85 per night, plus 13% local and state taxes (\$96.05). Porter service is \$4 per bag, round trip. The room rate includes complimentary full breakfast bar, parking and WiFi. Mini-refrigerator and microwave is also included in each room. The hotel will reserve rooms up to **October 9, 2015**. Room availability cannot be guaranteed after October 9th.

TCSA Conference Registration Form

November 8, 9, 10, & 11, 2015

NAME: _____

AGENCY: _____ JOB TITLE: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____ CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ FAX: _____ EMAIL: _____

Secondary Hotel

Should the host hotel, Inn on Baron’s Creek, run out of rooms, the Fredericksburg Inn & Suites Hotel is available. This hotel is located directly across the street from the Inn on Baron’s Creek.

Hotel Information

Fredericksburg Inn & Suites
201 S. Washington St.
Fredericksburg, Texas
78624
(800) 446-0202

To make a room reservation telephone the hotel directly. Let the hotel employee know that you are requesting a room for the **Texas Community Service Association**. The government room rate is \$85 per night, plus 13% local and state taxes (\$96.05). The room rate includes complimentary breakfast buffet, parking and WiFi. Mini-refrigerator and microwave is also included in each room. The hotel will reserve rooms up to **October 8, 2015**. Room availability cannot be guaranteed after October 8th. ■

Best Online CJ Programs

In 2014, CriminalJusticeDegreeOnline.net sought to answer the question: “What’s the best online criminal justice program?” Four online programs surfaced. In rank order, they are: 1) Washington State University, 2) Arizona State University, 3) Sam Houston State University, and 4) Penn State World Campus.

The article goes to great lengths to explain its research methodology. It mentions how over 40 professors helped create a methodology that was used to narrow a list of 107 programs down to the top four in the nation. An article bonus is that it also identifies what it considers to be some of the worst programs. ■



Any information you would like for us to include in the next newsletter?

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2015 TCSA Board Members (L to R, Front Row): Karen Saunders, Pete Gonzales, Domingo Sanchez, Ricky Carpenter, Israel Tena, Brenda Garcia (L to R, Top Row) Edward Delgado, Michael Pichardo, Lonnie Rogers (Not Pictured) Matthew Haynie, Deanna Madrid, Cruz Vances

GYSD Mini-Grant

On March 16th, the Texas Juvenile Justice Department announced its 2015 mini-grant recipients for [Global Youth Service Day](#) (GYSD). Youth Service America provided \$ 2,750 in planning grant funds. TCSA provided an additional \$250 in grant funds for its members. The State Volunteer Resource Council manages the mini-grant application and disbursement process.



Ten entities, including juvenile probation departments, parole offices, state schools, state correctional facilities, and halfway houses, were selected as recipients of mini-grants. Potter County Juvenile Probation Department received the TCSA mini-grant. ■

Membership Change

At the 2015 Conference Planning Meeting the board also voted to change membership criteria. Membership and ability to hold office used to be limited to those individuals employed by Community Supervision & Corrections Departments and Juvenile Probation Departments. This list has been expanded to those employed by or affiliated with CSCDs, JPDs, parole services, law enforcement, non-profits, and independent school districts. ■

Send 17-Year Olds to Juvenile Court

On March 15th, Judge Laura Parker, presiding judge of the 386th District Court in Bexar County, and Judge Michael Schneider, presiding judge of the 315th District Court in Harris County, wrote a commentary that was printed in the San Antonio Express-News. In it, they make a persuasive argument for sending 17-year old offenders to juvenile court.

To read the commentary in its entirety go to:

<http://www.mysanantonio.com/opinion/commentary/article/Send-17-year-olds-to-juvenile-court-6134311.php>

The Texas Community Service Association (TCSA) is a recognized 501 (c) (6) non-profit organization in the State of Texas. It exists to enhance the business conditions of professionals and other individuals involved in the development and administration of community service restitution programs. Special emphasis is placed on those programs and individuals involved with Community Supervision & Corrections Departments and Juvenile Probation Departments.

New Board Members

Karen Saunders is the current Community Service Coordinator for Galveston County Community Supervision and Corrections Department. She began working for Galveston County on April 1, 1993.

Previous assignments with the department include the Misdemeanor and Felony Units. She was the first Specialized Sex Offender Officer in the Galveston Office. Her longest assignment was 14 years in Court Services.

Karen graduated from the University of Houston with a Bachelor's degree in Sociology.

On Tuesday and Thursday evenings, Karen can be found at Bayview Equestrian Center where she pursues her passion taking Hunter/Jumper lessons.



Deanna Madrid has been married for 29 years. Together her and her husband, Valentin have six grown children and 11 grandchildren. They are originally from El Paso and relocated to Fort Worth in 2002.

Deanna currently works for Tarrant County Juvenile Services as the Community Resource Development Coordinator. She has over 25 years of experience working with At-Risk populations. Deanna's experience has provided her with the ability to work with diverse populations, assist and maintain relationships with community agencies, as well as volunteers.

Her goals are to provide opportunities for youth to develop leadership skills, personal growth, and obtain higher education regardless of race, religion, or sexual orientation. Deanna Madrid is extremely capable of working as part of a team and being resourceful, meeting the needs of programs, youth, and families.

Michael Pichardo is the newest member to the TCSA Board. At the February 26th special board meeting, he was appointed to fill a vacancy. Michael has been a Community Service Officer for Taylor County Juvenile Probation Department for past 2 years. Currently, he is working on his Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice.

He has three beautiful children. A son, Brayden, who is eight and two beautiful daughters, Madilynn, age two, Mykah, two months old.

