Hello IACES Members!

I hope you are having a splendid winter! I thought I would use this current newsletter to update you on current professional advocacy opportunities.

In case you are not yet aware, this month ICA will be hosting a Legislative Luncheon at the State Capital. The Luncheon will take place on Wednesday February 19th from 11:00-1:00. This is an excellent opportunity to develop relationships with legislators while educating them on what it is we as Counselor’s do for the public! There are a couple pieces of legislature I am hoping we can all become aware of and speak to during this legislative session.

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For those of you who provide Telebehavioral services you may want to familiarize yourself with House Bill 342 related to “telehealth technologies.” This week there was also a new bill proposed by House Assistant Minority Leader John McCrostie to ban conversion therapy for minors in Idaho. At least 20 other States, including the recent addition of Utah, have already passed bills banning conversion therapy and with your advocacy perhaps Idaho could be the next State! For more information on the bill please search the Idaho Legislature for House Bill 482. The bill can also be found at: https://legislature.idaho.gov/sessioninfo/2020/legislation/H0482/

For more information on conversion therapy see ACA’s position at: https://www.counseling.org/government-affairs/state-issues/conversion-therapy-bans

The ACA website also has a link to public testimony written by Gerard Lawson when similar legislation was proposed in Virginia which you may find useful when developing your own talking points on this subject.

School Counselors may also be interested in watching the discussion surrounding Shari Ybarra’s (Superintendent of Public Instruction) recommendation to increase funding for social/emotional training for teachers in Idaho. Idaho Ed News reported that Republican House Committee Education Members expressed open hostility toward Shari Ybarra’s proposal on Tuesday February 11, 2020. For the full story please see: https://www.idahoednews.org/news/house-education-committee-trashes-task-forces-social-emotional-learning-recommendation/.

As a Counselor Educator I see this as an opportunity to advocate for the profession of school counseling. The role of the school counselor and the assignment of appropriate school counseling activities continues to be misunderstood. Many school counselors are pulled away from ASCA endorsed school counseling activities to perform non-counseling duties such as state testing, scheduling, attendance, etc. Perhaps we can use this as an opportunity to continue the conversation surrounding the appropriate use of school counselor’s time in schools and ASCA ascribed counselor-to-student ratios so that the social/emotional, career, and academic needs of ALL Idaho students can be addressed by professionals trained in comprehensive school counseling programs.

I will be attending the Legislative Luncheon and hope you will join me in advocating for the profession of counseling!

Warmly,

Dr. Jessica Henderson
IACES President
The Association for Counselor Education and Supervision held the bi-annual national conference in Seattle, Washington this past October. Many IACES members were in attendance. IACES members had a strong showing in presentations, with just a few highlighted below!

**Camille Frank** presented a session titled “Pedagogical implications for Sexual Assault Stigma: Rape Myth Acceptance Among Counselors-in-Training.”

**Tim Hakenewerth** presented a session titled “Previous Journeys: Supporting Counselor Development of Students with Varying Work Experiences.”

**Brianne Scott** and **Chad Yates** presented a session titled “Teaching Counseling Students about Theories and Etiology of Addiction and Addictive Behaviors: Exploring a Multimodal Explanation of Addiction.”

**Brianne Scott** and **Randall Astramovich** presented a session titled “Intersectional Advocacy in Counseling: Fostering Resilience when working with Diverse Clients.”

**Regina Moro** and **Molly Moran** presented a session titled “Challenging White Dominant Culture in Counselor Education.”

**Laura Gallo, Rebecca Scherer**, and **Regina Moro** presented a session titled “Integrating Service Learning into the Curriculum: Three Course Integration Examples.”

**Raissa Miller** and Team–Neuro (see page 5) presented “Ethical Concerns with the Integration of Neuroscience in Counseling: Implications and Recommendations.”

**William Lane, Tessa Price, Tim Hakenewerth**, and **Camille Frank** presented a session titled “The Forgotten “S” in ACES: An Interpretative Phenomenological Analysis of Simultaneous Supervision.” (photo below)
Idaho Counseling Association and Idaho School Counseling Association Super Conference

IACES Members were in attendance at this past year’s Idaho Counseling Association and Idaho School Counseling Association Super Conference which was held at the Grove Plaza in downtown Boise. Members were able to network amongst colleagues, gain valuable learning during educational sessions, and even had a chance for self-care in the wellness room! We appreciate all of the hard work that goes into the planning so we can continue to develop and grow as counselors and educators!

A couple ICA presentation highlights from IACES Members!

*P.E.A.C.E.—Compassionate Conversations Enhance Awareness and Resilience*
Jordan Wixom, Camille Frank, & Timothy Hakenewerth

*Intersectionality and Positive Body Image: A Framework of Strategies for Counselors*
Christian D. Chan, Olivia Ngadjuio, Camille Frank, & Amirah Nelson

(above) IACES President, Dr. Henderson delivers the IACES update during the business luncheon

(above) Teresa Maynes, Masters student from Boise State, presents her 1st place poster

(above) ICA President Lori Lodge (left) presents the Idaho Counselor Educator of the Year Award to Regina Moro
Networking in Action!  
Team Neuro

This is a picture of "Team-Neuro." We are a group of researchers from across the United States that have been working independently and together to study applications of neuroscience in counseling theory and practice. We have researched and presented together for about four years now. ACES has played an important role in both providing the venue that allowed us to all to initially meet (I first met Laura Jones at ACES in Denver - 2013 - and then met the rest of the group, Chad Luke, Thom Field, and Eric Beeson, at ACES in Philadelphia - 2015) and helping us stay connected through opportunities to present and talk in person about new and ongoing projects. This year, the whole group presented an educational session titled *Ethical Concerns with the Integration of Neuroscience in Counseling: Implications and Recommendations* in which we presented and discussed our findings from a qualitative study related to the ethics of neuroscience integration. Additionally, Eric Beeson and myself presented an educational session titled *Neuroeducation: Preparing Counselors for Ethical and Effective Application.* We provided an overview of neuroeducation principles and process and then conducted two neuroeducation demonstrations. We are already looking forward to ACES in Atlanta in 2021!

Dr. Raissa Miller  
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Idaho Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence

The Idaho Coalition Against Sexual & Domestic Violence engages voices to create change in the prevention, intervention and response to domestic violence, dating abuse, stalking and sexual assault. We seek to create compassionate communities and healthy relationships where everyone can thrive. We believe, gender violence is preventable and, the more we bring to light these issues, the more we can cultivate healthy communities.

As a part of our work, we are funded to provide civil legal services for young survivors of sexual violence. These civil legal services are free and are available throughout Idaho. Services available include those that will enhance survivor safety and privacy, ensure continuing access to education, and help survivor’s navigate complex immigration, housing, public benefit, employment, and criminal justice system involvement related to victimization. Services provided in any given case are based on each individual survivor’s needs at that point in time.

While our priority remains serving survivors ages 11-24, we have received a new source of funding that allows us to work with adults outside of the priority age range.

In addition to provision of comprehensive services for survivors of sexual violence, this new funding source also allows us to provide brief in-person or phone-based limited consultations for survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. Brief services will include exploring legal options and providing referrals as appropriate and requested.

To find out more about this program, or to make a referral, please contact:
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Call for Nominations!

IACES will have four leadership team positions opening for the 2020-2021 year.

- President-Elect
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Membership Chair

If you are interested, please contact the current IACES President Jessica Henderson at jbhenderson1@liberty.edu

 Formal call for nominations to be released in the coming weeks!

Did you know that IACES has an active social media presence? Through our IACES Facebook page you can stay up-to-date with the organization, connect with fellow members, and keep a pulse on relevant events and trainings!

Give us a “like” today!

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http://idahocounseling.org/page-18065
Idaho Licensing Board of Professional Counselors and Marriage and Family Therapists

Board Meeting Schedule for 2020:

February 27 & 28, 2020

May 28 & 29, 2020

August 20 & 21, 2020

October 22 & 23, 2020

We are pleased to announce that Anna Krzemieniecki has been elected as our IACES President-Elect!

Congratulations, Anna!

We look forward to your leadership!