

Newsletter, March 2018

Comets Giving Day

The Center for Children and Families is participating in [UT Dallas' second annual Comets Giving Day](#) on **April 3, 2018**. On that day, donate money toward our outreach programs or donate your time by signing up to volunteer with us. CCF will be on the Student Union mall, near the trellis at UTD from 11am - 1pm.



Your donation will help promote positive parenting practices and healthy child development for at-risk families in Dallas.

2018 Spring Lecture Series: "Building Bridges from Adversity to Resilience"

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Join us for two upcoming lectures. The events are free and open to the public; no registration required.

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"Developmental Science and the Equitable Early Education of Bilingual Children"

When: Friday morning, March 23, 2018, 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

Where: Davidson Auditorium, [JSOM 1.118](#), UT Dallas

Who: Dina Castro, PhD, University of North Texas

This lecture has been approved for 1.0 hours of Continuing Education by Texas' Early Childhood Intervention and by the Texas Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers for social workers, LPCs, and LMFTs.

See [here](#) for a [parking pass](#) and [parking map](#) for this event.



"Pretend Play and Development of Creativity and Imagination"

When: Wednesday evening, March 28, 2018, 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Where: Jonsson Performance Hall, [JO 2.604](#), UT Dallas

Who: Sandra Russ, PhD, Case Western Reserve University

This lecture is presented in collaboration with the [Center for Values in Medicine, Science, and Technology](#) at UT Dallas. It has been approved for 1.0 hours of Continuing Education by Texas' Early Childhood Intervention and by the Texas Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers for social workers, LPCs, and LMFTs.

Check [our website](#) for a parking pass and parking map, coming soon.

Save the Date for our Annual Fall Forum - October 19th, 2018

CCF hosts an annual forum to promote greater understanding of how children develop and thrive, bringing together nationally and internationally-renowned psychologists, developmental, and education experts and local voices.



Save the date for CCF's fall forum on Friday, October 19th, featuring Dr. Ross Thompson as keynote speaker. Dr. Thompson is a [distinguished professor of psychology](#) at the University of California, Davis, and [President of the Board](#) of Zero to Three. Dr. Thompson's research focuses on early parent-child relationships, the development of emotion understanding and regulation, and prosocial motivation and the growth of self-understanding in young children.



Center for Values Study Suggests Exploring Values Can Enhance Science Education

[Dr. Matthew Brown](#), director of the Center for Values in Medicine, Science, and Technology at UTD and associate professor in the School of Arts and Humanities, recently published a study finding values should play a larger role in high school science education. The study found that students typically do not explore their own values or connect areas of science to social issues or policy decision-making in their education. "You can get students to regurgitate facts, and you can get them to work problems," Brown said, "But getting them to connect what they know about the scientific method or particular areas of science to social issues or policy decision-making is rare." [Read more...](#)

From the Director

I'm so excited to be bringing Dr. Ross Thompson to Dallas for our annual forum in October. Dr. Thompson's research has important policy implications related to child abuse prevention, school readiness, and early mental health and the information presented will be very relevant to local nonprofits, researchers, and child advocates. Please save the date of October 19th!



- Margaret T. Owen, PhD, Robinson Family Professor, Director, Center for Children and Families

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