What's happening....

We are nearing the start of summer which always signals transitions. We are starting and ending new semesters or quarters if we are graduate students or educators. Our young clients are transitioning from school to summer activities; many will be transitioning to new grades, new schools, new homes. As I write this it is a balmy 89 degrees and the North Carolina summer is beginning to sizzle.

There are quite a few opportunities for leadership within ACAC-NC. Dr. Courtney Evans-Thompson will be stepping into the role of President and she will do an amazing job. She is home-grown in our organization moving from counselor to doc student to
"Each One, Reach One"

Renew now during the "Each One, Reach One" campaign you have the opportunity to enjoy a FULL year of membership benefits. The membership year begins each year on July 1, and if you renew now, your membership extends through June 30, 2020. Join up to four divisions for FREE including ACAC-NC. If you renew now (before June 28th) at the professional level AND recruit a new member to join at the professional level, you will be entered to win a 5-year FREE membership in NCCA. More recruits = more entries!

The four divisions offering free membership are:

Association for Child & Adolescent Counseling—NC (ACACNC)

NC Association for Adult Development and Aging (NCAADA)

Association for Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Issues in Counseling of NC (AGLBICNC)

NC Association for Multicultural Counseling and Development (NCAMCD)

counselor educator in the few short years of ACAC-NC's existence. She will need your help so please consider stepping up and nominating yourself or another deserving colleague for one of the many Board Positions (see the link on page 1). We have an immediate need for a Treasurer which would be an appointment that would run through June 2020.

Another way to serve our profession and our clients is through advocacy. We are fortunate to have two amazing professional associations in this state that serve our interests as counselors. At both the state and federal level there are issues that impact our work as child and adolescent counselors. To find out who your NC state legislators are and their associated contact information, click here. We continue to wrestle with Medicare reimbursement, school safety and school mental health funding, parity, immigration, and many other issues that impact our work with children, teens and families.

We had a nice lunch meeting at the 2019 NCCA Conference in Durham this past February. One item discussed was advocacy efforts related to students and families related to immigration. Another was the possibility of holding a drive-in workshop this fall/winter. All excellent ideas needing support. These could be issues spearheaded by the Special Projects Trustee (hint hint).

It is also that time to consider submitting a proposal for the 2020 NCCA Conference in Charlotte from 26-28 February 2020. The deadline for proposals is Sept 30, 2019. We have so much talent in the state. It would be great to see a full slate of workshops related to child and adolescent counseling. Please consider!!

Another important transition is the our very own ACAC-NC member, Dr. Evette Horton, will be assuming the role of ACAC President in July. Dr Horton is an amazing advocate for our state, our profession and the work we do as child and adolescent counselors! Congratulations!!

I hope you have a wonderful summer. Thank-you for allowing me the opportunity to serve you! I will see you around the state!!

Best regards, Theresa

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ACAC-NC President 2017-2019
**ACAC National Conference in Austin Texas**

*Separation at the Border and Impacts of Technology on Children...plus much more!*

There is still plenty of time to register for the ACAC National Conference from July 25-26. Earn up to 6 CEUs and enjoy a night of service to learn how ACAC counselors can support the needs of children being traumatized by separation from their families. RAICES TEXAS experts, who are the front line helping children and families in this crisis, will give us an update and various ways to advocate. We will also have a fundraiser, raffle, and other fun activities to support and advocate on this urgent issue during the evening of July 25. Our workshop day starts on Friday, July 26th with a Keynote Speaker: John Lasser, PhD addressing, “Counseling Children and Adolescents in the Age of Technology.” The keynote is followed by a variety of topics ranging from infants to teens, technology, parenting, multicultural issues, poster sessions, and a lot of fun networking with other child and adolescent counselors. Please let us know if you are attending so we can take a NC picture! Find out more

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**More about ACAC - NC...**

ACAC of NC is a support and information network for counselors who work with children and adolescents. The American Counseling Association's Code of Ethics (2014) and the Council for the Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs standards (2016) charges counselors with enhancing human development across the lifespan; therefore, ACAC of NC supports counselors working with children and adolescents from birth through age adolescent. The breadth of this developmental range offers its own unique experiences and challenges. ACAC of NC serves to bring a community of counselors together who strive to offer best practices to this under-served and distinct population.