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SOCIAL JUSTICE Spotlight

Facing Financial Abuse

Financial abuse, also known as economic abuse, affects nearly 99% of total domestic violence cases. As April is National Financial Literacy month, we wanted to bring awareness to one of the pervasive forms of domestic abuse that is often misunderstood, but rarely talked about. This form of abuse is often subtle and often not recognized until several economic barriers have formed in the relationship making it more difficult for someone to simply leave. Financial abuse is described as the manipulation of money and other economic resources as a form of coercive control. The lack of access to economic resources creates a barrier for many abuse victims who want to leave but feel they have no choice but to stay with their abuser. Many people may also not realize they are in a financially abusive relationship due to prevalent misconceptions and myths.

Myth: Financial abuse only happens to people in low-income households.

Fact: Financial abuse can happen to anyone, regardless of their socio-economic status.

Myth: Financial abuse only happens to those who don't know how to manage their finances.

Fact: Financial abuse is about controlling someone through financial means

using manipulation and coercion and not about a victim's knowledge or ability.

Myth: Financial abuse only happens to women and elderly people.

Fact: Financial abuse can happen to anyone regardless of gender, age, or relationship. Financial abusers can include family members, romantic partners, caretakers and even roommates.

In the HerMoney podcast episode Facing Financial Abuse, the host Jean Chatzky chats with Katie Hood, CEO of The One Love Foundation. This nonprofit is dedicated to educating young people on healthy relationships to prevent relationship abuse. The two discuss examples of financial abuse, signs to look for, and safety measures to take.

With Love and Light,
Makita Johnson, MSW GSL Intern
The University of Texas at Arlington

Listen to the podcast episode

Event Spotlight

CELEBRATION

in recognition of your outstanding student achievements

Date	Time	Location
Friday May 10th, 2024	From 2:00pm-4:00pm	School of Social Work Building

501 W. Mitchell St., Arlington, TX 76019

Please join us for refreshments, fun activities, photos, job fair, and pinning ceremony.

Important Dates

- **April 17th- April 23rd:** Celebrate Earth Week
- **April 30th**: Last Day of Classes
- **May 8th**: Last Day to get Field Hours
- **May 2nd - May 8th:** Finals Week
- **May 10th:** SSW Commencement Celebration
- **May 10th**: Commencement Ceremonies

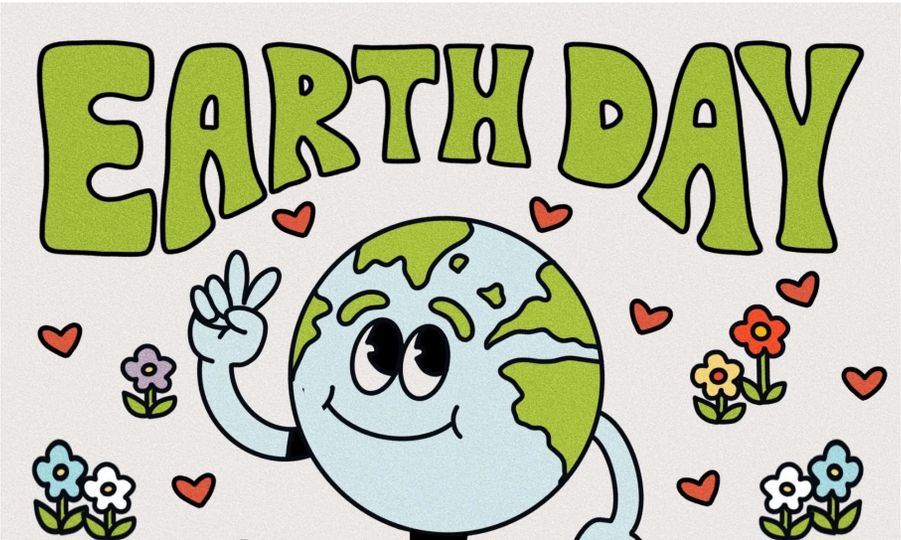
Student Spotlight

Graduating MSW and BSW Students

Congratulations to all our BSW and MSW Graduates! Your hard work and dedication throughout your time at UTA SSW did not go unnoticed. Be proud of your accomplishments and be ready for more accomplishments to come. Go out and make a difference in this world, but just know you always have a home here at UTA SSW. Now, let's MavUp one more time and walk that stage!

We would like to give a special shoutout to our Graduating Student Leaders! Thank you all for your dedication to the program the students of the School of Social Work.

Makita Johnson - GSL Intern
Jasmine Walker - GSL Volunteer
Emily Rappaport - USL Intern
Jackie Flores - USL Intern
Amari Dillon - USL Volunteer
Rory Villa - USL Volunteer



Helping the Earth also helps YOU!

While Earth Day is around the corner. We thought it'd be great to share more about taking care of environment can lead to a healthy body and mind. Caring for the environment is fundamentally caring for ourselves. The health of our planet directly impacts our own well-being in numerous ways. The natural world forms the foundation of our health and overall well-being. It provides us with essential resources like clean air, water, and nourishment. Engaging with nature positively impacts our mental health. Neglecting our responsibility to care for the planet, including its climate and ecosystems, jeopardizes the functioning of our societies, diminishes our quality of life, and directly impairs our own well-being. Our health is an important aspect within our lives that should receive attention and detail. When we care for our environment we're also caring for our mental health. Going out into nature can increase our mental health, because we are connecting ourselves with Earth. When we focus on providing for our planet it also benefits present and future generations.

Love & Light,
Mia Cozzarelli, MSW GSL Intern
The University of Texas at Arlington

Learn More About Helping the Earth here

Opportunities

MSW Students:

The School of Social Work is recruiting Graduate Student Leaders (GSL) volunteers for Summer 2024

As a volunteer:

- Work with the MSW director & faculty
- Connect other students to services and resources they need
- Act as an advocate for other MSW students
- Take on roles for projects

For more information please contact a GSL intern:

- Angie: asr7984@mavs.uta.edu
- Mia: mic3786@mavs.uta.edu

Scan to find out more!

ATTENTION BSW STUDENTS

THE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK IS RECRUITING
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT LEADER (USL) VOLUNTEERS
FOR SUMMER 2024!

VOLUNTEERS

- Work directly with the BSW program directors
- Serve as advocates and communication facilitators for BSW students
- Connect students to services and resources

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT A USL INTERN:

Emily: emily.rappapport@mavs.uta.edu

Jackie: jackie.flores@mavs.uta.edu

Kimberly: kxj6364@mavs.uta.edu

Meghan: mxg8550@mavs.uta.edu

APPLY HERE

GRADUATE PEER MENTORSHIP SURVEY

SCAN HERE

1. OPEN YOUR CAMERA
2. SCAN THIS QR CODE
3. COMPLETE THE SURVEY
4. ENTRY TO WIN EDGE CENTER SWAG BAG!

UTA EDGE Center

IMPLICIT BIAS & CULTURAL HUMILITY IN THE CHILD WELFARE FIELD

Hosted by The Title IV-E Program and Children and Families Curriculum Committee

3+ EMPLOYMENT AGENCY PANEL

OVERVIEW

This course is designed to support participants with understanding biases that may impact the effectiveness of service delivery. Discussion will include increasing self-awareness and identifying culturally responsive practices.

IN-PERSON | VIRTUAL | FOOD | CEUs

REGISTER HERE

DR. KIMBERLY J. GREEN

Speech-language pathologist and Chair of the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders at Western Kentucky University (WKU).

APRIL 26 | 10AM - 1PM

ROOM 104 & VIRTUAL

REGISTRATION LINK

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SSW APRIL MOVIE NIGHT

"ON THE BASIS OF SEX"

APRIL 25TH, 6-8PM
SWSH ROOM 132

AFTER-FILM PANEL DISCUSSION HOSTED BY THE COMMUNITY & ADMINISTRATIVE PRACTICE COMMITTEE

If you require any special accommodations for this event please contact allison.tomlinson@uta.edu

IPE DISTINCTION CERTIFICATE

Interprofessional Education(IPE) is "when students from two or more professions learn about, from and with each other" (WHO,2010).

Are you graduating and have participated in IPE activities while at UTA? Do you want to be recognized for your hard work?

Apply for an IPE Distinction Certificate and receive a graduation cord!

REQUIREMENTS:

1) Completed at least two IPE activities at UTA
2) Discuss the IPE activities you have participated in
3) Submit a copy of your resume that includes the IPE activities

Apply by April 22, 2024!

Click here or scan the QR code to apply!

Questions?
Contact Professor Tracy Orwig
tracy.orwig@uta.edu

UTA Office of Sustainability

EARTH WEEK

PLANET VS. PLASTIC

Celebrate Earth Week with us!

4/17- Scavenger Hunt
UC Mall from 12pm-2pm.

4/18- Volunteer at the Compost Site
Compost site from 3pm-5pm

4/22- Bracelet making
UC Mall from 12pm-2pm.

4/23- EARTH DAY CELEBRATION
Brazos park from 11am-2pm

INSTAGRAM:
@GOGREENUTA

SURVIVOR LINK Building Networks of Support

2023 ANNUAL REPORT

Survivor Link + Public Health AmeriCorps members increased capacity to respond to domestic violence in their communities!

AmeriCorps

- 11 States
- 92 Members
- 49,475 Service Hours
- 6,498 Training Hours

Survivor Link members trained professionals at over 101 public health and complementary agencies.

856 people learned about domestic violence

534 people learned about evidence-informed intervention

477 people learned about safety planning

Public Health professionals reported...

INCREASED KNOWLEDGE ABOUT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, INCLUDING:

- Safety Planning
- Local and national resources
- Technology Safety
- Evidence-based domestic violence interventions
- Types of Abuse

BETTER ATTITUDES ABOUT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SURVIVORS, INCLUDING:

- Considering the difficult life circumstances that survivors face
- Recognizing that survivors are continually seeking safety in many different ways
- Understanding that it is often hard for survivors to seek services and support

MORE **READINESS TO INTERVENE,** INCLUDING:

- Ability to help survivors access myPlan, an evidence-based domestic violence intervention
- Competence to engage in safety planning with survivors
- Understanding how their reactions impact domestic violence survivors
- Ability to refer survivors to local community-based domestic violence services

Public health professionals across 11 states gained the knowledge and tools that they need to support domestic violence survivors in their communities!

BIKE CAMP VOLUNTEERS

NEEDED

Week of June 24th

UT Arlington Maverick Activity Center

You can make a real difference by volunteering at bike camp! You will receive training daily and must be 15 or older and able to walk briskly/run alongside participants as they learn to ride a bike. You will be required to complete an online training and background check to participate. Scan QR code for more information.

Questions: 682-316-3121.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

ABOUT TAAP:

TAAP seeks to promote the advancement of addiction professionals by uniting alcoholism and other addiction counseling professionals throughout Texas.
TAAP organizes and charters local chapters in Texas, and assists in stabilizing and increasing their membership. By means of legislative initiatives, promotional campaigns and professional networking opportunities, TAAP will promote awareness of the disease of chemical dependency and other addictions and compulsive behaviors. TAAP will advocate for standards for licensure and certification of qualified counselors to ensure the competency basis of those who counsel alcoholics and other addicts and their families and ensure a high order of professional standards and ethics among those in the addictions counseling profession.

The Fort Worth Chapter of TAAP offers scholarships to students attending an accredited school that are engaged in studies leading towards being licensed as a Chemical Dependency Counselor in the State of Texas; Or a current Fort Worth TAAP member working towards a master's degree, or a bachelor's degree in the Behavioral Health field (Counseling, Social Work, Human Service Technology, etc.).

REQUIREMENTS:

- Attending an accredited community college or College/University/approved School of Addiction Education and is in good standing.
- LCDC students must have completed at least 2 Drug and Alcohol classes.
- Must be a current TAAP member.
- 3.0 GPA

MORE INFORMATION:

APPLY HERE

SAVE THE DATE

Opioid Response Network Summit: Challenging Addiction Stigma with Science

September 13, 2024

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. CDT

Lunch will be provided

University of Texas Arlington
School of Social Work and CONHI Smart Hospital
501 W. Mitchell Street
Room 132
Arlington, TX 76019

This training will include an overview of the science of addiction, the effect of substances on the brain, treatment for substance use disorders, including the multiple pathways of recovery, and how to best advocate for clients in need. The

training will also include how to reduce the stigma associated with addiction and challenge myths surrounding medications approved to treat opioid use disorders. We are applying for social work CEUs and nursing contact hours.

As part of attending this no-cost training, we ask that participants submit a request on behalf of their agency to the Opioid Response Network. Examples and how to do so will be covered in this training. All of ORN's services are provided at no-cost.

Training Facilitator:

- Andrea Yatsco, PHD, CADC/LCDC, CCS

Email Questions:

- Victoria Holloman, ORN Region 6 Regional Coordinator/Project Manager: vholloman@austin.utexas.edu

Summit Collaborators:

Opioid Response Network

UTA School of Social Work
TITLE IV-E CHILD WELFARE PROGRAM

UTA College of Nursing and Health Innovation

UTA Center for Rural Health and Nursing
COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH INNOVATION

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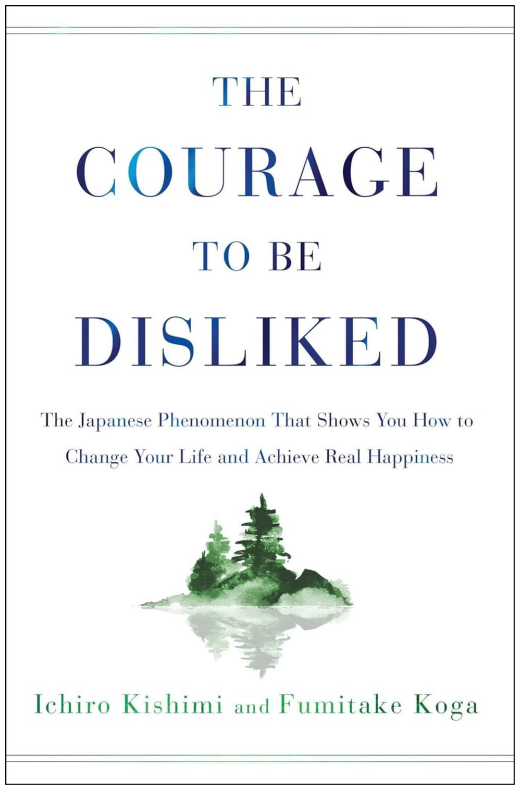
Book of the Week



The Courage to be Disliked
by Ichiro Kishimi

Now you can unlock your full potential and free yourself from the shackles of past traumas and societal expectations to find true personal happiness. Based on the theories of renowned psychologist Alfred Adler, this book guides you through the principles of self-forgiveness, self-care, and mind decluttering in a straightforward, easy-to-digest style that's accessible to all.

Monique Lawson, MSW GSL Intern
The University of Texas Arlington

Available on Amazon

My name is Traecia Nichols, I am the Student Success Coordinator for the School of Social Work. In my role I work with students who are facing crises and need help accessing university and community resources. This section will consist of resources that are available to you as a student. If you are in need of resources or have any questions or concerns, please contact me at traecia.nichols@uta.edu.

Resource of the Week: Career Development Center

The Career Development Center is committed to supporting you from your first year and helping you make the transition from student to professional and beyond. They provide services designed to prepare you, both as a student and alumni, for lifelong career success by:

- Helping you discover your values, interests, personality traits, and skills.
- Assisting you in exploring and preparing for possible career paths.
- Connecting you with employers for job and internship opportunities.
- Preparing you to compete for the opportunities you seek.
- Facilitating your growth towards being workforce ready.
- Championing your career success both now and in the future.

Visit the Career Development Center email them at careers@uta.edu to learn how they can assist you, no matter where you are on your career path!

Learn more about the Career Development Center here

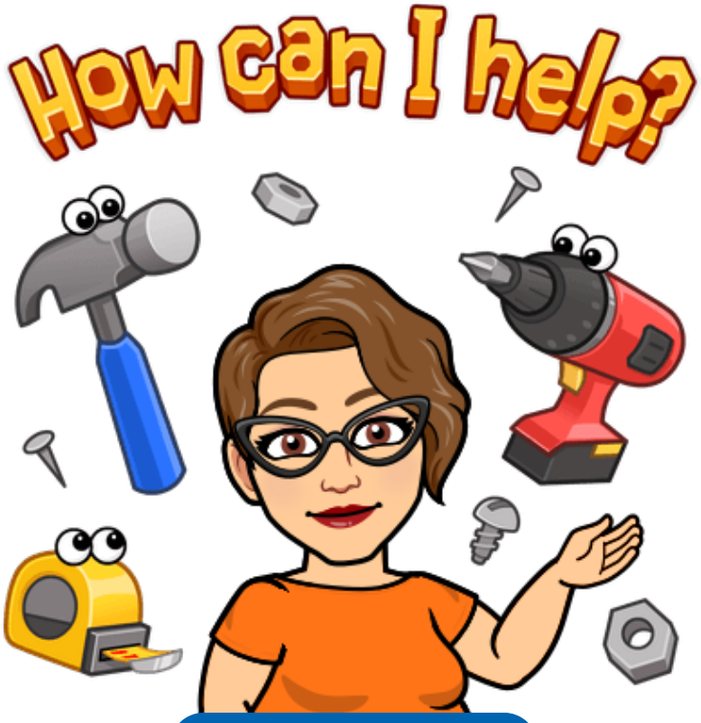
Academic Resources

Graduate Director Office Hours

Meet Dr. Regina Praetorius, LMSW-AP-S, the Director of Graduate Programs at UTA's School of Social Work during her new open office hours.

Options are listed below:

- Wednesdays 2-3pm (SWSH Suite 203/204)
- Mondays 7:30-8:30pm (virtual)



Mondays' Virtual Meetings

Academic Advising

Need to meet with an advisor but there's no upcoming appointment available? Drop-in either in person or virtually on Wednesdays. To schedule your 30-minute drop-in time, click the button below. Be sure to select in-person or virtual and your advisor. Remember, drop-in sessions are on a first come basis.

No drop in appointments available? **Visit this page** to find your advisor's power hour where you can always drop in and ask questions, no appointment needed.

Apr 1st: Summer 2024 and Fall 2024 class registration opens

MSW Social Work Mavericks! **Brittany Latcher** joins us as the new academic advisor for **Mental Health and Substance Misuse**.

BSW/BSSUT Social Work Mavericks! **Desiree Warren** joins us as the new academic advisor for **students with the letter set A- H**.

Schedule your appointment here

Field Placements

- **May 8th**- Last Day to get hours
- Field forms are available here!
- Field FAQ
- If you are having technical difficulties with Tevera please email sswfield@uta.edu and include a screenshot of the issue.

Field Advising

This is an opportunity for you to ask questions, similar to Office Hours for faculty!

BSW and BSSUT Students

- Field Advisor: Vanessa Caraveo
- 1st & 3rd Thursday | 3pm - 4pm

- **Join your field advisors' power hour here</>**

Advanced Children & Families, Advanced CAP, Advanced Aging & Advanced Health

- Field Advisor: Monica Brown
- 1st & 3rd Wednesday | 4pm - 5pm
- **Join your field advisors' power hour here**

Advanced Mental Health/Substance Misuse

- Field Advisor: Sharon Martin
- 1st & 3rd Thursday | 3pm - 4pm
- **Join your field advisors' power hour here**

View all field advisors and power hours here

Undergraduate & Graduate Student Leader (USL/GSL)

USLs & GSLs serve as advocates and communication facilitators for BSW & MSW students, fielding questions about all aspects of the school experience, including advising, field, registration, orientation, scholarships, deadlines, program policies, and more. You may reach out to your USL / GSL by email or Teams.

If you do not know who your assigned USL is, you may email Emily Rappaport (emily.rappaport@mavs.uta.edu) or Jackie Flores (jackie.flores@mavs.uta.edu).

If you do not know who your assigned GSL is, you may email Makita Johnson (mxj1622@mavs.uta.edu) or Andrea Moreno (axm7516@mavs.uta.edu).

Click here to meet our USLs

Click here to meet our GSLs

Licensing

- If you're in your final semester and want to get started on applying to ASWB to take the LBSW or LMSW licensing exam, click here to request the Dean's Letter for Licensure, which UTA will send to ASWB. More info can be found on the ASWB site and our SSW licensure page.
- **There's lots of great updated information about licensing in the Student Success and Advising Course on Canvas—Check it out!**
- Interested in the LCDC? Scroll to the end of this Licensure webpage and click on the Texas LCDC Licensing 2021 PDF for a chart that shows how different education levels can prepare you for the LCDC.

UTA Resources

UTA Academic Calendar
Evidence-Based Research Guide
Webinar Library
UTA Counseling & Psychology Services
SAR Center
Free Windows Apps with Student ID
SSW Writing Resources
Suicide Prevention Lifeline
Emergency Assistance Fund
Rental Assistance Program
Survivor Support Group
Free & Confidential HIV Testing
UTA/Tri-C Food Pantry Distribution
CAPS

"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."
- John F. Kennedy

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