

STUDENT AND ALUMNI MONTHLY DIGEST



June 2023

Celebrating the Success of Katherine Cowles



Katherine (a.k.a. Kassie) Cowles is a 2023 master of social work graduate from the University of Pittsburgh. She started her child welfare career two years ago in her first practicum at a foster care agency within the foster care parent training sector. Her second practicum took place at Allegheny County Children, Youth, and Families, where she is currently employed as a Caseworker in CPS Investigations. Although Kassie is new to child welfare, she has gained much knowledge over this short period of time and has developed a great appreciation and a passion to help create change for

those she serves.

[Read more about Katherine's keys to success](#)

Celebrating the Success of Lindsey Bray

Lindsey Bray is a 2023 master of social work graduate from the University of Georgia. She was recently awarded the 2022-23 3rd/4th Student of the Year Award. Lindsey has been in the child welfare field for 13 years, starting off as a case manager overseeing permanency and high-risk cases, which included family treatment courts and ensuring continuance of support to ensure the success of the families she served. After four years she moved into the permanency supervisor position in Hall County, GA. After being in that position for 2 years, Lindsey



became an administrator, overseeing case managers and supervisors. She is now a Supervisor Mentor in the North District, mentoring supervisors, and administrators with skill sets, setting goals, and learning how to build rapport with their team.

[Read more about Lindsey's keys to success](#)

Friday Connect

Due to the popular demand for staying connected, I will be hosting a Friday Connection meet-up every last Friday of the month at 1pm ET, 12pm CT, 11am MT, & 10 am PT. This is an optional/informal way for students and alumni to connect, catch up with each other, and have a little laugh at the end of a long week. Feel free to stop in at any time to say hi and chat. No need to stay for the entire time if you don't want to. Hope to see you there!



[Join us on Zoom](#)

Our time together at the NCWWI University Partnership and Workforce Excellence Meeting 2023

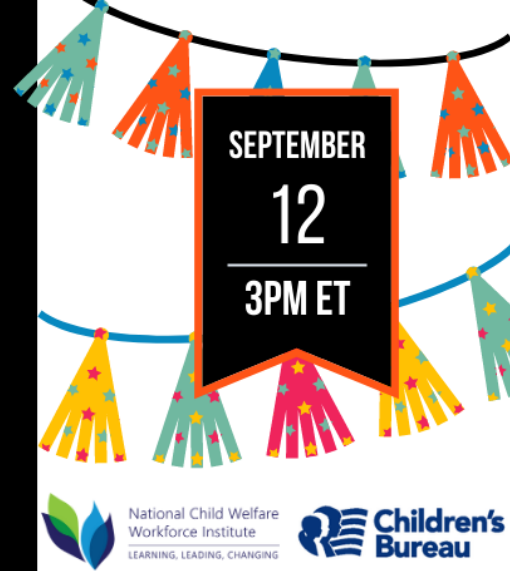


CHILD WELFARE WORKER RECOGNITION EVENT

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#WeAreChildWelfare



As part of Child Welfare Worker Appreciation Week, September 11-15, 2023, NCWWI and the Children's Bureau are hosting a one-hour virtual recognition event on Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 3:00 pm EDT.

This event is about taking a moment for you and your team...to breathe, to celebrate, to connect. We can't wait to find out how you decide to take a moment!

Visit [NCWWI.org/CWworkforce](https://www.ncwwi.org/CWworkforce) for this year's recognition event kit, including templates and graphics. You do so much for others, so we hope you'll join in and encourage those around you to do the same.

[Click Here to Register](#)

The Wellness Corner Worker Voice, Equity, & Tribal Self-Determination

At the center of the Workplace Mental Health and Well-Being framework is worker voice, equity, and tribal sovereignty. Worker voice, equity, and tribal sovereignty are the basis for the other 5 domains to be upheld and successful. Things you may do to encourage, uplift, and show value in these areas are:

- Appreciate other's strengths and contributions
- Be willing to learn from all people
- Be role models of inclusion
- Be aware of your own biases and blind spots
- View tribes as resourceful and self-reliant



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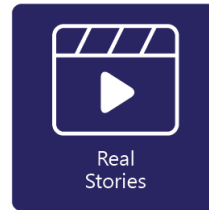
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