

**The Counseling Center of  
Wayne & Holmes Counties**  
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# CENTER UPDATE

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## **TCC Receives National Health Service Corps Recertification**

The Counseling Center was recently recertified as a National Health Service Corps site. To qualify, a facility must be located in a Health Professional Shortage Area, provide primary care medical, dental or mental and behavioral health service, provide services regardless of a patient's ability to pay, offer discounted fees to patients who qualify, and accept Medicare, Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program.

Participation as a NHSC site helps in the recruitment and retention of professional staff, as independently licensed providers may earn up to \$50,000 toward student loans in exchange for a two year commitment to work at the site.

Last year, Dr. Renae Chung, a psychologist and our Director of Counseling and Psychotherapy Services, received a \$50,000 award to apply to her student loans. Congratulations Dr. Chung, and we are hopeful that other staff will benefit from this program as well.

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## **CEP Staff Train Early Childhood Teachers**

The Counseling Center supports Early Childhood care and education, for example through service by Jim Foley, Director of Community Education and Prevention, as chair of two Early Childhood coalitions, and the addition Jennifer Sanders in a new Early Childhood Mental Health Consultant position.

Jim and Jennifer each gave presentations at a recent meeting of the Wayne Association for the Education of Young Children, attended by center directors and teachers as well as several student teachers from the Early Childhood program at the Career Center. Jennifer talked about some strategies, trainings, and service options associated with the ECMH program. Jim talked about signs of Autism, ADHD, trauma/PTSD, and other conditions that may show up in an Early Childhood classroom, with some tips about how to respond to the behaviors even if you're not sure about the underlying condition.

Attendees had lots of questions during and after the talks, and said on their evaluations that they found useful information despite the short time. We will be setting up more trainings for Early Childhood staff in the months to come.

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