

## Documentary Illustrates Issues of Children's Mental Health in Texas

The struggles facing Texas children with mental illnesses are the focus of a new documentary entitled *Are the Kids Alright?* broadcast on public television stations across the state on June 24 and is available free from the Hogg Foundation for Mental Health.

Produced by award-winning documentarians Karen Bernstein and Ellen Spiro of Austin, the hour-long film provides an arresting glimpse into children's mental health services in Texas.

This is the first statewide television documentary in Texas to address issues surrounding children's mental health care, and is the product of nearly two years of research and interviews to understand the multifaceted issues and tough decisions confronting the state's mental health system.

The film unfolds through the stories of children, therapists, parents, and judges who confront the issues of children with mental illnesses on a daily basis. The documentary not only portrays the steep obstacles and painful choices confronting families who have a loved one suffering from mental illness, but the daily struggles of mental health advocates, service providers, and policymakers in helping these youths get treatment.

In an extraordinary level of collaboration—and the efforts of



HoustonPBS' director of programming, Ken Lawrence—twelve of the state's thirteen PBS stations carried the documentary on June 24. Several of the stations—including KLRU in Austin, KACV in Amarillo, KMBH in Harlingen, KUHT in Houston, KNCT in Killeen, KWBU in Waco, and KOCV in Odessa—produced their own special programs on the mental health needs of children in their communities in conjunction with the documentary that included local mental health professionals, families, and children's advocates.

The tremendous level of participation by Texas PBS stations had a  
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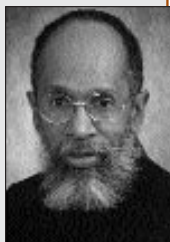
### Davis to Receive Mentoring Award

Dr. King Davis, executive director of the Hogg Foundation for Mental Health, has been named as a national role model for his efforts to improve opportunities and training of minority researchers in the medical sciences by Minority Access, Inc., a national educational organization.

Davis, who is also the Robert Lee Sutherland Chair in Mental Health and Social Policy at The University of Texas at Austin's School of Social Work, will receive the honor during the organization's Fifth National Role Models Conference, Sept. 18-20 in Washington, D.C.

The award is given each year to faculty who have either served as mentors to minority

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Dr. King Davis

### Behavioral Interventions Topic of RLS Seminar

Effecting cultural change within organizations around the state and the appropriate use of behavioral interventions will be the topic of the Hogg Foundation for Mental Health's thirteenth Robert Lee Sutherland Seminar scheduled for December 2-3, 2004, in Austin.

The use of restraints, seclusion, and other alternatives for persons who are at risk of harming themselves or others is a complex and controversial issue for a number of entities, particularly law enforcement, residential treatment facilities, and schools. Some argue that when used appropriately, restraint and/or seclusion can be life-saving and protective measures. Others note that when employed inappropriately or without proper training, the procedures can be dangerous, painful, and prone to abuse.

"Our desire is for this seminar to provide an extensive dialogue on emergency interventions that draws upon the expertise of behavioral healthcare providers, mental health advocates, consumers and family members, systems

administrators, and clinical and legal scholars who are well versed in the issues," said Dr. Lynda Frost, associate director for mental health policy and law at the Hogg Foundation.

Frost noted that the Seminar comes at an important time for mental health services in the United States. Reductions in public and private expenditures for behavioral health care, combined with new regulatory requirements, are sparking difficult challenges for many treatment facilities. At the same time, new evidence-based clinical procedures and strategies are emerging that could reduce (or some say eliminate) reliance on restraint and seclusion as a method of mitigating dangerous incidents.

"Standards and practices have been changing so rapidly in recent years that it has been hard to keep abreast of all the developments. We hope that this seminar will provide a basis for adapting new information to fit circumstances in Texas. By convening participants from a number of agencies and localities, we hope to begin

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The *Hogg Foundation News* is a quarterly newsletter of the Hogg Foundation for Mental Health.

Since 1940, the Hogg Foundation for Mental Health has responded to its mandate "to develop and conduct . . . a broad mental health program of great benefit to the people of Texas" (Miss Ima Hogg, 1939), by funding grants for both mental health service projects and research efforts throughout the state. The Hogg Foundation defines mental health broadly to encompass psychological, biological, and social factors that may affect one's overall mental well-being, but affords particular interest to proposals that address its priority areas of mental health research, services, policy, and education.

The Foundation is an administrative unit of The University of Texas at Austin and accomplishes its mandate through public education and grantmaking to mental health service and research projects in the state of Texas.

The Hogg Foundation for Mental Health also fulfills its benefactors' mandate by "operating" its own programs—including public education, convening, and program evaluation—to the benefit and enrichment of organizations and communities statewide.

For more information about the Hogg Foundation and its programs, please visit the Foundation's web site at [www.hogg.utexas.edu](http://www.hogg.utexas.edu).

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# News and Notes

## Kids Count Data Book Available

As part of a distribution partnership with the Annie E. Casey Foundation, the Hogg Foundation for Mental Health is making available free copies of the Fifteenth Annual *Kids Count Data Book* and the *Kids Count Pocket Guide*.

The *Kids Count Data Book* provides a state-by-state statistical portrait of the health, educational, social, and economic condition of American children. Business leaders, policymakers, children's advocates, educators, and others value the *Data Book* as a reliable source of unbiased, statistical information about the condition of children and families in America.

Additionally, the 2004 *Kids Count Data Book* essay examines the challenges facing vulnerable youth and disconnected young adults, focusing on the solutions and connections necessary for a successful transition to adulthood.

Interested persons are invited to order the book via email at [comm@hogg.utexas.edu](mailto:comm@hogg.utexas.edu), or by calling the Hogg Foundation toll free at 888-404-4336. You may also visit the Annie E. Casey Foundation website at: [www.aecf.org](http://www.aecf.org).

## Human Subjects Review Presentation Set

The American Evaluation Association has announced that three of the Hogg Foundation's staff will give a presentation entitled "Human Subjects Protections and Foundation Evaluation of Community-Based Service Projects in Non-profit Organizations" at its annual conference in Atlanta in November of 2004.

The presentation will be given by Dr. Lynda E. Frost, associate director for mental health policy and law; Dr. Arthur L. Whaley, associate director for mental health services research; and Dr. Tamara S. Davis, former post-doctoral fellow.

The roundtable presentation will explore the growing relevance of undertaking human subjects protection reviews when philanthropic foundations consider funding and evaluating community-based service projects. The presentation will include a discussion of strategies to address the ethical circumstances and legal requirements for human subjects protection and the strategies funders should consider as part of their grantmaking process.

The American Evaluation Association is an international professional association of evaluators devoted to the application and exploration of program evaluation, personnel evaluation, technology, and many other forms of evaluation. Evaluation involves assessing the strengths and weaknesses of programs, policies, and organizations to improve their effectiveness.

## Study Explores Controls for Diagnostic Bias

Hogg Foundation Associate Director for Mental Health Services Research, Dr. Arthur L. Whaley, has recently published his article, "A Two-Stage Method for the Study of Cultural Bias in the Diagnosis of Schizophrenia in African Americans," in the May issue of *Journal of Black Psychology*.

Whaley's study concerns potential diagnostic biases in the psychiatric evaluation of African Americans. Researchers have identified two basic categories of reasons for diagnostic bias: clinician bias, which results from mental health professionals' failure to adhere to diagnostic criteria during psychiatric evaluations; and cultural bias, in which valid ethnic/racial differences in how symptoms are presented are overlooked or misinterpreted by diagnosticians. To control for either potential bias in diagnosing African Americans, clinicians are encouraged to employ a two-stage procedure in which the first stage controls for bias resulting from not following diagnostic criteria and the second stage facilitates understanding cultural variations in symptoms of psychopathology.

Whaley evaluated a two-stage procedure that first considers clinician bias by a structured clinical interview followed by a best-estimate diagnosis by a mental health clinician who is a cultural expert. The method was developed and evaluated for its reliability and validity in the Culturally Sensitive Diagnostic Interview Research Project, which was funded by a grant from the National Institute of Mental Health. He used a random subsample of 24 psychiatric inpatients from his larger study to evaluate this diagnostic approach. His results indicated that it is important to distinguish between cultural behaviors and psychopathology in diagnosing mental illness in African Americans, and that expert consultations would be useful for cases involving culturally complex forms of psychiatric disorders.

# Hogg Foundation for Mental Health Joins Mayor's Task Force to Make Austin a "Mentally Healthy Community"

**O**n August 6, the Hogg Foundation joined with City of Austin Mayor Will Wynn and other local officials in announcing the creation of a task force to address issues concerning the challenges faced by people with mental illnesses in the city.

The initiative is the result of shared concerns among mental health professionals and advocates who have partnered with Wynn in defining how Austin can become a "mentally healthy community" and then work toward that goal by addressing the gaps in mental health services and reducing the burden of chronic mental health conditions.

"I look forward to great results from this process, knowing that our community will greatly benefit from the viable solutions the Mental Health Task Force will provide," said Mayor Wynn.

The task force will be led by former Texas State Rep. Wilhelmina Delco of Austin and former Austin Mayor Gus Garcia. It is comprised of four subcommittees—criminal justice, short- and long-term treatment, housing, and education and community awareness—that are charged with considering a number of needs and opportunities within 120 days, at the end of which it will deliver a report on ways the city can address the mental health needs and priorities of its citizens.

The Hogg Foundation has committed to be a partner in the task force process, supplying not only the financial resources for bringing in expert

mental health consultants and facilitators, but also the participation of its executive director, Dr. King Davis, associate director for mental health policy and law, Dr. Lynda Frost, and program officers Reymundo Rodriguez and Carolyn Young on the task force planning committee and subcommittees.

"We are very enthusiastic about working with the Mayor's Task Force in addressing local mental health needs and opportunities," Davis said. "We hope the leadership being shown by the city will serve as a model for other municipalities across the state to consider how to develop mentally healthy communities."

The task force comes in the wake of several tragic incidents involving citizens suffering from mental illness in the previous two years. In 2002, Sophia King, who had a history of mental illness, was shot and killed by Austin police after allegedly charging toward an Austin Housing Authority employee with a butcher knife. In February of 2004, a student at The University of Texas at Austin was arrested for allegedly stabbing a former UT music professor to death during a psychotic episode.

Members of the task force said that by making a commitment to focus on the issue of mental health in the community, the city could hope to make significant strides in addressing such problems and dramatically reducing the potential for similar circumstances in the future.

## Longtime HF Program Officer, Bert Kruger Smith, Passes at 88

Longtime Hogg Foundation for Mental Health program officer and author, Bert Kruger Smith, passed away on July 26, 2004, at the age of 88.

Smith served The University of Texas at Austin and the Hogg Foundation from 1952 until she retired in 1999. She headed the publications program for the Foundation, was a program officer and consultant, and taught courses in mental health information, special education, and gerontology at The University of Texas at Austin. She conducted workshops and seminars in the area of mental health and, prior to her retirement from the Hogg Foundation, she was instrumental in forging a partnership between Austin Groups for the Elderly (a group she helped co-found) and the Gerontology Institute at UT.



*Bert Kruger Smith*

For more than 40 years, she advised community groups, state agencies, and volunteer organizations. She also was strongly committed to acting as a role model to younger women in the fields of mental health, philanthropy, community organization, and Women in Communication. During her career, Smith won many awards, including Austin's Most Worthy Citizen and Woman of the Year. She was inducted into the Texas Women's Hall of Fame, and was listed in several Who's Who publications. She received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from the University of Missouri, her alma mater.

"The thing that makes me the happiest is the feeling that I have touched other lives in meaningful ways," she said in an interview some years ago. "I can't think of a better way to live than to know you've made a difference."

Smith is survived by her husband Sid; her daughter, Randy Huke of Austin; and her son, Sheldon Smith of Scottsdale, Arizona. In lieu of flowers, her family requests that donations be made to programs dedicated to helping children with special education needs and/or the frail elderly.

## HF Initiates New Mental Health Colloquium Series

The Hogg Foundation for Mental Health invites people from across the state to attend its monthly Frances Fowler Wallace Mental Health Colloquium Series in Austin.

Funded through a bequest to the Foundation from the Frances Fowler Wallace estate "...to promote research and study into the cause and treatment, cure, and prevention of mental disease, mental illness, and mental disorders," the colloquiums are intended to familiarize Hogg Foundation staff and others about current research and issues related to mental health services, research, and policy.

The colloquiums are scheduled every third Wednesday of the month at 3:00 p.m. in the Robert Lee Sutherland Conference Room at the Hogg Foundation offices, 3001 Lake Austin Boulevard in Austin.

August's colloquium featured the Honorable Guy Herman, J.D., Travis County Probate Judge to discuss the newly created Travis County Hospital District and its implications for mental health services in central Texas. In July, the colloquium featured a panel discussion by mental health clinicians and researchers on the mental health needs of, and services for, elderly populations in Texas.

These talks are free and open to the public. For more information about the colloquiums and upcoming speakers, contact Maria Bumpass at the Foundation, toll free at 888-404-4336.

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lot to do with the impact the documentary has produced, according to Jeffery R. Patterson, communications director of the Hogg Foundation and an advisor to the film.

"Since its airing in June, *Are the Kids Alright?* has received a remarkably powerful and enthusiastic response from community leaders, mental health professionals, and academics from across Texas and the nation," Patterson said. "I have had policymakers and advocates alike say that they literally cried at some of the stories they had seen portrayed."

"The response to this film is truly a testament to the compassion and skill of Karen and Ellen as filmmakers and journalists. Karen has a great ability to engender trust and openness in the folks who opened their lives to illustrate the conditions families face when dealing with a child who has a behavioral disorder," Patterson said.

The documentary does more than trace a lack of public and private funding as a source of the problem. By following the stories of families affected, the filmmakers illustrate the complexities of mental illnesses and the pervasiveness of how many children are suffering from them. State officials estimate that some 420,000 Texas youths under the age of 18 suffer from a severe emotional disturbance that impairs their ability to function, but only a fraction of these children are appropriately diagnosed or treated each year.

"In the course of making this documentary, we found that children with severe emotional disorders are a hidden segment of the population in Texas," said Bernstein.

"Although we connected with families from different backgrounds and regions in the state, their stories were surprisingly similar. All of them faced frustrations, misunderstandings, and a lack of resources in trying to get help for their children."

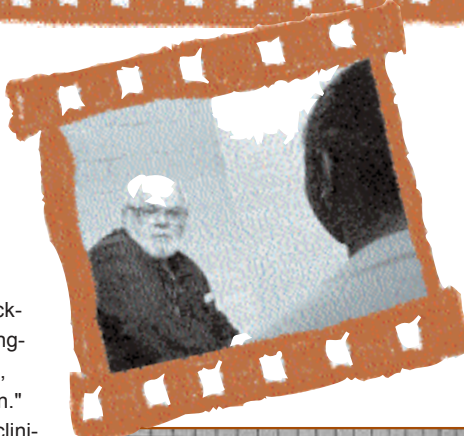
"Equally compelling are the stories told by the judges, clinicians, counselors, advocates, and policymakers who are doing their best in the face of a lack of public awareness and support for these fragile children and their families," Bernstein said.

The documentary includes stories such as Jeremy, a troubled teen from Austin whose years of misdiagnosis and behavioral problems led him into the Travis County juvenile justice system. Unable to afford the \$100-a-day expense for care, Jeremy's father, Tony, faced having to go to court to give up custody of his son to the state so he could receive treatment.

Just as poignant is the story of Cesar, a seven-year-old child living along the Texas-Mexico border in McAllen, who cries as he tells his therapist, Dr. Mary Elizabeth De Ferreire, of voices that tell him to stab himself or his siblings. Because of a lack of psychiatric pediatrics facilities along the border, his mother's only recourse is the emergency room should her son suffer another episode.

Equally compelling is Antonia, a Houston teen whose bouts of depression and lack of resources resulted in suicide attempts and domestic problems for the grandparents who are raising her.

The documentary was produced through an expansive and innovative partnership among a number of funders and organizations, including the Hogg Foundation for



*Are the Kids Alright?* is a powerful and poignant documentary that describes the issues that often surround children's mental health in the state of Texas. Broadcast on PBS Television stations across Texas on June 24, the film has garnered critical praise. Scenes from the documentary include (from top to bottom) Houston teen Antonia; Austin father and son Tony and Jeremy; Corsicana State Hospital psychiatrist Dr. James Boynton; and panelists of a special television program about children's mental health produced by Killeen PBS station KNCT, one of seven local broadcasts produced in conjunction with the airing of the documentary.

Mental Health and the Department of Radio, Television and Film at The University of Texas at Austin, HoustonPBS, the Houston Endowment, and the Austin Film Society.

In addition, The Meadows Foundation of Dallas has provided support for the development of a comprehensive public information campaign conducted through the Hogg Foundation to raise public awareness of children's mental health issues in Texas, improve understanding about the appropriate diagnosis and treatment of emotional disorders, and describe the gaps within the fractured public mental health system in the state. The outreach effort includes informational brochures, an extensive web site, and a media information campaign, which all seek to focus public attention on the issue of severe emotional disturbances in children. The documentary also has its own web site at [www.hogg.utexas.edu/AKAhome.html](http://www.hogg.utexas.edu/AKAhome.html).

"Our hope is to use this documentary as a tool to focus public attention on a problem that is too often neglected or forgotten," said Patterson. "We are encouraging both individuals and organizations—schools, clinics, mental health organizations—to share this documentary and information with their clients, neighbors and families."

### **About the Filmmakers**

In 1999, filmmakers Karen Bernstein and Ellen Spiro formed Mobilus Media in Austin to initiate groundbreaking documentary projects. Bernstein has worked in television documentaries for twenty years. Her work has been screened at hundreds of international film festivals, including Sundance and Berlin. She won a national Emmy award as producer of *Ella Fitzgerald: Something To Live For* (1999) while working as Series Producer for American Masters on PBS. She won a Grammy award in the category of Best Long Form Music Video as producer of *Lou Reed: Rock and Roll Heart* (1998).

Spiro has directed and produced an extensive body of inventive documentaries, which have won numerous awards and have been shown in museums, including the Guggenheim Museum, the Whitney Museum Biennial, and the Museum of Modern Art in New York City. In 2004 she was awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship. She has also received two Rockefeller fellowships, as well as a National Endowment for the Arts fellowship, a Jerome Foundation fellowship, New York State Council on the Arts fellowship, New York Foundation for the Arts fellowship, and others. Spiro is an Associate Professor in the Radio-TV-Film Department at the University of Texas at Austin.

## **Order a Copy of the Film Are the Kids Alright?**

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**Are the Kids Alright?**

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You may also call the Hogg Foundation  
toll free at 888-404-4336

*(Please allow 2-4 weeks for delivery.)*

## **Hogg Foundation Names Fellows, Scholarship Winners for 2004-2005**

The Hogg Foundation for Mental Health has announced the recipients of its Mental Health Fellowship Program and Ima Hogg Scholarship for the 2004-2005 academic year.

Kathleen Casey was awarded the Ima Hogg Scholarship, which follows the vision set by Miss Hogg by providing support to a graduate student committed to serving children and their families in a public or not-for-profit setting. Casey is currently enrolled in the Inter-disciplinary Doctor of Philosophy Degree Program at the UT School of Social Work with a concentration in mental health. Over the past six years she has worked at the UT Center for Social Work Research and the LBJ School's RGK Center for Philanthropy and Community Service. She brings with her substantial community service, clinical work, and research experience, which she hopes to use to promote the well being of children and families and support the needs of persons with mental illness.

The Hogg Foundation Mental Health Fellowships were recently expanded to give University of Texas at Austin students an exceptional academic and practical experience in mental health services research, evaluation, and policy analysis. Doctoral students who have completed their master's degree or equivalent coursework were nominated by their department chair or dean. Fellows are required to spend up to 20 hours per week involved in a services, research, or policy project within the Foundation. Project options may include involvement in a research study conducted by Foundation staff, technical assistance to grantees of the Foundation in developing and conducting evaluations, or analysis of important policy problems. The fellowships carry a stipend of \$25,000 a year for up to three years.

The fellows for 2004-2005 are:

Kimberly Francis, a doctoral student in Sociology interested in social justice and social change, applied research, and a commitment to accessible knowledge. Her current research activities are in gender and mental health, more specifically the growing population of girls in the juvenile justice system. She is currently offering services as an evaluation consultant with Girls Empowerment Network in Austin, and as a research consultant for the National Center for Mental Health and Juvenile Justice.

Kelly Gober is a doctoral student in Social Work who possesses a background in technology development for human services and an interest in improving policies and organizational systems that serve at-risk children and their families. She has extensive background in program evaluation and the technological side of social work. Gober has also participated in research projects with the Casey Family Programs and the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services.

La Tonya Noel is a doctoral student in the School of Social Work who has over six years of clinical mental health-related work providing counseling services and mental health placements to patients within acute hospital settings. She has worked on several research projects as a research assistant and secondary investigator developing self-administering, paper and pencil questionnaires and formulating open-ended interview questions for qualitative interviewing. Her current research interests focus upon examining the role of spirituality and religion and the mental health outcomes of people of color.

# Third Quarter Grants 2004

Since 1940, the Hogg Foundation for Mental Health has responded to its mandate by funding service projects and research efforts throughout the state. The Hogg Foundation for Mental Health invites proposals dealing with any aspect of mental health and mental illness. The following are grants awarded through the third quarter of 2004. Where indicated, the award amounts include the total amount committed to the award over multiple years, pending the grantee's meeting its previous year's objectives.

► **Magoffin Safe Haven Project Opportunity Center for the Homeless El Paso**

This three-year award supports the development and implementation of a program to assist homeless persons with mental illness to transition to a permanent housing situation. **\$167,891**

► **Stiernberg/Spencer Family Professorship in Mental Health School of Social Work University of Texas at Austin**

*Austin*  
This grant helps establish a professorship within the UT-Austin School of Social Work to advance evidence-based mental health services for children, youths, and families of color. **\$85,000**

► **Thirteenth Annual School Social Workers Conference School of Social Work University of Texas at Austin**

*Austin*  
This one-time grant supported the keynote speaker for the Thirteenth Annual School Social Workers Conference in February 2004. **\$1,000**

► **Efficacy and Effectiveness of Therapeutic Assessment with Children Department of Educational Psychology University of Texas at Austin**

*Austin*  
This two-year grant supports the implementation and evaluation of a Therapeutic Assessment model that involves clients in the assessment. **\$58,681**

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## Coleman Awarded Emerging Leaders Fellowship by Children's Defense Fund

The Children's Defense Fund's (CDF) Early Childhood Development Division recently announced that Hogg Foundation Program Officer Dr. Marion Tolbert Coleman will be one of thirty-six new fellows to its *Emerging Leaders Fellowship Project: A Policy and Advocacy Fellowship for Emerging Leaders in Early Childhood Care and Education*.

The *Emerging Leaders Project* provides child care, early education, and school-age advocates the information, support, and resources they need to be agents of change.

"The *Emerging Leaders Fellowship Project* is a critical part of the movement to Leave No Child Behind" said Marian Wright Edelman, president and founder of CDF. "Those entrusted with caring, teaching, and advocating for young children hold great responsibility for shaping the lives of the next generation. We need to do more to support early childhood advocates so they can serve our children well."

The thirty-six fellows in the 2004 class come from twenty-four states and join an active, ongoing network of more than 170 fellows.

Coleman was selected via a competitive process based upon her ability to demonstrate "commitment, energy, determination, and creativity" necessary to serve as part of a growing cadre of new leadership in child care and early education. Recognizing that learning and change are long-term commitments, the *Emerging Leaders Fellowship Project* is intended to be an open-ended experience for the designated fellows.

Once accepted to the fellowship network, they are encouraged to participate in training, skills building, and networking opportunities throughout the year, including participation in a Fall Institute at CDF Haley Farm in Clinton, Tennessee; a three-day legislative meeting in Washington, D.C., monthly conference calls; and periodic state gatherings.

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UT-Austin President Dr. Larry Faulkner, who nominated Davis for the award, said that by both measures, Davis has displayed remarkable dedication and commitment.

"Dr. Davis is a leader in advancing minority participation in academic training and clinical practice," said Faulkner. "By enriching the opportunities for minority mental health professionals and expanding the

quality and access to services, Dr. Davis has provided outstanding service to talented young individuals and to society at large."

Minority Access, Inc. is a non-profit educational organization that supports individuals, institutions, federal, state, and local government agencies, and various corporations to diversify campuses and work sites by improving the recruitment, retention and enhancement of minorities. Minority Access, Inc. also provides technical assistance to minorities and minority-serving institutions in order to improve the higher educational, professional, and managerial employment of minorities.

## Behavioral Interventions Topic of RLS Seminar

**From Page One** — building a common language and a data collection framework to better implement restraint and seclusion standards within the context of quality service provision in Texas," Frost said.

Frost added that to focus on alternatives in the Texas context, the Seminar will rely extensively on examples provided by Seminar participants of difficult situations faced by service providers and will seek to develop informed responses to those situations.

This will be the thirteenth Robert Lee Sutherland Seminar hosted by the Hogg Foundation. The seminars are a living tribute to the first director of the Hogg Foundation for Mental Health. Beginning in 1978, and continuing biennially since, the seminars have encouraged people to work cooperatively to address timely issues for the improvement of mental health and the quality of life in Texas.

For more information on the seminar, contact the Hogg Foundation at [info@hogg.utexas.edu](mailto:info@hogg.utexas.edu) or call 888-404-4336.

# Legislative Update:

## *A Citizen's Guide to the Mental Health-Related Actions of the 78th Texas Legislature*

A guide to the multiple changes to Texas' public mental health system enacted by the 78th Texas Legislature is now available FREE from the Hogg Foundation for Mental Health.

*Legislative Update: A Citizen's Guide to the Mental Health-Related Actions of the 78th Texas Legislature* describes the changes to how the state provides mental health services—and who is eligible for them—as a result of the restructuring of the state's health and human service agencies.

"Even in normal circumstances, the work of the Texas Legislature and state regulatory agencies is a confusing and complex process," said Jeffery R. Patterson, Foundation communications director and editor of the publication. "This was especially true during the 78th Texas Legislature, which witnessed perhaps the most ambitious overhaul of health and human services in the state's history."

*Legislative Update* seeks to help laypersons navigate the complexities of the legislative process by drawing upon the expertise of the state's leading mental health agencies and service organizations to contextualize and understand the scope of the changes. Participating in this edition of the *Legislative Update* were the Mental Health Association in Texas, Advocacy, Inc., the Texas Federation of Families, the Texas Mental Health Consumers, Capacity for Justice, and the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation.

Because of the scope of the reorganization, *Legislative Update* is divided into sections that describe the consolidation of health and human services agencies, the redesign of state mental health services, and the redefinition of the priority population eligible for those services. Subsequent chapters delve into specific issue topics affiliated with, or affecting, mental health issues within the state.

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### The Hogg Foundation's Mission

*To develop, support, evaluate, and promote culturally relevant mental health services, research, public policies, and education.*

## Coleman Announces Retirement After Two Decades with Hogg Foundation

**D**r. Marion Tolbert Coleman has announced that she will be retiring from the Hogg Foundation for Mental Health effective Aug. 31, 2004.

In more than two decades at the Foundation, Coleman has been nationally recognized for her expertise in program development and engendering community collaboration, particularly in the area of children and families. Her most ambitious project at the Foundation was the nationally recognized Texas Fragile Families Initiative, a statewide effort involving private and public funders (30 foundations), key state agencies, and local community-based organizations collaboratively working together to support young, low income, unmarried fathers in their efforts to become financially and emotionally involved in their children's lives.



*Dr. Marion Coleman*

Coleman is on the board of directors of Grantmakers for Children, Youth, and Families and created the Fred Rogers Leadership Award for that organization. She will be serving as Vice Chair of the Board of the newly created Collaborative for Children in Houston, a role similar to the one she previously held serving as Vice Chair of Programs of the Greater Houston Collaborative for Children and as a member of its Governing Committee. In 2003, she was elect-

ed an emeritus board member of Texas CASA, an organization whose board she chaired in 1992-1994. She served as chair (1996-2000) of the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services' (TDPRS) Child Abuse Program Evaluation Committee, a statewide interdisciplinary team studying the coordination and standardization of the evaluation of child abuse services in the state of Texas (based on House Bill 2569, passed in the 1995 legislative session and of which she is a co-author) and on the Advisory Committee to Children's Protective Services at TDPRS.

Coleman received her B.A. and M.A. degrees in Sociology from Texas Christian University, and her Ph.D. in Sociology from The University of Texas at Austin. While working toward her doctoral degree, in 1981 she was selected as a Hogg Foundation for Mental Health Evaluation Research Fellow, named a Research Associate the following year, and officially joined the executive staff in 1983. Since 1985, she has been an adjunct faculty member in Sociology at The University of Texas at Austin, and has taught Sociology of the Family and Race and Ethnic Relations. In 1988 she was named Executive Associate of the Hogg Foundation and from 1992-2003 served as the Program Director for its Children and Their Families area.

To "recognize and thank" Coleman for her "accomplishments and selfless efforts" while at the Hogg Foundation, The Brown Foundation, Inc. of Houston made a \$5,000 gift in her name to the Center for Public Policy Priorities in Austin.