

# Greetings from StarrVista!

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF...

StarrVista's newest member, Jennifer McAfee, will be working in Information Systems Department.

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Welcome to our interns!!

## Updates...

- ◆ StarrVista case managers are preparing for a JAIS audit of sixteen cases in May.
- ◆ Daren recently submitted StarrVista's Maintenance of Accreditation (MOA); an annual report accredited organizations must submit as a requirement of COA.

I told my kids that we are no longer saying "shut up" because it sounds mean and can hurt people's feelings. So my kids are getting creative with their use of words. My 9-year-old daughter was talking and talking, and my 6-year-old son couldn't take it anymore and said, "SILENCE YOU PEASANT!"

-- Candy N Erik Cisneros

## StarrVista National Exposure – Youth in Custody Practice Model

~ by Lisa Wilson

Michelle Rowser, Tawana Rogers-Reece and Virdell Thomas attended the Georgetown University McCourt School of Public Policy LEAD Conference: Moving from Research to Policy & Practice to Improve the Lives of Youth. This annual event brings together experts and key stakeholders to examine a particular policy challenge and discuss potential solutions within the Juvenile Justice System. StarrVista is working with the CJJR on the Youth in Custody Practice Model.

The annual event brings leaders from multiple fields of practice together to learn how to more effectively move from research to policy and practice, as well as to celebrate the outstanding work being done across the country to better serve our most disadvantaged children, youth and families. We are thrilled that over 300 attendees from around the U.S. and world were able to partake in this dynamic, thought provoking and engaging learning opportunity in the fulfillment of that goal.

As part of LEAD Conference, Michelle was asked by Shay Bilchik, Director, Center for Juvenile Justice Reform asked some of the conference participants to be interviewed. Shay invited Michelle saying that Michelle "adds a unique lens into the work of the CJJR".

Congratulations Michelle and Team for your hard work and dedication that is pushing StarrVista onto a national platform!



## New Center Community Services Family Support Series 2017

### "How to Support a Family Member w/Manic, Impulsive, & Explosive Behaviors"

*Develop skills to support & engage those experiencing devastating symptoms that could result in life threatening behaviors. Develop a relationship that "Makes Life Worth Living."*

Presented By  
Jessica Kotula, LMSW

Thursday, June 8, 2017  
5:30pm - 7:00pm

New Center Community Services ♦ Grand-Dex Plaza  
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Free To Attend, Light Refreshments

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With a commitment to the community that surrounds New Center Community Services, efforts are being made not only to provide the utmost care to those we serve, but to those who are affected by mental health illness. Too often those affected, but least recognized are the immediate family and community members, who provide care and services to those who are touched by this crippling illness. New Center Community Services recognizes the need to educate and support the family and community members by providing immediate support to the countless individuals with mental illness in our community.

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