

CSA has created a centralized unit for MJC Students

Great News! Stanislaus County Community Services Agency (CSA) has created a centralized unit that specializes in Modesto Junior College CalWORKs Participants. This centralization is exclusive to the Modesto CSA office. The MJC CalWORKs Staff would like to express our thanks to CSA and welcome the Case Workers assigned to this unit: Dee Tate, Cristina Garcia, Laura Ortega, and Dorothy Love-Popp.

If Modesto Junior College is part of your Welfare-to-Work Plan, your case will be transferred to one of the four case workers in this unit. You will be closely monitored for participation, attendance, satisfactory academic progress, and that you are following your MJC educational plan.

CSA plans to house case workers in the MJC CalWORKs Office two days a week starting in the Spring of 2010.

End-of-the-Year Celebration



On Tuesday April 21st, 2009 Modesto Junior College CalWORKs Program held its annual End-of-the-Year Celebration to recognize the many successes of students. Last year 115 students were recognized for achieving academic excellence, degrees, and certificates.

Of the 115 students recognized, twelve graduated with an Associate of Arts degree or an Associate of Science degree and certificates. Fourteen students were recognized for earning a cumulative GPA of a 4.0. Seventeen students were recognized for a GPA of 3.5-3.99 and seventy were recognized for having a 3.0-3.49 GPA.

CalWORKs Forms Now Online

CalWORKs strives to provide students with the highest level of service. For your convenience, "Participation Records" and "Grade Checks" are now available online. Forms can easily be accessed from the MJC website under CalWORKs.

The theme for last year's event was "Portraits of Success" to showcase the success of all our amazing students. Two CalWORKs students, Dealia White and Laura Garcia were each awarded a \$100 scholarship from CalWORKs and both gave inspirational and heartfelt speeches. During the celebration the CalWORKs director, Myra Rush, gave opening remarks followed by greetings from the Vice President of Student Services, Dr. Bob Nadell.

Community Services Agency (CSA) staff, work-study supervisors, and the California Community College Chancellor's Office CalWORKs staff were invited to the celebration to recognize the dedication and hard work of our students in accomplishing their goals.

Special Opportunity for Child Development Students



Child Development Careers Project

Are you taking classes toward an Early Childhood Education Teacher Certificate?

Would you like to earn a permit or degree in Child Development?

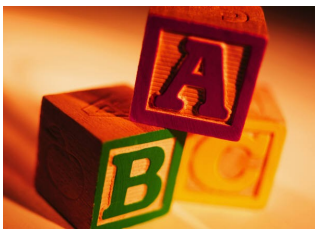
The Child Development Careers Program, (formerly TANF-CDC Program) may assist you in obtaining an Associate Teacher or Teacher permit.

Requirements:

- You must have received cash aid at one time or currently be receiving cash aid and show proof.
- You must be able to pass fingerprints and background clearance.
- You must be an MJC student.

Services provided:

- Funds for employment fingerprinting fees.
- Placement in paid child care positions to gain required work experience for associate teacher and teacher permits.
- Funding for emergency transportation, tutoring and/or book loan.



For more information contact: Lisa Schut at 209-575-6972 or the CalWORKs office 209-575-7770

CalWORKs communicating through student email

The time has come!! CalWORKs is now corresponding with students via e-mail only. Start checking your student e-mail weekly....Don't miss out on important information.

Haven't activated your e-mail? Set-up your MJC Student Email Account NOW at www.mjc.edu.

Information is no longer being sent to your personal e-mail account. For assistance contact the Helpdesk at 209-575-7900.

Don't be left stranded...



Important Dates/Deadlines



Book Loan Program: Books must be returned by December 19th to the CalWORKs Office. A hold will be placed on your account if books are not returned.

Childcare Sign-In Sheet: Due by the 6th of each month to the CalWORKs Office.

Grade Check Form: Due November 3rd.

Participation Records: Due by the 10th of each month to the CalWORKs Office.

MJC Scholarship Application: Deadline December 18, 2009 before 5:00 p.m.

FAFSA: Apply for financial aid (FAFSA) on January 1, 2010 or soon after to have priority consideration for campus-based funds.

Upcoming Holidays:
Veterans Day- November 11
Thanksgiving- November 26-27-
Winter Break (campus closed)
December 24-January 1