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Where Are They Now?

One of the goals of the Ray Marshall Center is to serve as a training ground for future researchers and policy makers. On occasion, we will provide updates on past employees and student researchers.

Livier Cabezas, a recent LBJ School graduate and a former graduate research assistant at the Ray Marshall Center, is currently the project manager of the State of Health Insurance in California (SHIC) Project for the Health Insurance Studies Program at UCLA. The SHIC Project uses data

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40th Anniversary 1970-2010

The Center is gearing up to celebrate its 40th anniversary by hosting a symposium, ***Policy Responses for the New Economy***, on Tuesday, October 19, 2010. The symposium includes three exciting panels:

The State of the Labor Market: Responses to the "New Normal"

Sponsored by the [John J. Heldrich Center for Workforce Development, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey](#)

Reforming Education Policy

Sponsored by the [National Center on Education and the Economy](#)

New Policy Narratives for Workforce Development

Sponsored by the [Annie E. Casey Foundation](#) and the [Texas Association of Workforce Boards](#)

In addition to the panels and a luncheon, the event includes ***An Evening with the Secretaries***, a reception hosted by former U.S. Secretaries of Labor. Confirmed speakers include Carolyn Heinrich, Christopher King, Robert Lerman, Carl Van Horn, and former Secretaries Alexis Herman and Ray Marshall, among others.

Additional information about the event can be found on our [website](#).

Center News

Central Texas Student Futures Project Highlighted in the Austin Business Journal

The [Austin Business Journal](#) reported on a recent grant made by TG to the E3 Alliance, a partner in the [Student Futures Project](#). This grant will further the project's effort to improve college persistence for the region's low-income and first-generation students at several area colleges and universities. Currently, only 43% of high school graduates from the Central Texas region that attend Texas colleges graduate within six years. With this grant, the project will enhance its data tracking capabilities and support higher education partners in developing shared programming to improve retention.

Educating Local Leaders on Evaluating Community Partnerships

from the California Health Interview Survey (CHIS) to provide comprehensive estimates of the effects of health insurance coverage in the state twice a year, including the consequences of not having insurance.

Cabezas was recently a guest speaker on Linea Abierta, which is a program of Radio Bilingue, a Spanish public radio station. On the program, Cabezas spoke about SHIC's latest study, what it means for the Latino community, and next steps that should be taken. This was an excellent discussion on health care reform and how it impacts the Latino community, especially in the middle of this recession. Click [here](#) to listen to the program.

Educating Local Leaders on Evaluating Community Partnerships

A series of classes were recently held for regional leaders on using partnerships to solve community problems. The Ray Marshall Center's [Christopher King](#) and [Tara Smith](#) taught the last class in this series with LBJ graduate Lawrence Lyman, a senior policy analyst with Travis County's Health and Human Services Department on August 12th. King and Smith presented information on how evaluations can be conducted on initiatives that involve multiple partner agencies within the community.

Project Update

New Project to Help Goodwill Improve Local Workforce Services

The Ray Marshall Center is collaborating with Goodwill Industries of Central Texas (GICT) and Goodwill Industries International on their Strategic Positioning Project. This project aims to strengthen GICT's efforts to assist community members whose needs and circumstances undermine their ability to obtain and maintain meaningful employment.



The Center will develop a return-on-investment approach to determine community level effects of existing GICT programs, as well as map participants, services, and job placements in Central Texas. This information will be used to assess the effectiveness of GICT's existing workforce services for youth, disadvantaged adults, and persons with disabilities. In addition, the project will create mechanisms to improve outcomes by intensifying and/or expanding current services, extending or shifting geographic and/or target group coverage, or introduce new options to the current array of services offered.