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GET RECOGNIZED PUT A TSEU STICKER ON YOUR CAR

TSEU members are everywhere. We should not keep it a secret: we need the visibility in our communities, and our parking lots. There are 2500 TSEU members in the Austin area, 2200 around Houston, 1800 in the DFW area, 350 in Lubbock, 600 in the Valley: we really are everywhere. *FACTOID: There is at least one TSEU member in every Texas city and town with over 5000 residents. How big a difference would it make if even half of us had bumper stickers on our cars?*

TWO TSEU STICKERS TO CHOOSE!

In addition to our classic "Texas flag" TSEU bumper sticker, we also have a "Euro-style TSEU", oval window sticker (AT RIGHT). By around mid-September, your TSEU organizer should have supplies of each sticker.





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GENERAL ASSEMBLY / OCTOBER 1-3 / AUSTIN

**MAKE YOUR PLANS NOW -
IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN US AT GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

All TSEU members (and families) are invited to attend General Assembly. Any TSEU member can participate in discussions and debates. Only the final votes on issues are reserved to elected delegates.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2010 HIGHLIGHTS:

- Bill White and Linda Chavez-Thompson will speak
- Don't miss the dance Saturday night (free event)
- In Austin that weekend? Come for the banquet and dance (AT LEAST!)

Call the TSEU office for details. Hope to see you at General Assembly!

TSEU-CWA COPE:

Political muscle for state workers

The election results this year will make a huge difference in how legislators respond to the budget crisis. The situation is critical, with progressives and moderates of both parties being challenged by a movement that will want to slash government - at any cost!

Turning out the TSEU vote: TSEU COPE activists are putting the highest priority on turning out a strong vote by TSEU members. TSEU political power depends partly on how important we are in each election, and our goal is to make TSEU a powerful force.

We need you: Join COPE now and get involved in making a difference for state workers and for the services we provide. Contact your organizer or a TSEU office for more information.



TSEU/FPS WEEK OF ACTION

AUGUST 30 - SEPTEMBER 4

Across the state, union members in FPS will be holding organizing events in their offices to get more coworkers involved in TSEU. Contact the Dallas office (214.942.4305) to help plan an event for Week of Action. You will also be able to download Week of Action material from the FPS Caucus page of the TSEU website.

For now, the following offices will have information and sign-up tables during FPS Week of Action - we will send out written or email notices as more events are planned.

WESTMORELAND FPS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

FPS MASTERS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Department of Labor subpoenas FPS

On Friday, July 11th, DFPS notified staff in CPS Investigations that the agency received an administrative subpoena from the US Department of Labor, Wage and Hour Division. As a result, DFPS is required to identify and preserve any information relating to the hours worked (particularly unscheduled hours worked) by the following specific categories of CPS caseworkers for the time period June 1, 2008 to the present: CPS Investigator II - V; and CPS Senior Investigator.

While the Department of Labor investigation is developing, it will hopefully bring to light the crisis that has been felt on the frontlines of the agency. High caseloads, pressure to close cases, and mandatory weekend work make a hard job even more difficult. These fundamental problems all stem from the agency being understaffed. Other factors, such as shuffling positions, constantly increasing documentation requirements and shrinking time requirements have also contributed to the crisis in DFPS.

Whether or not the Department of Labor action prompts changes in the policies and practices at DFPS, we will still have to push state leaders to support quality state services. Nearly all the ideas for addressing the predicted \$18 Billion budget hole involve cutting services for clients and compensation for employees. The crisis currently being felt on the frontlines of DFPS shows that there is no fat to cut, and the belt has already been tightened too much.

DADS ARLINGTON (MATLOCK RD)

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 27

Information and Sign-up Table
& Brown Bag Lunch Meeting

Breakroom 10:00 AM-3:00PM

drop in any time!

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Information and Sign-up Table