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Question: How do the programs of UD’s Center for Catholic Education’s Urban Child Development Resource Center (UCDRC) reflect three of the seven themes of Catholic Social Teaching?

Current Research:
• Maslow’s Hierarchy of Needs states that the social and emotional needs of the child should be supported in order for the child to learn.
• Most children in need of mental health services do not receive them due to the distribution of funding at the federal, state and district levels.
• Teachers’ lack of preparation and understanding of mental health leads to students not receiving services.

Future Planning:
• Focusing on three of the seven themes of Catholic Social Teaching as stated by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops:
  • Call to Family, Community and Participation; Option for the Poor and Vulnerable; Life and Dignity for the Human Person
• This research will compare the 2011-2012 end of year report with the above themes.

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