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Innovative Social Work Practice in Rural Communities Focus of National Institute at UNH Aug. 6-9

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DURHAM, N.H. -- Health and human services professionals from around the country will gather at the University of New Hampshire Aug. 6-9, 2003, for the 28th National Institute on Social Work and Human Services in Rural Areas.

Sponsored by UNH's Department of Social Work, the institute will highlight the importance of identifying needs and meeting challenges to foster innovative practice in rural communities. It will take place at UNH's Memorial Union Building.

Gary Bailey, National Association of Social Work president, will be a featured speaker Aug. 7, at noon. Other featured topics include:

- Domestic Violence and Child Maltreatment. Wednesday Aug. 6, 9 a.m.
- What's So Different About Rural Health Care? Wednesday Aug. 6, 1 p.m.
- Rural Underemployment and Health. Thursday, Aug. 7, 9 a.m.
- Faith-Based Mentoring Programs. Thursday, Aug. 7, 10:30 a.m.
- Counting the Homeless: Educating Students in Rural Community-Based Practice. Thursday, Aug. 7, 1 p.m.
- Employment for Anyone, Anywhere, Anytime: Creating Jobs in a

No-Jobs Environment. Friday, Aug. 8, 9 a.m.

-Welfare-to-Work: A Rural Perspective, Friday, Aug. 8, 10:30 a.m.

-Mental Health of Children in Poverty: Rural vs. Urban. Friday, Aug 8, 1 p.m.

-Healthy Aging: Interdisciplinary Strategies for Communities and Practitioners. Sat., Aug. 9, 10:30 a.m.

For more information, contact Robert Jolley, chairman of UNH's Department of Social Work, at 603-862-0215 or rej@cisunix.unh.edu. For conference registration call 603-862-1900.

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