

2008 News Archive

- December 15, 2008 - an article in the *Baltimore Examiner* (which no longer publishes) emphasized the unique approach of CFCC's **Truancy Court Program (TCP)**. The article described how the program engages Baltimore City Public School staff, volunteer judges from the Baltimore City District and Circuit Courts, University of Baltimore law students, and TCP students and their families in a collaborative effort to uncover and address the reasons why a child is absent from school. The article noted that the TCP is a therapeutic, non-punitive approach to truancy.
- June 11, 2008 - The Baltimore Sun published an op-ed by Professor Barbara A. Babb, CFCC Director, and Gloria Danziger, CFCC Senior Fellow, about CFCC's Truancy Court Program (TCP). "Tackling truancy at its source" discusses the TCP's approach to solve the problems that give rise to students' truant behavior. The authors describe what happens when we ignore these problems and why the TCP devotes substantial time and effort to fashion effective solutions.
- May 21, 2008 - The *Washington Blade* featured commentary by CFCC's director, Professor Barbara A. Babb, on "**Md. high court ends child visitation for lesbian.**" The article, posted by Southern Voice Online, explained the Maryland Court of Appeals' decision regarding child visitation rights for ex-partners of same-sex couples.
- May 2, 2008 - The *Baltimore Sun* published an article highlighting the therapeutic and preventive aspects of CFCC's **Truancy Court Program**. "Dispensing discipline at city truancy court" features First Lady and volunteer Truancy Court Program judge Katie O'Malley, **CFCC Senior Fellow Gloria Danziger**, and former Truancy Court Program Coordinator Patricia Schminke.
- April 2, 2008 - CFCC's Director, **Professor Barbara A. Babb**, appeared on a WJZ-TV news segment focusing on the murder of three young children by their father in a Baltimore City hotel. The piece, "Dad Accused of Killing Faces Death Penalty," was aired on April 2, 2008. The father, Mark Castillo, pleaded guilty in the deaths, and has been sentenced to three life terms without the possibility of parole.