

**California State University, Stanislaus
Master of Social Work Program**

Name: _____ Date: _____

CRIMINAL RECORDS

Felony Conviction Advisement

In our experience, agencies are frequently seeking to obtain prior criminal record information when students are placed in field practicum. Increasingly, social workers and social work interns will be required to undergo background checks as a condition of employment and field placement. Background checks can include criminal record checks, checks of central child abuse registries, and checks of sex offender registries. In addition, the state-licensing agency (Board of Behavioral Sciences) requires a criminal background check when applicants apply for a license. While criminal history information is evaluated on a case by case basis, applicants should be aware of possible limitations on placement opportunities, eventual jobs, and professional licensing. We suggest that you disclose any prior felony conviction information on your field application because it may influence the required practicum placement. **You are required, however, to disclose any convictions for violent crimes or crimes against children in your admission application packet.**

Required Information: Criminal History

Have you ever been convicted of a violent crime or crime against children?

YES _____ NO _____

Offense: _____

Date of Conviction: _____

Disposition: _____

Review Process

Criminal history will not be included in the competitive application review process. If you are qualified to be accepted to the program, however, a history of a violent crime or a crime against children will result in a further review, including an interview, prior to a final admission decision.

None of this advisement is intended to discourage you from applying to the program.