

Important Information to Note Before Applying to the Title IV-E Program

*You **MUST** already be accepted/admitted to the Masters of Social Work Program in order to have your application be considered for the Title IV-E Program.*

*We **CANNOT** accept any hybrid program students into the Title IV-E Program, as we do **NOT** have a hybrid Title IV-E program at this campus.*

*If you are accepted/admitted into the 2 Year Full-time MSW Program, you are **ONLY** allowed to apply for the 2 Year Full-Time Title IV-E Program. If you are accepted/admitted into the 3 Year Part-Time MSW Program, you are **ONLY** allowed to apply to the 3 Year Part-Time Title IV-E Program.*

*If you are a county employee, you are **ONLY** eligible to apply for the 3 Year Title IV-E Program.*

Please read the application instructions fully. If you have any questions, please email titleive@csustan.edu.

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, STANISLAUS
Master of Social Work Program
Title IV-E · Child Welfare Training Program Application

Application Deadline: May 5th, 2023

I am applying to be considered for (check one):

☐ **2-YEAR PROGRAM AWARD**

☐ **3-YEAR PROGRAM AWARD** (Must be a current county or state social services employee)

Name _____
FIRST LAST

Mailing Address _____
ADDRESS CITY ZIP

Primary Phone _____

Message/Work Phone (IF APPLICABLE) _____

E-Mail _____

Languages Spoken Other than English _____

Ethnicity _____ Decline to Answer ☐

Do you identify as Native American?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If so with which tribe(s) do you identify citizenship or descendency? _____

1. DO YOU HAVE VALID DRIVERS LICENSE?

Yes ☐ No ☐

2. CAR AVAILABLE DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR? (Note stipend students must carry car insurance and will be asked to provide proof of insurance)

Yes ☐ No ☐

3. CAN YOU PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION THAT YOU ARE ALLOWED TO WORK IN THE UNITED STATES?
(for example, social security card, birth certificate or driver's license)

Yes ☐ No ☐

I am a current county public child welfare services worker or county department of social services employee. Yes ☐ ***IF YES (complete this page and review page 3)***

No ☐ GO TO PAGE 5

NAME OF AGENCY: _____

ADDRESS: _____

WORK PHONE: _____

CURRENT JOB TITLE: _____

SUPERVISOR'S NAME: _____

Dates of Employment:

From _____ to _____

Applying for educational leave?

Yes ☐ No ☐

I have spoken to my department/administrator and have its support to attend the MSW program as a (3-Yr) three-year, IV-E stipend supported student. My agency understands that I will be required to attend classes in the late afternoon and during the first two years of the program have two days per week of field practicum for each semester in the child welfare division of the agency, in a unit that I am not currently working.

Yes ☐ No ☐

Name of administrator supporting this application:

_____	_____	_____
Name	Title	Phone

NOTE: If you are accepted into the stipend program, we will need a letter from the county agency stating their understanding of the support they will provide and their willingness to hire you as a Social Worker IV or equivalent in child welfare upon your successful graduation if a job is available.

This section only applies to 3-year stipend applicants:

Letter of Support from Agency:

If you are applying for the **three-year** award and plan to continue working for your department of social services, you can begin your preparations. **The Child Welfare Training Program requires a letter of support from your agency administration if you are selected and awarded the three-year stipend.** This letter should clearly affirm the following:

1. In accordance with the Title IV-E program general conditions, your agency commits to support you during your education by reducing your paid employment case load by 2/5 during your first two academic years, while you are required to be placed as an intern for two days a week in a field placement, in your agency, in a unit other than your regular job, that provides a learning experience approved by the University.
2. That the agency will support your attendance in all classes required by the MSW program to complete your degree, including schedule flexibility and/or other accommodations, to allow you to arrive on time to classes.
3. That upon your successful completion of the MSW degree program and continued positive employment reviews that the agency will support your application for employment as a Social Worker IV or comparable position in the agency if there are positions open.
4. If there are no positions offered, that you are freed to apply to other agencies to fulfill your payback requirements (2 years).

If, for any reason your agency is unable or unwilling to support these affirmations please contact the Project Coordinator to discuss your options.

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Please feel free to contact the Title IV-E Child Welfare Training Program, if you or your agency administration have questions regarding this process or the letter of support from the agency.

We would like to know your knowledge, understanding, and experiences in regards to the Public Child Welfare System.

Please answer the following questions below with the best of your knowledge. Attach a separate TYPED sheet(s) of paper with your answers to the questions listed below.

1. Please describe your understanding of the Public Child Welfare System. (Including what you understand as its purpose, mission, structure, and what you see as the social justice issues you may face.) How do you see yourself impacting children, young people, and their families as a new Master of Social Work?
2. There are many careers in social work that support children and families. If you intend to work in Public Child Welfare or already are, please explain why you have chosen to be a part of the Public Child Welfare system. Describe how this particular field fits your personal values and commitments.
3. Please explain how your volunteer, paid employment, and/or life experience has prepared you for a career as a social worker in Public Child Welfare.
4. Public Child Welfare work is often considered some of the most challenging work in our profession. You may have heard stories or seen various depictions of the Public Child Welfare workers. Based on your understanding of the work, what do you see as your potential strengths and concerns of how you imagine your role as a CPS worker?
5. What do you see as the Public Child Welfare system's current and historical impact on children, young people, and families and their communities?

All applicants please review and sign bottom of page

I understand that accepting this award **requires that I meet and maintain all of the following requirements:**

- Maintain enrollment in the MSW program and maintain a 3.0 GPA.
- Maintain automobile insurance while enrolled in the MSW program.
- Successfully complete and receive a grade of CREDIT in field seminar and two fieldwork placements One placement will be in a public child welfare agency and the other placement will be in either a different public agency, or a non-profit agency that serves IV-E children and families. You also must attend ALL workshops scheduled as they are focused on Child Welfare.
- Successfully complete the 2-year or the 3-year MSW program in the normal time (unless a hardship is granted).
- Complete **required** Specialized Child Welfare Curriculum, including:
 - ✓ Complete MSW Curriculum
 - ✓ SW 5043 - Advanced Intervention and Assessment in Child Abuse and Neglect
 - ✓ Field seminars focusing on child welfare practice
 - ✓ At least one year of internship in Public Child Welfare
 - ✓ Completion of Foundation and Advanced Competency Documentation

If you accept a child welfare stipend you will be asked to agree to the following:

To maintain contact with the Department of Social Work Child Welfare Training Program for the required (2) two-year payback period and to notify the department immediately of any change of contact information, address and/or employment status.

That you have never been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor crime that would disqualify me from employment in a California county or state Child Welfare System.

That you have never been discharged from employment at a county or other social services agency due to violation of county/state code/merit system rules or violation of agency or professional codes of ethics.

That you will honor your contractual obligation to search for employment and work in a public child welfare agency as a social worker and if necessary (as per your contract) accept full-time employment **anywhere in the state of California.**

I have read and understand all the information contained on this page of the application

Applicant Signature

Date

Submit application by:

- **E-MAIL TO:** titleive@csustan.edu
(If e-mailing please check that all documents are attached)
Include in the subject line: Fall 2022 Title IV-E application
- **MAIL TO** (Application must be postmarked by deadline)
Title IV-E Child Welfare Training Program
CSUS Social Work Department
One University Circle
Turlock, CA 95382
- **OR DROP OFF APPLICATION IN DROP BOX OUTSIDE THE
SW DEPARTEMENT**
Office location: Demergasso-Bava Hall Building **DBH 122**

Selection process for a child welfare award will include an interview by a panel made up of social workers in public child welfare and MSW faculty or staff. In addition, you will be asked to respond in writing to a question at the time of the interview.

*For Questions Contact the Title IV-E office by email
titleive@csustan.edu OR :*

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Please note that staff have returned to campus. You can reach them via email or phone.