

FACT SHEET

SERVE: Indigenous Social Work for Change



OVERVIEW: SERVE aims to recruit students interested in serving Tribal Nations into the California Title IV-E Education Program (Cal IV-E) with a specialization in Public Child Welfare. Title IV-E is part of the Social Security Act managed by the Administration for Children and Families of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and provides stipends for the following students with a specialization in Public Child Welfare:

- BASW full-time students, a stipend of \$20,270 for the final year of study
- MSW full-time students, a stipend of \$25,000 per academic year
- Part-Time MSW and Pathway BASW & MSW* reimbursement stipends for student expenses including tuition, books and travel; dollar amounts vary by program (*Limited to current county employees, CDSS, or tribal employees*).

NOTE: Cal IV-E Students are able to payback their service requirement (one year for each year of funding) with a tribe or tribal agency/organization anywhere in the U.S..

SERVE VISION:

Envisions Tribal sovereign nations and Indigenous communities as sustainable healthy communities that use healing interventions to provide empowerment, mentorship, and leadership development; to promote cultural preservation and appreciation of Indigenous cultures by recognizing and supporting Tribal sovereignty, and protecting cultural rights and identity of Indigenous peoples.

SERVE MISSION:

Committed to the well-being and cultural preservation of American Indian/Alaska Native children and families by increasing the numbers of social work graduates interested in serving Native communities; fostering leadership development; developing partnerships between Tribal sovereign nations and other stakeholders; and implementing decolonizing social work curricula to reflect community-based, culturally appropriate Indigenous values and the promotion of Tribal sovereignty and self-determination.

SERVE OBJECTIVES:

1. To increase the enrollment and graduation of social work students committed to serving Tribal nations from California universities offering Bachelor's of Social Work (BASW) and Master's of Social Work (MSW) degrees;
2. To increase the number of opportunities for all BASW and MSW students to complete field placements at Tribal agencies, or agencies that work extensively with Tribal populations;
3. To increase partnerships between Tribal organizations and advocacy groups and schools of social work throughout California;
4. To increase capacity and curriculum of the Cal IV-E Program affiliated schools to train social workers in culturally appropriate service directly related to the values of California's Native populations.

BACKGROUND:

SERVE was initiated in 1981 at UC Berkeley through the American Indian/Alaskan Native Program in Social Welfare. In 1999, SERVE was adopted by CalSWEC and grew into a statewide effort that operated from California State University, Stanislaus, where it helped to form collaborative working relationships with 67 of 110 California Tribal agencies. In the summer of 2011, SERVE was expanded and restructured in an effort to strategically increase statewide outreach and development efforts. It now operates from three distinct locations for the state's Northern, Central, and Southern regions (See map on page 2) as part of the California Title IV-E Education Program hosted by UC Davis and UCLA in partnership with the California Department of Social Services.

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Program Regions

Northern Region

SCHOOLS

CSU Chico
Cal Poly Humboldt
Sacramento State University

Central Region

SCHOOLS

CSU Bakersfield
CSU East Bay
CSU Fresno
CSU Monterey Bay
CSU Stanislaus
San Francisco State University
San Jose State University
University of California, Berkeley

Southern Region

SCHOOLS

CSU Dominguez Hills
CSU Fullerton
CSU Long Beach
CSU Los Angeles
CSU Northridge
CSU San Bernardino
CSU San Marcos
San Diego State University
University of California, Los Angeles



* Click on a school's name to be taken to its social work department's website

SERVE MAY ASSIST WITH:

- Interested students applying to BASW and MSW programs within California, including Cal IV-E Stipend Programs
- Connecting Indigenous students to placements in Tribal agencies, Rancherias, or agencies that work extensively with Tribal populations
- Establishing field placement sites for interns at Tribal agencies, Rancherias and/or child protection service agencies
- Trainings on Native American issues in social welfare and child welfare for universities and child protective agencies

For more information about the California Title IV-E Education Program and SERVE, participating schools and how to apply visit our websites:

http://l.lead.me/IV_E



https://qrco.de/SERVE_Info

