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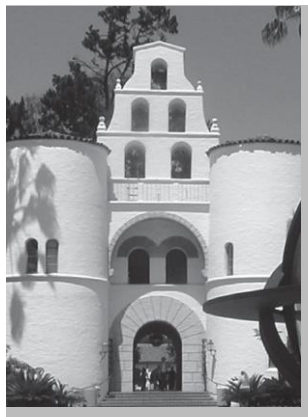
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California Title IV-E MSW Child Welfare Stipend Program

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*Cultivating the knowledge for global change... one
community at a time.*

Background

The San Diego State University School of Social Work, California Title IV-E MSW Child Welfare Program was designed in response to the shortage of MSW's in public child welfare agencies. In 1993, the California Department of Social Services contracted with the California Social Work Education Center (CalSWEC) to provide support for MSW students specializing in child welfare through the Title IV-E of the Social Security Act. CalSWEC is a joint effort of the accredited graduate schools of social work in California, the 58 County Welfare Directors, NASW, mental health representatives and private foundations. The California Title IV-E MSW Child Welfare Stipend Program gives priority to students who have the capacity and commitment to serve a diverse population in public child welfare. The program is available through the SDSU School of Social Work as result of collaboration with the San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency and Imperial County Department of Social Services.

Goals

- Encourages highly qualified students to pursue careers in public child welfare.
- Insures these students develop the competencies to offer quality child welfare and social work services.
- Increases child welfare capacity to serve a diverse population and educate program participants so that they will be able to serve and advocate for culturally different families.
- Encourages a high retention rate of these students when they are employed in public child welfare.
- Enhances the collaborative relationships between the School of Social Work and the County Department of Social Services.

Program Description

Qualified MSW students will receive a \$18,500 per year taxable stipend for up to 2 years (full time) or for employees of a County child welfare and/or Social Services agency, educational reimbursement up to 4 years (part time). They must sign legally binding contracts to render 2 years of continuous and satisfactory full time employment in a California county or tribal public child welfare agency upon graduation. American Indian students are encouraged to apply and have other payback options.

- MSW students will participate in:
 - Competency-based child welfare curriculum
 - Child welfare workshops
 - Field placements in public child welfare agencies and tribal settings.
 - Dual PPSC and IV-E Programs: Students may be considered for a dual Pupil Personnel Services Credential Program while receiving a Title IV-E Stipend.
- Interested MSW students must begin the program in the Fall semester only. Two applications are required which are available via the following websites:
 - SDSU Graduate & Post Baccalaureate Admissions: <http://www.csumentor.edu>
 - SDSU School of Social Work MSW Program: <http://socialwork.sdsu.edu>

(Interest in the California Title IV-E MSW Child Welfare Stipend Program can be designated on the MSW application).
- For information and questions about the SDSU Title IVE MSW Stipend Program call 619-594-8709 or 594-6888.

Qualifications for Title IV-E

- Students must be admitted to the SDSU MSW program.
- Priority will be given to current permanent employees of the County/State Department of Social Services and admitted students who have the capacity and commitment to serve a diverse population.
- Other desirable qualities: demonstrated commitment to a career in public child welfare; experience in working with disadvantaged children and families; capability for graduate level education; fluency in a second language of need in public child welfare.
- Employees of DSS applying for the full-time stipend must elect to take an educational leave, however, may work during breaks. Those applying for the part time program may continue to work full time and be eligible for the educational reimbursements. They must be authorized by the agency for participation in the program.
- Graduates who are unable to fulfill their agreement to obtain work in a public child welfare agency within a California county or state child welfare agency by 6 months after graduation, must agree to repay the full amount of funds received within 5 years plus interest. Failure to meet the requirements of the program will also require repayment.
- Applicants for the competitive Title IV-E MSW Stipend are interviewed and selected by the Awards Committee. Awards are announced in early to late Spring of each year.