

WHO ARE THE PCW CALSWEC FACULTY?

PCW CalSWEC at UCLA is led by:

- Mary Kay Oliveri, L.C.S.W., Project Coordinator
- Todd Franke, Ph.D., Department Chair
- Gerry Laviña, L.C.S.W., Director of Field

All UCLA Faculty are involved in the training of P C W CalSWEC students. The Public Child Welfare Curriculum Planning Committee assures that the specialization requirements reflect practice needs. The Faculty who teach the Public Child Welfare Curriculum include:

- Mary Kay Oliveri, L.C.S.W., Diplomate
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- Aurora Jackson, Ph.D.
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- Wayne Morrow, Esq., Child Welfare Law Specialist
- Eva Vera-Morrow, Esq., Principal Deputy County Counsel

WHAT HAVE FORMER STUDENTS SAID ABOUT PCW CALSWEC?

- Jamie Briskin, MSW (2011) "I learned during my time in the MSW program that I cannot change a person's behavior and choices, that responsibility belongs to them alone, I can, however, assist in facilitating their change."
- Stephanie Montez, MSW (2009) "I gained a lot from my education at UCLA and my PCW CalSWEC experience. It gave me a solid foundation and the knowledge to provide best practice social work to children and families. I am able to see the whole picture and utilize my assessment skills to see what services and types of interventions will best help our clients."
- Candace Hernandez, MSW (2010) "During the program I learned how to empathize while still having healthy boundaries which is why I am able to continue this work today. I was also offered guidance and supervision from the field staff and the professors at school."

WHO DO I CONTACT IF I HAVE FURTHER QUESTIONS REGARDING PCW CALSWEC AT UCLA?

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CalSWEC

California Social Work Education Center

The California Social Work Education Center (CalSWEC) is a statewide partnership among:

- 21 graduate schools of social work in California
- 58 county departments of social services in the state of California
- California Department of Social Services
- National Association of Social Workers
- California Mental Health Directors Association
- Private Foundations

Public Child Welfare (PCW) CalSWEC's mission is to increase the availability and retention of professionally-trained social workers and child welfare staff in public social services in California. With federal Title IV-E funding, PCW CalSWEC provides stipends for 24 MSW students in the full-time program at UCLA.

The following are a series of frequently asked questions about PCW CalSWEC.

WHY SHOULD I CHOOSE PCW CALSWEC?

If you are an MSW candidate with a strong interest in pursuing a career in public child welfare, then PCW CalSWEC is an opportunity to subsidize your education

PCW CalSWEC is a two-year stipend program that offers \$18,500 per year. Students who receive this assistance “payback” the stipend with two years of employment at any public child welfare (PCW) agency in the state of California. Students interested in working with Native American populations have more payback options.

PCW CalSWEC attempts to recruit students who reflect the needs and ethnic makeup of the public child welfare client base. A preference is given to candidates who are current public social services and public child welfare employees.

HOW DO I QUALIFY FOR PCW CALSWEC?

Candidates must first be admitted into the UCLA MSW program. Candidates who indicate an interest in Children and Youth Services are encouraged to apply. All students are sent an application to consider.

WHAT IS THE APPLICATION PROCESS?

There is a two part application process which includes a written application and then an interview. Generally, this is a rolling process, in which applications are processed as they are received, that begins in April and ends in June.

The application includes questions about your understanding of PCW CalSWEC requirements and public child welfare goals. The statewide CalSWEC website is: <http://calswec.berkeley.edu>

The interview will explore your interest and experience working with this population. The interview panelists are P C W CalSWEC faculty and a public child welfare supervisor.

P C W CalSWEC UCLA-DCFS (Department of Children and Family Services) Partnership. Official PCW CalSWEC award notifications are typically made in July.

WHAT OPTIONS DO I HAVE AND WHAT ARE THE COURSE REQUIREMENTS?

PCW CalSWEC students can choose to be either in the Social Work with Individuals, Families, and Groups (SWIFG) or Social Work with Organizations, Communities, and Planning (SWOCP) concentration.

Many elective courses are available to enhance your education.

- Social Work and the Law
- Advanced Research with a focus on child welfare
- Public Child Welfare Integrative Seminar
- Advanced practice: public child welfare
- Policy seminar: child welfare focus
- Adult and child psychopathology
- Public Child Welfare Practice Series

WHAT ARE THE PLACEMENTS?

PCW CalSWEC has taken traditional second year placements and modified them for first year PCW CalSWEC students.

Students are introduced to service delivery by a cadre of carefully selected field instructors. Together with the PCW CalSWEC field liaison and the student, an individualized instruction program that parallels classroom learning is developed. These agencies emphasize direct clinical services to children and families at risk for PCW intervention. They include:

- Aviva Family and Children's Services
- California Hospital Pico Union Family Preservation Network

- Coastal Asian Pacific Mental Health Center
- Covenant House
- El Nido Family Centers
- Foothill Family Services
- Kaiser Baldwin Park
- Kaiser Permanente Watts Counseling and Learning Center
- Long Beach Asian Pacific Mental Health Center
- Long Beach Child & Adolescent Center
- Prototypes San Antonio Mental Health Center
- Social Model Recovery Systems, Inc.
- Venice Family Clinic
- UCLA Medicine-Pediatrics Dept. School Function Program at Edison Language Academy
- Vista del Mar
- Village Family Services
- Westside Children's Center

In the second year, many of our students are placed with Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) in one of their regional offices. Occasionally students may be placed in one of the surrounding county PCW departments. Both SWIFG and SWOCPS students work with a preceptor to develop clinical case management skills. SWOCPS students may be assigned to work on a specific macro project. For SWOCPS students who are former DCFS employees, DCFS offers placements with MSW managers. Some of those settings have included:

- DCFS Agency Director
- Emergency Response
- Family Maintenance/Continuing Services
- Medically Fragile Program
- Regional Administrators
- Permanency Programs
- Policy Bureau
- Child and Family Teams
- Foster Family Agency Contract Monitoring
- Training Section
- Independent Living Programs
- Points of Engagement Programs
- Parents in Partnership
- Child Death Review Team

In addition, a wide variety of placements are available in San Bernardino and Ventura County Private and Public Child Welfare agencies.

DO YOU OFFER A PART TIME PROGRAM?

At this time, we only offer a full time program.