

# CalSWEC

## PUBLIC CHILD WELFARE STIPEND PROGRAM

California Social Work Education Center

## Mission

CalSWEC is a partnership of the schools of social work, public human service agencies, and other related professional organizations that facilitates the integration of education and practice to assure effective, culturally competent service delivery and leadership to the people of California.

## Stipend Amount

The PCW CalSWEC Title IV-E stipend provides fulltime Public Child Welfare students \$18,500 per year for two years with a post-degree work commitment for two years.



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## UCLA School of Social Work



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## What have former Public Child Welfare students said about 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 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."



## 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
- National Association of Social Workers
- California Mental Health Directors Association
- Private Foundations

## 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 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.

The PCW CalSWEC program is designed 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?

First, candidates must be admitted into the UCLA MSW program. Candidates who indicate an interest in Children and Youth Services specialization are sent an application.

### WHAT IS THE APPLICATION PROCESS?

There is a two part application process which includes a written application and 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.

*Application:* The application includes questions about your understanding of PCW CalSWEC requirements and public child welfare goals.

*Interview:* The interview will explore your interest and experience working with this population. The interview panelists are PCW CalSWEC faculty and a public child welfare supervisor.

The preliminary selections are confirmed by the CalSWEC Awards Committee. Official CalSWEC award notifications are determined in July.

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

PCW CalSWEC students need to be interested in providing individual, family, community, or policy level support to children and families at high risk for social services intervention of all kinds, particularly child protective services.

### DO YOU HAVE A PART-TIME PROGRAM?

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

