Child Welfare Partnership
Internship Expectations

In addition to School of Social Work internship requirements, internships within the public Child Welfare agency are a critical component of the Child Welfare Partnership Program. They provide an opportunity for students to gain valuable experience, increase their depth of understanding of the work and to begin to build a professional community within the agency.

Child Welfare Partnership Program staff will assist all Partnership students with obtaining internships within Child Welfare that meet their educational goals and give them opportunities for professional growth and development.

Child Welfare Education Program Recruits (non DHS employees) – BSW

- BSW students in the Child Welfare Education Program are required to do their internship in a public or tribal Child Welfare office.
- It is highly recommended that BSW partnership students take advantage of the opportunity to complete Child Welfare Core Training the summer prior to their internship. In addition to increasing their competitiveness at hire, having completed the training can increase the breadth and depth of their internship experience. 40 hours of Core Training per academic term, can also be applied toward the student’s internship hours.

Child Welfare Education Program Recruits (non DHS employees) – MSW

- MSW student recruits in the Child Welfare Education Program are required to do 1 of their 2 internships in a public or tribal Child Welfare office.
- It is highly recommended that MSW recruits take advantage of the opportunity to complete Child Welfare Core Training the summer prior to their internship. In addition to increasing their competitiveness at hire, having completed the training can increase the breadth and depth of their internship experience. 40 hours of Core Training per academic term, can also be applied toward the student’s internship hours.

Child Welfare Education Program DHS Employed Students – MSW

- Child Welfare Employees are required to do 1 of their 2 internships in Child Welfare. The internship must be distinctly separate from their regular work, meet the School of Social Work Internship requirements and provide new learning opportunities.
- Employees are eligible to apply for an Employed Social Worker Internship.
- Employees who have a depth of professional experience outside of Child Welfare and who could benefit from an additional year of internship by learning another aspect of the Child Welfare work can apply for an exception allowing them to do both internships within Child Welfare.