

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.

The Child Welfare Education 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-Department of Human Services employees) – Bachelor’s in Social Work (BSW)

- Bachelor’s in Social Work recruit students in the Child Welfare Education Program are required to do their internship in a public or tribal child welfare office.
- BSW partnership students with the permission of their field instructor are strongly encouraged to participate in the online trainings. This will help prepare them for their practicum placement, as well as, future employment with Department of Human Services Child Welfare. For more detail, please view the paragraph below on iLearn.

Child Welfare Education Program Recruits (non-Department of Human Services employees) – Master’s in Social Work (MSW)

- Master’s in Social Work recruit students in the Child Welfare Education Program are required to do one of their two internships in a public or tribal Child Welfare office.

- MSW recruit students may take advantage of the opportunity to complete the Child Welfare Online Training with the permission of their field instructor. This will help prepare them for their practicum placement, as well as future employment with Department of Human Services. For more detail, please view the below paragraph on iLearn.

Child Welfare Education Program Department of Human Services Employed Students – Masters in Social Work (MSW)

- Child Welfare employees are required to do one of their two internships in tribal or public 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.

iLearn

Many of these courses are offered through the identified Learning Management System that Department of Human Services utilizes called iLearn. In addition to increasing their competitiveness at hire, having completed the training can increase the breadth and depth of their internship experience. Students can apply online training towards their internship hours. Please note that graduates will most likely have to complete these online trainings again once hired.