

Exciting News About CalSWEC at CSUF!

Do you want to work with children and families? Good news. **The CSUF MSW Program is now officially part of the CalSWEC Program!** Funding for students will begin in the 2009-2010 academic year. CalSWEC stands for the California Social Work Education Center. This program is committed to the education of MSW students who want to dedicate themselves to work with children and families in Public Child Welfare Services (PCWS) organizations in California. In Orange County, the PCWS organization is the Social Services Agency (SSA). The CalSWEC Program within the MSW Program at CSUF will include funding for students and training over and above the curriculum offered in the MSW Program to assist in preparing students for professional social work practice in Public Child Welfare Services.

The primary prerequisites for application to the CalSWEC Program at CSUF are as follows:

1.) Applicants must already have been accepted in the MSW Program and must be willing to participate in the MSW Program whether or not they receive CalSWEC funding; 2.) Applicants must be dedicated to work in a Public Child Welfare Services organization upon graduation; 3.) All Part-time program applicants must currently be employed in a Public Child Welfare Services agency in California when applying for the CalSWEC Program.

The requirements of the CalSWEC Program for students who are accepted include the following: 1.) Out of the two years CalSWEC students will be in field placements, one year must be completed in a Public Child Welfare Services agency; 2.) CalSWEC students must attend seminars and other training events beyond the normal coursework in the MSW Program; 3.) Upon graduation, CalSWEC students must seek and secure employment in a Public Child Welfare Services agency for at least the number of years they were students in the MSW Program (in an MSW-level position within the agency).

The funding amounts for MSW students who are accepted into the CalSWEC Program are as follows: 1.) Full-time students receive a stipend amounting to \$18,500 per year for all MSW Program related expenses; 2.) Part-time students receive reimbursement for tuition, fees and books, with a cap of \$7,500 per year, plus some mileage reimbursement (i.e., parking, travel to field placements).



If you have questions or need more information; contact Dr. David Chenot at dchenot@fullerton.edu or ph.# (714) 278-8610.

For more information about CalSWEC statewide please click on the following link to the CalSWEC website: <http://calswec.berkeley.edu/>

For more information about SSA Orange County please click on the following link: <http://www.ssa.ocgov.com/>

