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The University Consortium for Children and Families (UCCF) is a federally funded program and partnership between the County of Los Angeles Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and seven Masters of Social Work programs in Southern California. Under the Title IV-E provision of the Social Security Act, the goal is to improve the professional preparation of public child welfare workers. The collaborative offers a DCFS Internship Program for MSW students.

CSULA provides up to 8 stipends annually to 2nd year MSW students interested in public child welfare, who then agree to work for Los Angeles County DCFS upon graduation. Please contact us for more information.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE

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**TITLE IV-E
MSW INTERNSHIP
PROGRAM**



SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK:

MSW MISSION STATEMENT

The MSW Program at California State University, Los Angeles educates students to assume leadership roles in professional practice. Our advanced urban generalist graduates analyze, intervene, evaluate and advocate with diverse, underserved and oppressed clients and communities.



Public Child Welfare

Public Child Welfare Social Workers assist vulnerable children and families when there is a concern that children are being hurt or neglected by the adults who care for them. Social Workers support children and help to resolve the problems that threatened their well-being. Social Workers intervene and assist families to access community resources that will help strengthen their parenting and ability to provide for their children's basic needs. Social Workers advocate for children and families and monitor progress, keeping the families involved in case planning. When children cannot be safely maintained or reunited with their parents, Social Workers assist children with finding a permanent home.

DCFS MSW INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The DCFS Internship Program offers financial support to MSW students preparing for the field of public child welfare. The DCFS internship provides specialized training and intense immersion into the practice of social work in a public child welfare setting.

The DCFS Internship is a 1 year internship program. MSW students receive a stipend in the amount of \$18,500. Upon graduation, students are required to work at L.A. County DCFS for one year. The goal is to have students commit to a career with DCFS.

The internship begins in the second year of field, students are placed at an L.A. County DCFS office. The internship is available at certain DCFS offices across L.A. County. We will discuss the availability of specific DCFS sites during the interview process.

Students interested in
L.A. County DCFS are encouraged to apply.



ELIGIBILITY & REQUIREMENTS:

- ♦ Maintain a 3.0 GPA in the MSW program.
- ♦ Pass the L.A. County DCFS requirements:
 - Criminal background check
 - Psychological evaluation
- ♦ Successfully complete 1st & 2nd year of internship.
- ♦ Thesis topic should have a connection to Public Child Welfare.
- ♦ L.A. County DCFS employees are not eligible while employed by DCFS.
- ♦ DCFS Internship students must enroll and pass the Public Child Welfare elective.
- ♦ DCFS Internship students attend non-credited mandatory seminars held throughout the academic year.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE? ♦

All students who are:

- ◇ Entering the Full time program
- ◇ Entering their 2nd year of field in the 3 year program.

HOW DO I APPLY?

- ♦ Eligible students must submit a DCFS Stipend application.
- ♦ The application and instructions are sent in the admissions packet.
- ♦ Applications for 3 year students are made available at the 1st year placement orientation.
- ♦ Selected students will be invited for an interview.