

## What are my responsibilities if I receive the Child Welfare (IV-E) Educational Tuition Partnership?

Upon graduation, Child Welfare (IV-E) Educational Tuition Partnership recipients will have a service commitment to DCYF for 24 months for each year of support. Within 3 months of graduation, you must accept employment should it be offered to you or you will be required to pay back the total amount of this support.

## How do I apply for the Child Welfare (IV-E) Educational Tuition Partnership?

Complete an application and submit it to the Title IV-E Project Coordinator. An interview with PSU & DCYF representatives will be scheduled for some students after the review of applications is completed. The selection committee will then make a final decision based on application, interview, shadowing experience, and self-reflective essay based on that agency experience.

Applications can be submitted by email to Dr. Pamela Chiang at [pamela.chiang@plymouth.edu](mailto:pamela.chiang@plymouth.edu) or they can be accessed from our website.

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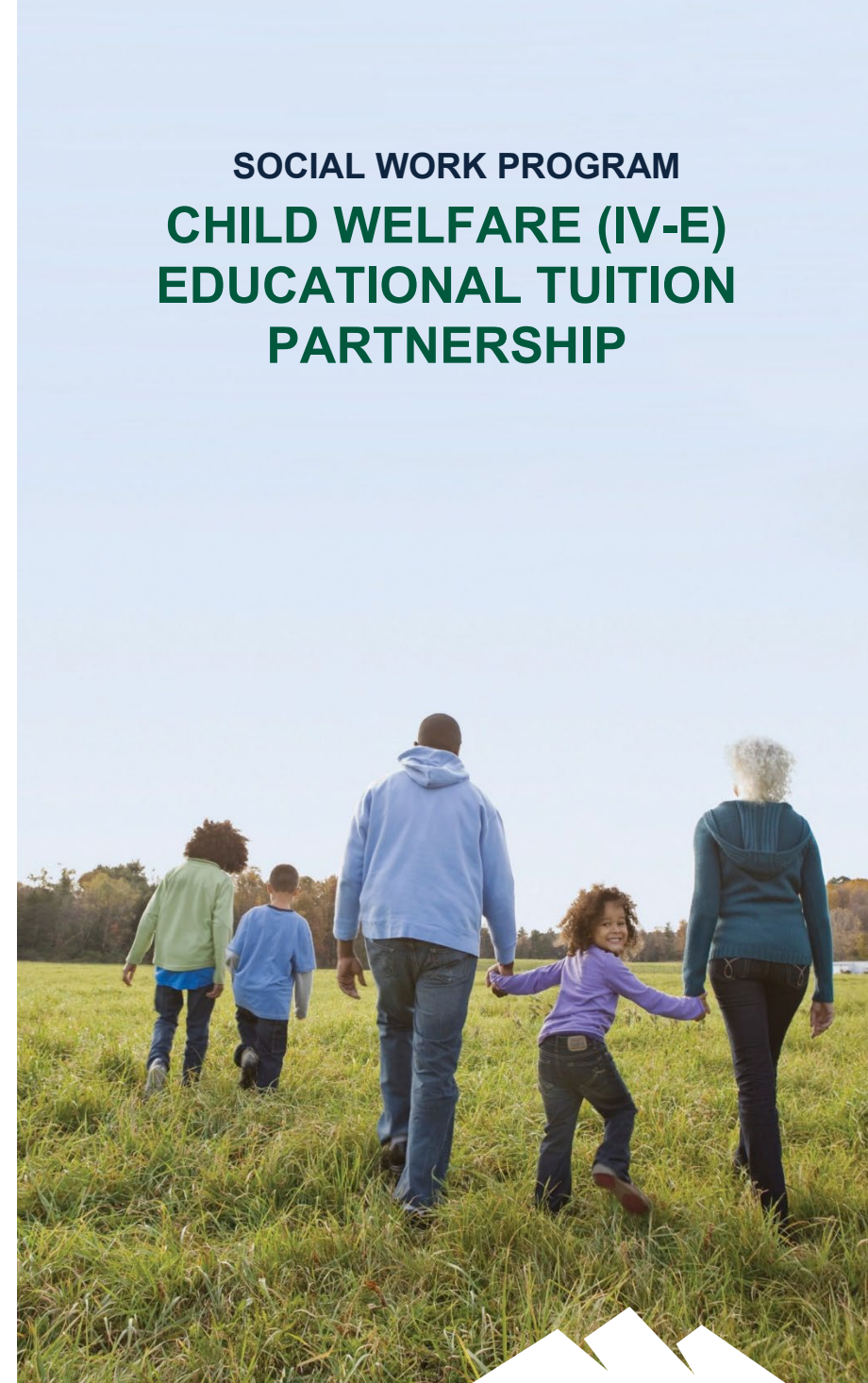
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# Preparing Undergraduate Students for Careers in Child Welfare

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### Why consider the BSW Program at PSU?

The mission of the Bachelor of Science in Social Work (BSW) program at Plymouth State University is to prepare students with the knowledge, skills, and values necessary for entry-level generalist practice. PSU has offered the BSW degree since 1983 and has been accredited by the Council on Social Work Education since 1995. We have an excellent, committed faculty, and engaged group of students within the major.

Our BSW program has a Child Welfare (IV-E) Educational Tuition Partnership with the New Hampshire Division for Children, Youth and Families (DCYF), which provides educational partnerships for our students.

### Why consider a career in child welfare?

**Need:** Child welfare agencies throughout the country need to recruit and retain competent child welfare staff to carry out their programs. They want to ensure that their workforce has the essential training needed for this work and actively seek strategies to bring new workers into their agencies.

—Zlotnik, J. L.

*Social Work and Child Welfare: A National Debate, (2009).*



To meet this need, the Division for Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) “manages protective programs on behalf of New Hampshire’s children, youth and their families. DCYF staff provides a wide range of family-centered services with the goal of meeting a parent’s and a child’s needs and strengthening the family system. Services are designed to support families and children in their own homes and communities whenever possible.”

—Department of Health and Human Services, DCYF, (2010).

**Support:** PSU’s Department of Social Work offers the Child Welfare (IV-E) Educational Tuition Partnership to students who are interested in careers in public child welfare services. This partnership was established in 2000 to provide child welfare education and training to undergraduate students enrolled in the BSW program in preparation for practice in the field. Training and support include: 450-hour practicum in a DCYF regional office, DCYF in-service staff training, curriculum development and collaboration, inter-agency collaboration, and support for a trauma informed approach.

### What is the Child Welfare (IV-E) Educational Tuition Partnership?

Title IV-E entitlement funding is made possible by a combination of federal funding streams. Some of these funds are matched by Plymouth State University. The objectives of the Child Welfare and Adoption Assistance Act are to: improve the quality of care of children in foster care, reduce their numbers, return children to their homes as soon as conditions permit, and facilitate permanency. Specifically, this legislation provides educational and training opportunities to ensure the preparedness and retention of the child welfare workforce so that these objectives can be met. Child Welfare (IV-E) Educational Tuition Partnerships have been developed to appropriately prepare a diverse group of social workers for careers with special emphasis on child welfare.

### What can PSU’s Child Welfare (IV-E) Educational Tuition Partnership do for me?

**Knowledge, Skills, and Values:** The Child Welfare (IV-E) Educational Tuition Partnership will prepare BSW students for the increasingly complex work of child welfare services. Students will develop specialized knowledge, skills, and cultural awareness in preparation for practice as public child welfare caseworkers in New Hampshire.



**Financial Aid:** The Child Welfare (IV-E) Educational Tuition Partnership provides full in-state tuition assistance for one or two years (Junior and/or Senior) and a one-time stipend (\$3,000) for academic fees, books, materials, and other necessities required to complete the program.

**Career Opportunities:** The Child Welfare (IV-E) Educational Tuition Partnership will prepare BSW students with the skills, knowledge, and population-specific training necessary to be competitive candidates in the job market and for their subsequent entry into child welfare careers.

### What do I have to do to apply for the Child Welfare (IV-E) Educational Tuition Partnership?

Students who are interested in the Child Welfare (IV-E) Educational Tuition Partnership will need to:

- Be a full-time social work major with sophomore, junior, or senior standing,
- Have taken or will enroll in SW3130, SW3150 and SW2300,
- Be in good academic standing in the major with a grade of C or better in required foundation courses and a minimum GPA of 2.5,
- Complete an application.