



Title IV-E Child Welfare Stipends Program

The Department of Children and Families (DCF) Title IV-E Child Welfare Stipends Program provides funds claimed through title IV-E to four different public universities within Wisconsin. These universities are: UW-Eau Claire, UW-Green Bay, UW-Madison, and UW-Milwaukee. The purpose of the program is to strengthen Wisconsin's public and tribal child welfare workforce by producing social workers with both undergraduate and graduate professional degrees in Social Work with specializations in public child welfare. The funds that are provided to each university can be used as reimbursement for student costs such as tuition, books, and other educational expenses.

DCF has contracts with each university, and each contract lays out the expectations for each university and its students. The university has a separate contract with each student to make sure that the student knows the expectations and the financial implications of agreeing to be a part of the stipend program. In order to be a part of each university's branch of the DCF Title IV-E Child Welfare Stipend Program, each student must commit to work in public or tribal child welfare in Wisconsin for a time period equivalent to the amount of time in the program/amount of funding received.

The goals of the stipend program are:

- Strengthen Wisconsin's public and tribal child welfare workforce by producing social workers with both undergraduate and graduate professional degrees in Social Work with specializations in public child welfare.
- Produce MSW practitioners who are capable of functioning as public or tribal child welfare workers with the requisite knowledge and specialized skills to engage in generalist practice roles with different sizes and types of client systems and/or who have the competence and skills to perform indirect service at policy and program levels as autonomous practitioners.





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- Produce BSW entry-level public and tribal child welfare practitioners with course and field work informed by current research and geared toward public child welfare competencies.
- Produce MSW child welfare supervisors and managers who are able to competently engage in administrative practice utilizing research in public and tribal child welfare.
- Increase the number of trained public and tribal child welfare practitioners of color.
- Prepare current public and tribal child welfare workers returning to school for advanced child welfare practice through achievement of an MSW degree.
- Work with local agencies in creating a collaboration between universities and counties to ensure that universities are providing counties with an educated workforce that is prepared to handle the major issues in the child welfare system throughout Wisconsin.

DCF does not provide direct funding to students, and does not choose the applicants selected for participation in the DCF Title IV-E Child Welfare Stipends Program. Each university has its own application process. If you have questions for an individual university, please click on the link below to each university's webpage.

UW-Eau Claire

[Title IV-E Child Welfare Training Program | UW-Eau Claire \(uwec.edu\)](https://uwec.edu)

UW-Green Bay

[Tuition Aid - Degree Path - Social Work - UW-Green Bay \(uwgb.edu\)](https://uwgb.edu)

UW-Madison

[Title IV-E Child Welfare Training Program Overview – Sandra Rosenbaum School of Social Work – UW-Madison \(wisc.edu\)](https://wisc.edu)

UW-Milwaukee

[Child Welfare Training Program – Helen Bader School of Social Welfare \(uwm.edu\)](https://uwm.edu)

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