

# UPP UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIP/TITLE IV-E CHILD WELFARE TRAINING PROGRAM

## INFORMATION GUIDE

### What is the UPP?

The University Partnership Title IV-E Child Welfare Training Program (UPP) is a training program designed to prepare and educate highly motivated social work students to enter the exciting and progressive field of child welfare. It is a collaboration between The Ohio State University College of Social Work, Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, Institute of Human Services, Ohio Child Welfare Training Program, Public Children Services Association of Ohio, and public children services agencies in all 88 Ohio counties.

### What are the benefits of this program?

- \$5,000 employment incentive for those who complete the program and successfully gain employment in Ohio public child welfare
- Specialized course work and training in child welfare
- “Fast-tracking” to full-time employment in child welfare upon graduation
- Individualized attention and mentoring by UPP coordinator and field instructors
- Early exposure to and networking in the field of child welfare

### Who can participate and how does it work?

You can participate if you are a BSSW, MSW-ASAP, or MSW II student. The UPP will allow you to specialize in public child welfare in your elective course work and field practicum during the year prior to graduation. You will receive an employment incentive of \$5,000 after earning a social work degree, committing to work for at least one year in an Ohio public children service agency, and obtaining employment at a public children services agency in Ohio.

### What are the course requirements?

In addition to being motivated and enthusiastic to serve vulnerable families from diverse backgrounds, you will need:

- Two child welfare courses: SWK 5007: Child Welfare I during autumn semester and SWK 5008: Child Welfare II during spring semester
- MSW ASAP & MSW II students only: SWK 7630: Integrative Seminar I on Child & Youth Services and SWK 7631: Integrative Seminar II on Child & Youth Services
- Bi-Weekly child welfare field placement seminars for BSSW students (SWK 4188). Note: MSW students attend the seminar but do not register.
- Field placement in a public children service agency in Ohio (BSSW/SWK 4189 or MSW/SWK 7189)

### Interested in applying?

Visit [csw.osu.edu/field-education/university-partnership-title-iv-e-child-welfare-training](http://csw.osu.edu/field-education/university-partnership-title-iv-e-child-welfare-training) and submit an application and two references to the UPP Coordinator. See contact information below.

After you've submitted a completed application and two references, you will be asked to participate in an interview with the UPP coordinator. **Application Deadline: February 19, 2018. Admissions will be offered in March.**

### Questions?

Contact Linda Helm, MSW, PhD, LISW-S, ACSW, University Partnership Title IV-E Child Welfare Training Program Coordinator, at [helm.28@osu.edu](mailto:helm.28@osu.edu).

