



CALIFORNIA SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION CENTER (CaISWEC)

CaISWEC Mission

CaISWEC facilitates and supports statewide partnerships for the education and training of social workers to ensure culturally responsive, effective, and high-quality health and social service delivery to the people of California.

This Mission is supported by the following Goals:

- Prepares a diverse group of social workers for careers in human services, with special emphasis on child welfare, integrated behavioral health, and aging fields;
- Defines and operationalizes a continuum of social work education and training;
- Engages in evaluation, research, and dissemination of best practices in social work.

Created in 1990, the California Social Work Education Center (CaISWEC) is a consortium of the state's 22 accredited social work graduate schools, all 58 county departments of social service and local mental health departments, the California Department of Social Services, the California Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, the County Welfare Directors Association of California, the County Behavioral Health Directors Association of California, and foundations. It is the nation's largest coalition of its kind working together to provide professional education, student support, in-service training, and workforce evaluation research—all directed toward developing effective, culturally competent public service delivery to the people of California.

A unit within the School of Social Welfare at the University of California, Berkeley, CaISWEC operates the Title IV-E Stipend Program, the Child Welfare In-Service Training Program, and the Integrated Behavioral Health Program. In collaboration with its partners, it works to develop a diverse and qualified workforce for the fields of child welfare and behavioral health; enhance skills among public and contract agency staff to serve diverse populations in California; and contribute to knowledge in these systems. (*Program details follow.*)

TITLE IV-E CHILD WELFARE TRAINING PROGRAM

The Title IV-E Stipend Program offers financial support of \$37,000 (\$18,500 for each of two years) to graduate social work students and a total of \$15,000 of educational support in the final year of undergraduate to individuals who plan to practice in child welfare services. Upon graduation, the students work in a county child welfare service for a time equal to the period for which they received support. Program activities include the co-development of curriculum competencies, materials, and resources for use by social work programs throughout the state and the Pathway Program, intended to address the

educational needs of social workers in county child welfare agencies in remote, rural locations and/or areas not in proximity to a university that has a BASW/MSW program. Title IV-E evaluation staff have conducted several longitudinal evaluation studies to understand workplace and worker characteristics, and how those relate to worker retention.

CHILD WELFARE IN-SERVICE TRAINING PROGRAM

The Child Welfare In-Service Training Program is a statewide collaborative for in-service training and continuing professional education of public child welfare staff. Six coordinating partners—the four regional training academies, the University Consortium for Children and Families/Los Angeles County Training Division, and the Resource Center for Family-Focused Practice—provide a continuum of training and professional education to county staff across the state. This coordinated delivery model reduces duplication of training, increases consistency, promotes professionalism and competency, and supports child welfare staff retention in California’s 58 counties. Significant program activities include: statewide coordination of California’s Common Core training for line workers and supervisors; statewide training evaluation; partnering with the California Child Welfare Core Practice Model implementation endeavors; and the Efforts to Outcomes data project.

INTEGRATED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH (IBH) PROGRAM

CalSWEC’s Integrated Behavioral Health (IBH) Program focuses on education and training, evaluation, and community collaboration efforts related to behavioral health care workforce development in California by supporting and partnering with social work programs, behavioral health service providers, peer support and advocacy entities, and state and local policymakers working to address California consumers’ behavioral health care needs. Significant program activities include: the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Stipend Program, a training program for MSW students committed to working in California’s public mental/behavioral health care system after graduation; The San Francisco Bay Area Integrated Behavioral Health MSW Stipend Program, a federally funded IBH MSW Stipend Program for Bay Area MSW students interested in providing behavioral health care within integrated primary care settings; and the evaluation of Berkeley Social Welfare’s Latinx Center of Excellence (COE), which is developing pipeline strategies to increase Latino student interest in behavioral health stipends and specialized field placements for Latinx MSW students.

AGING INITIATIVE

In 2004, CalSWEC launched the Aging Initiative, recognizing the need to recruit and train a competent geriatric workforce to support older Californians and their families. As the state’s population of older adults grows, geriatric specialists in the state’s social services, health, integrated behavioral health, and alcohol and drug systems are needed. A primary goal of the Aging Initiative is the development of a geriatrically trained social work workforce that may serve in a variety of aging and adult services delivery systems and that will share knowledge and skills across systems to achieve better outcomes for older adults. CalSWEC is currently seeking partnerships and funding sources to rekindle interest and support to implement an Aging and Adult Services Stipend Program.

CaISWEC NETWORK HUB

The CalSWEC Network Hub is a digital space where social work educators, trainers, practitioners, students and community can share, use, or adapt educational or professional development resources. The Network Hub officially launched in March 2017. A highlight of the official launch is the new collection of Common Core online learning resources. Visit the CalSWEC Network Hub: <http://calswec.berkeley.edu/calswec-network-hub-0>

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