

**PUBLIC CHILD WELFARE EDUCATION PROGRAM
UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK
BSW LEVEL**

The Title IV-E Education for Public Child Welfare Program is a partnership between the University of Maryland School of Social Work and the Maryland Department of Human Resources to prepare Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) and Master of Social Work (MSW) students for public child welfare practice. Federal "Title IV-E" child welfare funds support this effort to provide professional social work education to students preparing to practice in public child welfare programs such as Child Protective Services, Family Preservation, Foster Care, and Adoption. Child Welfare Student Units with faculty field instructors have been established in local Department of Social Services for a specialized child welfare field placement. If the proposed funding request for FY10 is accepted, financial stipends will be available during the 2010-2011 academic year for 20 BSW students who are selected to participate in the Title IV-E Program. There is an information meeting scheduled each fall and spring at UMBC for interested students. Inquire at the Social Work Department office regarding the date and time of this meeting.

To be selected for the Program, students must meet, at a minimum, the following conditions:

- express a specific interest in social work practice in public child welfare;
- be enrolled in a field practicum course at UMBC;
- Have at least a 3.0 GPA
- enroll in and successfully complete SOWK 387, Child Welfare Services;
- be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident of the United States;
- plan to remain in Maryland after graduation from the School of Social Work
- agree to seek and accept employment with the Maryland Department of Human Resources after graduation. Twelve months of employment obligation is incurred for each academic year (fall/spring semester) of participation. Students who do not fulfill the employment obligation must repay their Title IV-E financial stipend within 90 days of graduation. Participants sign a contract agreeing to the employment and payback conditions.

For the 2010-2011 academic year, the stipend amounts are \$3250 per semester for a total of \$6500 per year for BSW students. The student pays his/her tuition and fees from the stipend.

Students who are interested in applying for the Title IV-E Program must complete the attached application form and submit it to the UMBC Field Instruction Office with their field instruction application. Applicants are selected based on their essay, academic record, and an interview with program faculty.



**APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC CHILD WELFARE EDUCATION PROGRAM
BSW LEVEL FY 11**

DATE: _____

NAME: _____ **SS#** _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ **EMAIL:** _____

EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: _____

CHECK BELOW YOUR FIELD INSTRUCTION DAYS FOR FALL 2010– SPRING 2011

MON/WED

TUES/THURS

UNKNOWN

ARE YOU ABLE TO ENROLL IN SOWK 387, CHILD WELFARE SERVICES, OFTEN OFFERED DURING THE SUMMER SESSION? _____ YES _____ NO

CHECK ALL OF THE FOLLOWING COUNTIES AT WHICH YOU WOULD BE WILLING TO ACCEPT A TITLE IV-E PLACEMENT AND RANK PREFERENCE IF YOU HAVE ONE. *FACULTY FIELD UNITS at these locations

*Anne Arundel County

*Baltimore City

*Baltimore County

*Prince George's County

ON A SEPARATE PAGE, SUMMARIZE YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF THE MISSION OF THE PUBLIC CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM, THE EVOLUTION OF YOUR INTEREST IN PUBLIC CHILD WELFARE PRACTICE, AND HOW YOUR PROFESSIONAL GOALS RELATE TO FULFILLMENT OF THE POST-GRADUATION EMPLOYMENT COMMITMENT.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE TITLE IV-E PROGRAM, PLEASE CONTACT:

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