

Purpose of the Child Welfare BSW Scholars Program

The Indiana Department of Child Services (DCS) recognizes the critical need to recruit and retain the best, brightest and most committed employees to work with at-risk families.

The Child Welfare BSW Scholars Program strives to enhance the recruitment and retention of qualified employees. The program offers students the opportunity to attend their senior year of the BSW tuition-free. Students are able to learn in-depth course content about child welfare and practice working with children and families while having the support of DCS staff and MSW prepared professionals. DCS offers the student employment with a competitive salary within two months of graduation.

What you receive:

1. Your senior tuition paid for.
2. A stipend to cover additional student expenses.
3. Education and training toward employment at a local DCS office within two months of graduation and receive a competitive salary.

What you do:

1. Contact and speak with the Program Coordinator located at the social work program of your choice.
2. Apply and be accepted into the Child Welfare BSW Scholars Program during your junior year.

What is your responsibility?:

1. Successfully complete BSW course work at your designated college/university.
2. Successfully complete two specialized child welfare courses.
3. Accept upon graduation an offer of employment in a local DCS office.
4. Complete a minimum of two years post-graduate employment for DCs.

Fall 2009 Timeline:

- October 1: Indiana Department of Child Services applications due to Indiana State University Department of Social Work.
- October 7: Interviews with Indiana State University Faculty
- November: Interviews with Department of Child Services Region 8

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