Applications due March 1
Applications and Program information can be obtained in the Social Work Department, Pettee Hall or at chhs.unh.edu/sw/university-partnerships-program.

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The University Partnership (UP) Program at the University of New Hampshire enhances child welfare workforce development and provides child welfare education and training to undergraduate and graduate social work students. The University of New Hampshire and NH Division for Children, Youth, and Families were awarded a National Child Welfare Workforce Institute grant to support up to five UP Program Trainees each year through academic year 2018-2019.

Students agree to two years of employment in Child Welfare for each year of UP Program funding. The employment site will be determined by NH-DCYF.

DCYF employees are encouraged to apply.
The University Partnership (UP) Program seeks to:

- equip selected BSSW and MSW students with knowledge, skills, values, leadership, and data-driven decision making competencies to become effective public child welfare workers in New Hampshire,
- increase the number of BSSW and MSW graduates employed by the Division for Children, Youth and Families, ensuring children and families receive quality services,
- develop curriculum and training resources to support the child welfare practice workforce development in New Hampshire.

Interested students will need to:

- provide three letters of recommendation,
- provide a 3-4 page essay describing their experiences, motivation, and career plans related to Child Protection,
- be available to be interviewed by the UP Program Committee,
- sign a contract with DHHS/DCYF and UNH, stipulating terms and conditions to ensure eligibility,
- be in good academic standing,
- spend one day shadowing in a selected DCYF office.

Benefits to students include:

- full in-state tuition payment,
- a stipend of up to $2500,
- access to Child Welfare training and resources,
- employment in Child Welfare upon graduation.

We are dedicated to assisting families in the protection, development, permanency, and well-being of their children and the communities in which they live.

The University Partnership (UP) program is to enhance effectiveness of child welfare practice in New Hampshire through a partnership between the NH Division for Children, Youth and Families (NH-DCYF) and the UNH Department of Social Work. The National Child Welfare Workforce Institute provides funding for this program at UNH and ten other social work programs across the nation. The UP program offers Social Work students an opportunity to focus their education and future employment in the area of Child Welfare, with an emphasis on evidence-based practice models, data-driven decision making, and trauma-informed practice.

The University of New Hampshire and NH Division for Children, Youth, and Families were awarded a National Child Welfare Workforce Institute (NCWWI) grant to support up to five UP Program Trainees each year through academic year 2018-2019. A service of the Children's Bureau, NCWWI works to increase child welfare practice effectiveness through diverse partnerships focusing on workforce systems development, organizational interventions, and change leadership, using data-driven capacity building, education, and professional development.