



The Title IV-E Child Welfare Program

What is the Title IV-E Child Welfare Program?

- The Title IV-E Child Welfare Program is a collaboration between the Department of Social Work and Communication Disorders at Tarleton State University and the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS). Students in the program receive financial assistance and ongoing training while completing their social work degree, in exchange for working for DFPS for a minimum of eight months (BSW) or 4 months (MSW), per stipend, after graduation.

What are the benefits of the Title IV-E Child Welfare Program?

- You will receive a \$3000 stipend (BSW) or \$4000 (MSW), per semester, while completing your degree/internship at Child Protective Services (CPS), whereas many internships are unpaid.
- While your peers are looking for a job after graduation, you will already be training and preparing to start a career in the field of Social Work immediately after graduation.
- You will obtain invaluable experience in the field of child welfare, making a positive difference in the lives of children and families while developing the skills to pursue a variety of career paths in the field of child welfare.

What are the eligibility requirements of the Title IV-E Child Welfare Program?

- All applicants must demonstrate an appreciation for cultural diversity.
- Students must take SOCW 4311- Child Welfare course as well as SOCW 3377 Alcohol and Drug course with a C or higher and demonstrate a passion for child welfare through personal or professional experiences.
- Applicants must be willing to complete their final full-time placement and ultimately work in the Abilene, Wichita Falls, Brownwood, Waco, Killeen, Temple, San Angelo, Midland, Odessa or the surrounding regional Texas areas.

Deadlines to apply:

Fall: September 15th; Spring: February 1st; Summer: May 1st

I'm interested! How do I learn more?

Informational meetings about the stipend program are held every fall and spring semester. If you aren't able to attend one of the informational meetings and have questions about the program, contact Amy James, Title IV-E Director, at ajames1@tarleton.edu.

The mission of the Title IV-E Child Welfare Program is to enhance the values, knowledge, and skills of the child welfare workforce in Texas through social work education, financial assistance, ongoing training, and career support.

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