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# School of Social Work

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# History of the Project at San Francisco State University

San Francisco State University School of Social Work is a proud member of the California Social Work Education Center (CalSWEC) Title IV-E Child Welfare Training Project.

San Francisco State University has participated in the project since its inception in the early 1990's. Nearly twenty years later, SFSU boasts over 400 graduates from the project.



While CalSWEC requires a two year post graduation work commitment in public child welfare, many of our graduates remain in public child welfare well beyond their obligated time. We are proud of our graduates who serve as line staff, middle level supervisors and upper managers in counties across the state of California.

## Q: What is Title IV-E Project?

A: Title IV-E is a collaboration between the California Department of Social Services, CalSWEC, and 21 accredited California graduate schools of social work and social welfare.

The goal of the project is to improve the education and training of social workers for publicly supported social services. San Francisco State University achieves this goal by admitting new MSW students into the Social Work program each year. The program provides forgivable loans to the accepted students of \$18,500 per year for two years, a total of \$37,000.

## Q: Who provides the project's funding?

A: Title IV-E of the Social Security Act authorized the Foster Care and Adoption Assistance programs to provide federal matching funds to states for directly administering the programs. The objective is to improve the quality of care of children in foster care, reduce the number of children in foster care, return children to their homes as soon as conditions permit, and facilitate the adoption or permanent placement of children who cannot be returned to their homes.



## Q: Who is eligible for the program?

A: Full-time students who have been accepted into the San Francisco State University Graduate Studies Program as well as the School of Social Work are eligible.

## Q: What academic requirements must students fulfill to receive the forgivable loans?

A: Students must complete the entire MSW child welfare program, including two years of fieldwork. One year of fieldwork must be in a county child welfare agency serving Title IV-E children and families. An additional year may be completed in a related county or non-profit program serving child welfare (Title IV-E) clients, i.e., children in or at risk of out-of-home placement.

## Q: What is the student's work commitment after graduation?

A: Upon graduation, the student must work full-time in a county child welfare services agency or California Department of Social Services (CDSS) child welfare division for a period of time equal to the period for which he or she received support.

