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| **Do you want to be…**   * Considered among the best-trained and best-educated child welfare workers in the nation? * A competent, satisfied career professional who continues to be enthusiastic, creative, and respected for your work? * An advocate empowered to coach and mentor children and families based on best practice standards?   **The University Partnership Program may be right for you**  The University Partnership Program (UPP) seeks to develop creative child welfare caseworkers who are capable of critical thinking and promoting best practices and highest-quality service to children, families, and communities. The program accomplishes this by providing coordinated, integrated, and high quality social work education and training.  **Key benefits for social work students and professionals**   * Specialized education and waiver of core training. * Beneficial networking with child welfare professionals across Ohio * Child Welfare Employment Incentive Payment: $5,000-$10,000 upon obtaining full-time employment and fulfilling program requirements |  |  | |  | | --- | | **University of Akron**  School of Social Work  411 Polsky Building  Akron, OH 44325  330.972.5682  [www.uakron.edu/socialwork](http://www.uakron.edu/socialwork)  **University of Cincinnati**  School of Social Work  1515 W. French Hall  Cincinnati, OH 45221-0108  513.556.4615  [www.uc.edu/socialwork](http://www.uc.edu/socialwork)  **Cleveland State University**  School of Social Work  Rhodes Tower, room 1417  Cleveland, OH 44114  216.687.4560  [www.csuohio.edu/class/socialwork/](http://www.csuohio.edu/class/socialwork/)  **The Ohio State University**  College of Social Work  1947 College Rd.  Columbus, OH 43210  614.292.6288  [www.csw.ohio-sate.edu/](http://www.csw.ohio-sate.edu/)  **Ohio University**  Department of Social Work and Public Health  416 Morton Hall  Athens, OH 45701  740.597.1636  www.ohio.edu/chsp/sph  **University of Toledo**  Social Work Department  2400 Health and Human Services  Toledo, OH 43606  419.530.4197  [www.utoledo.edu/hhs/socialwork](http://www.utoledo.edu/hhs/socialwork)  **Wright State University**  Social Work Department  270 Millett Hall  Dayton, OH 45435  937.775.2751  [www.wright.edu/cola/Dept/social\_work](http://www.wright.edu/cola/Dept/social_work)  **Youngstown State University**  Department of Social Work  3365 Cushwa Hall  Youngstown, OH 44555  330.941.1598  Email: socialwork@ysu.edu | |  | |  |  | |  | | --- | | Title IV-E University Partnership Program  Child Welfare Workforce Professional Education Program  $5,000-$10,000 Employment Incentive Available | |  | | C:\Users\Owner\Pictures\image2.JPG  $5,000-$10,000 Employment Incentive Available | | Junior and Senior Undergraduate Social Work Students and/or Graduate Social Work students | |
| **University Partnership program**  **Unique and beneficial partnership**  The University Partnership Program is a partnership among the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS), Public Children Services Association of Ohio (PCSAO), the Institute for Human Services (IHS), Ohio’s public schools of social work, and Public Children Services Agencies (PCSAs).  Students in Bachelor or Master of Social Work degree programs take special child welfare courses, complete a field placement in a PCSA, and receive an employment monetary incentive after being hired full-time as a PCSA caseworker within 180 days after graduation. Juniors/two year MSW students in UPP must work a minimum of two years and seniors/one year MSW students a minimum of one year in a PCSA after graduation. Students can choose to fulfill the work requirement in any of the 85 county PCSAs throughout Ohio.  Those who complete the program may not have to take the required core training all other new child welfare workers must complete the first year of employment.  **https://lh4.googleusercontent.com/8U4hSe9ktbgH8DscY33bOYGwrlgTrS_YVnGv0XclMq3RKqKUMD-9CQ4CWH7-5w6uL0Lj2eYSAB1mLTpKYTz6_JmYUZljM4LwHMZ9T-Lgy6abFXwEb35GPApaXcnyQl8Cpg** |  |  | **Making a positive difference in public child welfare**  “Because of UPP, I will be more marketable as I enter the job force; employers know that as a UPP student, I know more of the essential vocabulary and practice skills than the average applicant! Knowing that finding a job will not be as difficult for me as it may be for others is incredible. “  *Michael Wadham, Wright State University, UPP student*  “I don’t regret my decision to seek a career working with abused and neglected children…not even for one day.”  *Tracey Wyatt, Youngstown State University, UPP graduate*  “This program is awesome! UPP graduates come into the workforce with knowledge of how things are done and having had the opportunity to job shadow so they know what is expected of them!”  *Kim Bayless, PCSA Supervisor*  The purpose of the UPP is to positively influence recruitment and retention in public child welfare.  Studies show that social workers who participate in a program such as UPP stay longer and are more satisfied with their employment than those who did not complete such a program. |  |  | **Significant financial assistance**  UPP provides financial assistance---$5,000-$10,000 in employment incentive—to social work students at selected universities who are interested in pursuing careers in child welfare. The program includes eight universities in Ohio: University Of Akron, University of Cincinnati, Cleveland State University, The Ohio State University, Ohio University, University of Toledo, Wright State University, and Youngstown State University.  **Application information**  Students interested in applying for UPP must fill out an application and interview with the UPP Campus Coordinator at your school. If selected for the program, you will then sign a UPP contract.  C:\Users\Owner\Pictures\image1.JPG |