

## IV-E CHILD WELFARE TRAINING & CURRICULUM PROJECTS

### Group Introduction to CW Project & Student Interview

A. Overview/purpose: **Recruit, educate and train graduates competent in CW practice.**

B. Student stipend in exchange for obligations

1. Take CW curriculum
2. DCFS practicum placement
3. Work for DFCS for one year for each year of academic support upon graduation
4. Complete exit exam requirement on a topic in CW for MSW
5. To participate in evaluation of this program

II. Additional information:

A. **DFCS is the state's CW agency responsible for CP, FS, FC, Adopt., & HD.** DFCS has offices in most counties in the state and we service the entire state.

B. Make home visits into what might be termed "unsavory" neighborhoods. You will not be sent out without first having accompanied other workers, and we will share with you some common sense and worker safety tips.

C. DFCS is one agency of a larger DHR and we must adhere to Merit System rules and regulations. In a word, we are part of a larger bureaucracy. Surviving a bureaucracy is an important skill to keep in mind.

D. The majority of our clients have multiple problems often including substance abuse, MR and/or MI. Given this, we do lots of crisis intervention work, which translates into making last minute adjustments in schedules to attend to unpredicted client circumstances.

E. DFCS offers a wonderful **learning experience** in that you will work with children and their parents, foster parents, the schools, MH, OCDD, OJJ, OPH, the courts, etc.

F. The concentration practicum placement will be in a county or regional office with supervision provided.

G. In your internship, we will try to get you a couple of cases with which you can work throughout your placement as well as have you go out on CPI, help with or take CAN reports called in, do a life book with a child, attend foster/adoptive parent training and in some form or fashion expose you to all the DFCS programs.

H. Work hours are generally from 8:00 - 4:30 Wed., Thurs and Fri., but you could be asked to see a client after hours. **Use of a car is a work requirement** for our employees and students. That is why you will be asked to complete a driving authorization form before you leave today. The state is self-insured, so a driving record is needed to screen out any amateur Evil Kinevils. You will be expected to make most client contacts in their homes, and perhaps provide transportation for needed services or parent/child visits.

I. You will also be asked to sign a criminal records check, which is required by state law for individuals working with children.

J. We will arrange for you to attend the state CAN conference. **Orientation required will be scheduled in Aug at**