



WAYNE STATE
School of Social Work

Challenging Minds, Leading Change, Transforming Lives

The WSU School of Social Work is pleased to announce the continuation of the "Wayne Together" – Child Welfare Learning and Leadership Collaborative. The WSU School of Social Work will collaborate with the Children's Services division of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (Detroit, Highland Park, and Inkster), Forever Families (Livonia), Judson Center (Redford), and Vista Maria (Dearborn Heights).

Advantages to participation in the "Wayne Together" Collaborative Program include the following:

- A robust field placement that allows the student to gain an understanding of the depth and breadth of child welfare services,
- The opportunity to pursue a field placement that provides specialized training in child welfare among high-need diverse child welfare populations impacted by poverty and trauma in Wayne County,
- The development of knowledge and leadership skills relevant to the workforce within the child welfare field,
- Opportunity for strong integration between child welfare field work and relevant coursework,
- County, state and national networking opportunities with professionals and students involved in the program,
- Students that complete the WTC program (placement and required courses) are eligible for advanced placement into the Michigan Child Welfare Training Institute.

Criteria for selection in the Wayne Together Collaborative (WTC) Program include:

- Admission into the MSW program and/or good academic standing and proven ability to work well with clients, colleagues, and instructors.
- Advanced year students in the final year of the MSW program.
- Reliable transportation and willingness to travel as required.
- No criminal history or problems obtaining clearances.
- A commitment to participate in/complete:
 - Attend scheduled trainings and seminars
 - Enroll in child welfare specific courses (*subject to change*):
 - SW 5755 Introduction to Child Welfare- 3 credits
 - SW 6100 Child Welfare and Social Systems: Context for Case Management Practice- 3 credits
 - SW 7700 Trauma Informed Child Welfare Practice-3 credits
 - Wayne Together Collaborative (WTC) data management and evaluation activities
 - Alumni of the program will be expected to return once a year to share their experiences, participate on the selection committee, and if working in the training field sites, serve as mentors to new students.

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