



School of Social Work

Challenging Minds, Leading Change, Transforming Lives

The WSU School of Social Work is pleased to announce our selection as one of 11 cohort sites to receive a University Partnership grant by The National Child Welfare Workforce Institute (NCWWI). “Wayne Together” – Child Welfare Learning and Leadership Collaborative is funded by the Children’s Bureau, Administration for Children and Families, DHHS. The WSU School of Social Work will collaborate with the Children’s Services division of the Michigan Department of Human Services and the Wayne County Department of Human Services.

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

- A rotational field placement will allow the student to gain an understanding of the depth and breadth of child welfare services available,
- 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 metropolitan Detroit,
- 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,
- A \$6,400 stipend to assist with tuition and/or other educational expenses. A tuition restriction will be placed on the award; this means that award money will be allocated to first pay for tuition and then other expenses as needed.

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:
 - A rotational field placement in our partner agencies over two semesters during regular day time hours
 - Attend and/or assist with a pre-placement training
 - Enroll in child welfare specific courses* for 2015-2016:
 - SW5755 Introduction to Child Welfare- 2 credits
 - SW6535 Juvenile Delinquency and Social Functioning- 3 credits
 - SW6991 Trauma Informed Child Welfare Practice-3 credits
 - *Courses subject to change
 - Attend monthly seminars with DHS staff mentors and field instructors
 - Semester meetings with agency partners and fellow students
 - Wayne Together Collaborative (WTC) evaluation activities
 - Commit to working within the child welfare service system network in the Detroit and surrounding areas for a minimum of one year post graduation. Please note that there will be a contract in which students agree to payback provisions for stipends if program requirements are not met.
 - 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.

Applications for the program are due **Friday March 27th, 2015**. A total of 17 MSW advanced year students will be selected. Contact Takisha LaShore at 313-577-5193 or ap7738@wayne.edu for more information about the Wayne Together Collaborative (WTC) Program.



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“Wayne Together” – Child Welfare Learning and Leadership Collaborative (WTC)

Please type or print information clearly

Name: _____

WSU ID Number: _____

Current Mailing Address

Street Number: _____
City/State/Zip code: _____
Telephone: _____

Permanent Mailing Address (if different):

Street Number: _____
City/State/Zip code: _____
WSU Email: _____

Program status: (Students must be in their advanced year and in the final year of the MSW program graduating in May 2016)

Please Select Concentration:

Innovation in Community, Policy and Leadership

Interpersonal Practice

Please Select Program Status:

Full-time

Part-time

What is your expected graduation date? _____

How did you hear about the Program? _____

Please list any courses, volunteer, employment, and/or personal experiences relevant to working with children and youth and their family members.

Are you willing to travel as a part of your placement experience, and do you have reliable transportation?

YES NO If no, please explain:

Are there any restrictions that may prevent you from being placed in a child welfare setting (i.e. criminal background, Protective Services case, valid driver's license etc.)? YES NO If yes, please explain:

Please provide a one page written statement addressing the following questions on a separate page.

- 1. What are your career goals?
- 2. Why are you interested in working in child welfare settings?
- 3. What attitudes, experiences, and skills will you bring to this project?

Recommendations:

Please provide us with the name and contact information for two references. One should be an Academic reference and the second should be your first year/foundation field instructor, BSW field instructor or other work supervisor.

Academic Reference:
Name: _____
Position: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

Professional Reference:
Name: _____
Position: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

Statement of Understanding: If I am offered a position in the **Wayne Together Collaborative Program** and choose to participate, I agree to commit to the program and complete an application for participation each year of field work in the MSW program (participation will be determined by the School each year), to take specified courses, to accept field placements at partner agencies, to attend pre-placement trainings, to participate in the student monthly seminars, to attend semester meetings, to complete program evaluations, and commit to post graduation employment and alumni activities.

Please Note: This program requires that you complete field work at facilities external to the University, and that such facilities will or may require a criminal background check, TB test, a drug screen to determine whether you are qualified to participate in the field experience and/or other relevant requirements. If you are unable to meet these criteria, we cannot accept you into this program.

Permission to Contact References: Your signature here allows us to contact your references, access your student file and/or faculty and share information about your background with project staff and potential field instructors with the Wayne Together Collaborative Program.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Return your completed **application** and one copy of your **resume** to:

Takisha LaShore
WSU - School of Social Work
4756 Cass Ave
Detroit, MI 48201
Or via email at ap7738@wayne.edu

Application deadline is **Friday March 27th, 2015**.
The application process is competitive, so please submit yours quickly!