

# UPP UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIP CHILD WELFARE TRAINING PROGRAM

## INFORMATION GUIDE

### What is the UPP?

The University Partnership Title IV-E Child Welfare Training Program (UPP) is Ohio's commitment to improving outcomes for children and families by strengthening its child welfare workforce with UPP. It is a unique and beneficial partnership among the Department of Children and Youth (DCY), twelve of Ohio's public university schools of social work, Ohio's University Consortium for Child and Adult Services (OUCCAS), the Ohio Child Welfare Training Program (OCWTP) and Ohio's 85 Public Children's Service Agencies (PCSAs).

### What are the benefits of this program?

- \$5,000 employment incentive for those who complete the program and successfully gain employment in Ohio public child welfare
- Specialized course work and training in child welfare
- "Fast-tracking" to full time employment in child welfare upon graduation
- Individualized attention and mentoring by UPP coordinator and field instructors
- Early exposure to and networking in the field of child welfare

### Who can participate and how does it work?

You can participate if you are a Junior, BSSW, MSW-ASAP, or MSW II student. UPP will allow you to specialize in public child welfare in your elective course work and field practicum during the year prior to graduation. You will receive an employment incentive of \$5,000 after earning a social work degree, committing to work for at least one year in an Ohio public children service agency, and obtaining employment at a public children services agency in Ohio.

### What are the course requirements?

In addition to being motivated and enthusiastic to serve vulnerable families from diverse backgrounds, you will need:

- Two child welfare courses
- Bi-Weekly child welfare field placement seminars
- Field placement in a public children service agency in Ohio

### Interested in applying?

Visit the twelve UPP Universities and Colleges, contact the UPP campus coordinator, and submit an application and two references. See UPP Campus Coordinator contact information.