

NEWSLETTER

CHILD WELFARE SCHOLAR PROGRAM

2024-2025

2ND QUARTER EDITION



October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, a time to unite in raising awareness, supporting survivors, and advocating for a world free from violence. Domestic violence affects individuals and families across all communities, and by speaking up, we can break the cycle of abuse. Let's stand together to promote safety, provide resources, and empower those impacted by violence. Whether through education, support, or simply starting conversations, each of us has a role in creating change. Join us in spreading hope, support, and understanding this month and beyond. Together, we can help build a future where everyone feels safe.

[Click Here to Find
Out How You Can
Help](#)

Raffle Winner

2024-2025

Congratulations to BSW student Grace Olague for winning a trip to the National Title IV-E Child Welfare Conference! Grace was selected as the lucky raffle winner during our Meet and Greet event held on September 18th. This is an exciting opportunity for Grace to expand her knowledge, network with professionals, and further develop her passion for child welfare. We are thrilled for her and look forward to hearing about the valuable experiences she will gain at the conference. Please join us in celebrating her achievement and wishing her a fantastic time at the conference!



Lunch & Learn

2024-2025

CHILD WELFARE SPEAKER SERIES



MAURITA ARMIJO

Metro Regional Coach, CYFD
Workforce Development
Performance & Accountability
Division

This one-hour presentation provides an in-depth look at the daily responsibilities, challenges, and rewards of a child welfare worker from a practitioner's perspective.

Through real-life scenarios and experiences, participants will gain an understanding of how child welfare professionals advocate for the safety and well-being of children and families. Tailored for all students considering a career in child welfare and all mandated reporters. This session highlights the essential skills, resilience, and compassion required to make a meaningful impact in this critical field.

October 18, 2024

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Zoom Meeting ID: 816 2537 1515

Lunch & Learn

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Join a panel of experienced social work professionals as they share valuable insights and strategies for prioritizing self-care and wellness throughout your social work career. This session will provide practical advice on navigating the complexities of working with diverse client systems, managing organizational cultures, and overcoming common challenges in the profession. Panelists will discuss building resilience and developing wellness habits early on, even when working with vulnerable populations or facing the pressures of an often underappreciated field. Open to all social work students, this session offers essential guidance for a successful and sustainable career.

CHILD WELFARE SPEAKER SERIES PANEL DISCUSSION

LISA CHAVEZ, LCSW

Senior Director of Programs & Services, FYI+

MARIANNE HERNANDEZ-JIMENEZ, LMSW

Southern Associate Deputy Director of Investigations, CYFD Protective Services

AMANDA MCDOWELL, LCSW

Coordinator of Behavioral Health & Academic Counseling Education Equity & Support Program, LCPS

November 22, 2024

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm

Zoom Meeting ID: 828 3203 4154

Inclusive, Trauma-Informed Practices with Immigrants

2024-2025

**A TRAINING SERIES FOR
COMMUNITY PRACTITIONERS
AND ORGANIZATIONS**

Register Here

This self-paced online training explores how service organizations and practitioners can implement policies and practices to increase the inclusivity of immigrant families and how trauma-informed practice can be tailored to address their unique experiences. It also includes a discussion of a model for implementing immigrant specialist navigators within organizations.



Practicum Cafe

2024-2025

The Practicum Café offers a relaxed space for students to enjoy coffee while discussing practicum experiences. Join the team on October 9, November 13, and December 11 at 10 AM, either in-person at HSS Building Room 219 or virtually, to share tips, get support, and engage in meaningful conversations with peers.



Zoom Meeting Link:
<https://nmsu.zoom.us/j/5650873106>

Licensure Preparation Program

2024-2025

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

We are pleased to offer a comprehensive Licensing Preparation Program to support you as you prepare for your BSW, MSW, or LCSW examinations. This program is designed to help you understand exam dynamics, develop effective test-taking strategies, and enhance your chances of success. As a scholar, you must attend at least one 2-day seminar and one booster session. These sessions are free of charge.

MEET OUR TRAINERS



Monica Montoya is an LCSW, College Associate Professor and Principal Investigator of the Title IV-E Curriculum and Traineeship Grant in the School of Social Work at New Mexico State University. She has over 20 years of clinical social work practice providing bilingual services to children, youth and family systems along the border area of Southern New Mexico/West Texas. Ms. Montoya has served as an adjunct college faculty and as a Senior Program Manager in the School of Social Work for over 15 years, and most recently as a full-time college faculty since 2018. She remains an active member in both departmental and college level committees within the university setting. Ms. Montoya is a Ph.D. Candidate in Educational Leadership and Administration. Her research interests span culturally sustaining and informed social work practices with marginalized populations, and most recently, Latina faculty navigating critical spaces in academia.

Monica Montoya, PhD Candidate, LCSW
College Associate Professor & Project Director

Dr. Gurrola is a Professor and Chair at the Department of Social Work at California State University at Monterey Bay (Ph.D. in Social Work, Arizona State University, 2009). Through Community Health Engagement (CHE) she collaborated with the City of Salinas and Monterey County to provide services to people in need of housing in Monterey County from 2019 to 2024. Previous to this she was at New Mexico State University where she served as the BSW and MSW coordinator during her tenure. She was involved with the local Promotoras in the area to expand information about immigration policy changes and mental health services. Dr. Gurrola also served on the faculty at California State University Long Beach and Arizona State University. Her research interests span migration policy, the separation of families by international borders, and the influence of globalization on family health. She has published her research in both social work and interdisciplinary venues in the areas of violence against women, interpersonal violence, immigration, employer sanction laws, migration, and mental health of Latino children.

Maria Gurrola, PhD., MSW
College Associate Professor



<https://socialwork.nmsu.edu/research-and-outreach/child-welfare-scholar-program-overview.html>

Licensure Preparation Program

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UPCOMING 2-DAY LICENSURE EXAM PREPARATION SEMINARS

Scholars are required to attend at no charge. all other participants are first-come first-serve.

1st FALL 2-Day Licensing Exam Preparation Zoom Seminar:

Friday, November 8, 2024,
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Saturday, November 9, 2024,
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

1st FALL Dissemination Zoom Session:

Saturday, December 7, 2024,
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

\$50 Students
\$75 Non Students



Register Here

*Scholarships are available for students facing financial difficulties.
Please email us for additional information.

Resource Room

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CHILD WELFARE SCHOLAR PROGRAM RESOURCE ROOM

Located in Suite 232
of the
HSS building
Open Monday-Friday
8:30 am to 5:00 pm

Come take advantage of our:

- Social work resources
- Child welfare resources
- Licensing prep study material
- Quiet study area
- Free printing
- New computers
- Conference room

**Child Welfare Scholar
Program**
RESOURCE CENTER

CWSP Social Media

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**CHILD WELFARE SCHOLAR PROGRAM
SOCIAL MEDIA SITES**

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Latest News and
Updates!**



Follow us for:

- Social work resources & News
- Child welfare resources & News
- Licensure Program Updates
- Social Work Department Updates

Peer Support

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SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK
PEER SUPPORT

Someone is always
available to help through
appointment.

Visit them in person
during office hours or
schedule an appointment
to meet over Zoom.
Located in HSS building
room 201.



Offering support with:

- MSW & BSW Application process
- Resume Building
- Tevera
- Questions about Practicum
- Student resources
- Assistance with Classes
- Social Work Profession Questions
- Licensure Exam Study Session
- Case Formulation Resources

Schedule Your
Appointment Here

Department Assistance

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SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK STUDENT PROGRAM COORDINATOR

Offering support with:

- Academic Requirements
- Registration Assistance
- Program Information
- Support Services
- Career Guidance
- Workshops and Events
- Personal Support
- Administrative Assistance
- Notary Services
- Asistencia en español disponible



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