

# County Partnerships



Colorado Child Welfare  
Scholars Consortium



## What is the CCWSC?

The CCWSC (formerly known as the Child Welfare Stipend Program) is a partnership between the Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS), participating county departments of human services, & four schools of social work:



Our goal is to recruit & retain child welfare professionals into the field through social work education. Now - more than ever - our mission is to support the child welfare workforce needs across Colorado. As we strive to meet our goal of funding 150 child welfare scholars annually, the CCWSC hopes to grow our county DHS partnership. *Help us, help you meet your workforce needs!*



## Why partner with CCWSC?

In collaboration with our county agencies, the CCWSC:

- **Recruits** new students into the child welfare field
- Supports **professional development opportunities** for the existing workforce through social work education
- Promotes year-long internships that support a slow entry into the field, leading to **longer retention**
- Supports new interns through the completion of the **new caseworker Fundamentals** as part of their internship experience
- Requires all Child Welfare Scholars to **work for a county** or Tribal child welfare agency after completing their degree
- Provides **recertification hours** to internship supervisors & additional opportunities for continuing education and professional development



## Ways to get Involved

- **Co-host** an information session or career fair
- **Join** the CCWSC statewide committee
- **Participate** in the recruitment & selection of Child Welfare Scholars
- **Provide** social work internships in your county
- **Sponsor** a Child Welfare Scholar
- **Participate** in program evaluation & research efforts