

Title IV-E Child Welfare Stipend Program: Overview and Requirements

EVENT REQUIREMENTS

We believe that becoming a consumer of knowledge, research, and best and evidence-based practice is a life-long process. Learning about and taking advantage of resources, trainings, and conversations going on in the child welfare community will be beneficial to you as a student, as well as when you are a MSW-level child welfare practitioner.

- What are event requirements?

All first time IV-E recipients will be required to attend three events (or receive three credits), plus participate in Experiential Learning in the Native American Community (ELNA), and all second year recipients are required to attend four events (or receive four credits). We hope you consider attending more than the minimum requirement. We also encourage you to attend with your classmates and colleagues so that you can have meaningful discussions beyond the event itself. [View the CASCW calendar](#) for a list of child welfare-related events.

- What is ELNA?

[ELNA, or Experiential Learning in the Native American Community](#), is an annual event that provides an opportunity for interactive learning outside of school walls. This is accomplished through learning new concepts and their application to practice. The day includes visits to historical and sacred sites. Throughout the day we discuss the impact of historical trauma on the American Indian community, connections between concepts, historical experiences, and racial disparity in child welfare as it relates to the American Indian community. We then discuss how all of this affects child welfare practice. The day also includes a guided tour, small group discussion, and some time for personal reflection.

- How will you track my attendance?

After you attend an event, please email [Liz Snyder](#) with the event details. Include a short paragraph about what you learned and its application to your work, future work, and coursework. You do not need to write a paper.

- If I attend an all-day conference, will I receive more credit?

Yes. Full-day events are two credits, whereas a half-day event is one credit. [View the CASCW calendar](#) to see number of credits.

- What if I think an event is relevant but it's not on the CASCW calendar?

Please email [Liz Snyder](#) with details of any event you think is relevant, including why you think it is relevant. Appropriate events not on the list can be given approval; for example, an event that is part of your field placement may qualify.