



The Social Work Program is pleased to announce:

The 2026-2027 CHILD WELFARE (IV- E) EDUCATIONAL TUITION PARTNERSHIP*

The **CHILD WELFARE (IV- E) EDUCATIONAL TUITION PARTNERSHIP** is a collaboration between Plymouth State University's Social Work Program and the NH Department of Health & Human Services, Division of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF). The purpose is to prepare social work students for the increasingly complex work of child welfare services. Students develop specialized knowledge, skills, and cultural sensitivity in preparation for practice as public child welfare caseworkers in New Hampshire.

The **CHILD WELFARE (IV- E) EDUCATIONAL TUITION PARTNERSHIP** provides **full in-state Tuition Assistance (approximately \$15,068 for 2025-2026)** AND a one-year **Stipend (approximately \$3,000)**, for academic fees and to purchase books, materials and other necessities required to complete the program. Upon graduation, participants shall have a service **commitment** to DHHS, Division of Children, Youth and Families for **two years of full-time PAID employment for each educational year** (two (2) semesters) of support assistance provided through this partnership.

The Social Work Department is accepting applications from full-time sophomore and junior Social Work majors with an **anticipated graduation date of May 2027 or 2028**. Applicants must be in good academic standing in the major (grade of C or better in the required foundation courses and a **MINIMUM** major GPA of 2.5). They should also have a **MINIMUM** overall GPA of 2.5 and be enrolled in the **Social Work Child Welfare and Family Services courses**.

HOW TO APPLY: *(Note: Additional items/ tasks may be required)*

A. Submit an Application Form and a Written Personal Statement

1. **Complete Application Form (as below)**
2. **Prepare a 3 – 5 page essay** that addresses the following:
 - Personal information, background, education, and experience relating to social work and child welfare;
 - Please try to include some of the following qualities and/or skills applicable to public child welfare: Interpersonal Relations, Self-Awareness, Analytic Thinking, Adaptability, Observation Skills, Sense of Mission, Communication Skills, Motivation, Planning and Organizing Skills, Teamwork.
 - How a BSW would improve the quality of the candidate's capacity for working in the field of child welfare
 - Description of current child welfare job or related experiences, if applicable, including caseloads and responsibilities.
 - Description of how the candidate sees themselves working for DCYF post-graduation and how that fits into their career goals; and
 - Description of all relevant volunteer activities.

B. Submit Three Letters of Recommendation References should address the following and **be sent directly by the referee (not the student applicant) to Dr. Pamela Chiang at pamela.chiang@plymouth.edu by January 23, 2026 (First Friday of the Spring Semester).**

1. In what capacity that person has worked with the candidate;
2. How long they have known the candidate; and

3. Why they are recommending the candidate for the Child Welfare (IV- E) Educational Tuition Partnership.

C. Interview

Finalists will be interviewed by the Selection Committee, which will include representatives from the Social Work Department Faculty and the DHHS, Division of Children, Youth, and Families.

Note: *Candidates will be asked to participate in a **Shadowing Experience & Written Reflection** which will also be scored and considered in candidate selection. For students accepting into the two year IV-E Partnership, a second interview and shadowing experience will be required to assess continued interest, performance, and skill development.*

WHEN: Applicants must submit all of your application material (application form and essay) **by January 23, 2026** in one single email to Dr. Pamela Chiang at pamela.chiang@plymouth.edu (Please put "#Title IV-E" in the email subject line).

*Awards for 2026-2027 contingent on renewal funding from DHHS.

For additional information or any questions, please contact **Professor Pamela Chiang, Ph.D.**

Social Work Program at pamela.chiang@plymouth.edu or 603-535-3077



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Student Application for the academic year 2025-2026

Name: _____ Date: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Campus Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Summer 2025 Contact Information: _____