April 4, 2014

Dear Social Work Student,

Welcome to the field of social work. As you enter school and begin your Social Work program, I want to make you aware of an initiative for students interested in child welfare.

The NC Child Welfare Education Collaborative seeks to strengthen public child welfare services in the State by increasing the number and diversity of well-trained and highly-committed BSWs and MSWs in local departments of social services. Offering special educational opportunities emphasizing public child welfare practice, the Collaborative provides financial support for selected social work students who will commit to employment in child welfare in a North Carolina county department of social services.

Students selected to participate in the Collaborative must complete the approved child welfare pre-service curriculum and coursework for your university and your field placement must be in child welfare services at a county department of social services. You must discuss your interest in applying for the Collaborative with Social Work faculty at your University prior to submitting an application. Social work program faculty at your university can provide detailed information about the requirements for your university.

If you have a strong commitment to pursue a career in child welfare, we invite you to submit an online application to the North Carolina Child Welfare Education Collaborative. The Collaborative’s online application process will enable you to create an applicant account and apply online to the Collaborative program. To begin the online student application process, please go to the following link, http://ssw.unc.edu/cwec/gateway.

Applicants for the traineeship award must be available for an interview during the weeks of June 2, 9, 16 and 23, 2014. Please note specific concerns and availability when you submit your application. Applicants for “Waiver Student” are approved by the Selection Committee and do not require an interview.

Applications must be submitted by Monday May 19, 2014. Applicants will have the capability to edit their online applications in efforts to avoid duplicate applications. If you would like additional information, please contact me at (919) 962-8982, or email: wreives@email.unc.edu.

Sincerely,

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