**NCWWI University Partnership Grant Award**

UMKC School of Social Work is one of only eleven MSW or BSW programs awarded a five year (2014-2019) National Child Welfare Workforce Initiative (NCWWI) University Partnership Grant!

NCWWI generates lessons on how to better develop a public and private child welfare workforce that is sustainable, evidence-based and informed (www.ncwwi.org).

The UMKC School of Social Work, Missouri Children’s Division, Cornerstones of Care and the Child Protection Center form the initial public-private partnership in Kansas City.

Through traineeships supported by this grant, lessons learned about workforce selection, development and support, as well as evidence-based program implementation will inform transformation of Kansas City area child welfare practice. Improvements in this child welfare transformation zone can then be brought to scale across Missouri.

At the core of this effort are UMKC School of Social Work traineeships that feature intensive, integrated, and well-supported coursework and field learning in a true cohort experience.

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**National Child Welfare Workforce Initiative (NCWWI) Traineeship Provides**

To name but a few features:

1. Full tuition? That’s right, the traineeships covers full tuition and most fees.

2. A true cohort experience: Trainees are enrolled in the same section of each course

3. In addition to Council on Social Work Education required courses, trainees receive specialized training in 5 electives directly related to working with families in child welfare settings. These include: *Child Trauma and Trauma Informed Care; Family Organization & Development; Collaborative Models of Strengths-Based Family Centered Practice; Family and Community Violence; and Children, Families and their Communities, The Child Welfare System.*

4. More intensive field experience: Trainees engage in field learning 3 days per week rotating through differing private and public child welfare responsibilities twice per semester.
5. Integrated coursework and field learning in a weekly seminar that informs monthly coaching/advisement with the Principal Investigator, Dr. Rosalyn M. Bertram.

6. Based on identified aptitude, knowledge and skill development, trainees receive employment in a specific child welfare setting.

7. Working with the Principal Investigator, after graduation, each summer trainees provide systematic feedback to further grant and child welfare practice development.

**Interested? Here are the application details!**

There are 8 traineeships available for 2014-2015, four for current UMKC MSW students who have successfully completed their foundation year studies, and four for applicants who have just been accepted to our MSW program.

Four new traineeships will be offered each academic year through 2019.

We are seeking diverse, mature applicants who have:

- Experience raising children and working with families is desirable. This need not be child welfare experience.
- Strong support systems and commitment to academic excellence and achievement

All applicants should contact the principal investigator, Dr. Rosalyn M. Bertram (816-235-1026 or bertramr@umkc.edu).