

# SERVE: Indigenous Community Social Workers for Change

SERVE aims to recruit Indigenous students (Native American/Native Alaskan) into the CalSWEC Title IV-E Program with a specialization in public child welfare.

## OVERVIEW

Title IV-E is part of the Social Security Act managed by the Administration for Children and Families of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and provides stipends as follows:

- BASW full-time students, a stipend of \$15,000 for the final year of study
- MSW full-time students, a stipend of \$18,500 per academic year
- Part-Time MSW and Pathway BASW and MSW reimbursement of actual student expenses for tuition, fees, books, and travel, up to \$14,164 per year. Part-time students must be current public (Tribal, county, state) social services employees.

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Graduates must complete an employment obligation in a public (Tribal, county, state) child welfare services agency in California commensurate to the time monetary support was received. NOTE: Native students are able to complete their employment obligation with a Tribe, reservation, rancheria or tribal agency/organization anywhere in the U.S.

## SERVE VISION

Envisions Tribal sovereign nations and Indigenous communities as sustainable healthy communities that use healing interventions to provide empowerment, mentorship, and leadership development; to promote

cultural preservation and appreciation of Indigenous cultures by recognizing and supporting Tribal sovereignty, and protecting cultural rights and identity of Indigenous peoples.



## SERVE MISSION

Committed to full equity, justice, well-being, and cultural preservation of American Indian/Alaska Native children and families by increasing the numbers of Indigenous social work graduates; fostering inclusive leadership development; developing partnerships between Tribal sovereign nations, indigenous communities, and other stakeholders; and implementing decolonizing social work curricula to reflect community-based, culturally appropriate Indigenous values and the promotion of Indigenous sovereignty and self-determination.

## SERVE OBJECTIVES

- To increase the enrollment and graduation of Native Americans from social work programs offering Bachelor of Arts In Social Work (BASW) and Master of Social Work (MSW) degrees in California;
- To increase the number of opportunities for all MSW students to complete field placements at Tribal agencies, or agencies that work extensively with Tribal populations;
- To increase partnerships between Tribal organizations and advocacy groups and schools of social work throughout California;

