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Organizational Profiles and Project Summaries
Child Welfare Training: The National Child Welfare Workforce Institute
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Administration for Children and Families - Administration on Children,
Youth & Families - Children's Bureau

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Project Title:
Child Welfare Training: The
National Child Welfare
Workforce Institute

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Albany**

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Project Period:
60 Months

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Target Population:
Diverse populations across a
wide variety of jurisdictions
and Tribal child welfare
agencies, universities, and
national researchers and
experts across the country.

Geographic Area(s)

Served:
Seven Workforce Excellence
(WE) sites (five jurisdictions
and two Tribal agencies)

Agency Region:
ACF Region 2

**The Research Foundation for the SUNY,
University at Albany**

Organizational Description

Founded in 1951, the Research Foundation for The State University of New York, "the RF," exists to serve SUNY in its research initiatives and projects, and to capitalize on the scope, scale and diversity of SUNY as an engine of New York State's innovation economy.

Use of Program Funds

(1) support 5 state and 2 Tribal Workforce Excellence Projects in implementing organizational interventions to develop the workforce; (2) implement 10 university-agency partnerships that strengthen child welfare practice through BSW and MSW stipends, along with specialized child welfare curricula, innovative field internships and transition to work supports; (3) foster agency based leadership training across the child welfare career spectrum, developing adaptive leadership skills, evidence-informed workforce initiatives, and complex systems change; (4) undertake a National Education Campaign including a "Worker Recognition Day" each September for National Workforce Development Month; (5) be guided by a National Advisory Board, appointed in consultation with the Children's Bureau, to serve as a think tank on workforce, worker wellness, re-envisioning child welfare systems, including attention to child neglect, national child welfare worker competencies and innovations in recruitment; (6) create information-sharing networks, knowledge-management and dissemination with evidence informed and evidence-based workforce development practices; (7) continue to host a nationally recognized web-site (MyNCWWI) using new technology to support effective engagement with consumers; (8) evaluate all aspects of NCWWI work, including University-Agency Partnerships, jurisdiction interventions and implementation outcomes; leadership and workforce development skills including team-based approaches; and the effectiveness of cross-system networks and product dissemination. All aspects of the work will be carried out in close collaboration with the Children's Bureau through a cooperative agreement.

Expected Outcomes

The University at Albany and partnering universities and collaborators will further the NCWWI's role as a national center of excellence to build the workforce capacity of public, private (as appropriate) and Tribal child welfare agencies and advance federal priorities to improve the safety, permanency and well-being of children, youth, and families.