# Career Path 3-Year Survey 2011New

### 1. Welcome to the CalSWEC 3-Year Career Path Survey

Consent to Participate in Research

Congratulations CalSWEC graduate!

You have completed your employment payback for the IV-E stipends you received while pursuing your MSW degree. We at CalSWEC, specifically Dean Lorraine Midanik and Drs. Sherrill Clark, and Susan Jacquet at the School of Social Welfare at UC Berkeley, are interested in your experiences during your employment payback period, regardless of whether you are still employed in a public child welfare agency or somewhere else.

By completing this survey, you will help us learn whether the IV-E program has prepared students effectively for public child welfare work. We will be able to use this information to improve school curricula and field education for IV-E students. Public agencies may also use the information to improve working conditions in order to increase the retention rates of professional social workers employed there.

The survey will require approximately 20 to 30 minutes of your time to complete. In this survey we ask a number of questions related to your personal and professional experiences and your career path since graduating. We also ask a number of questions related to your work environment, (i.e., available supports, stresses encountered, and job satisfaction).

To protect your privacy, no one (supervisors, agency administrators etc.) will be informed of your responses. You will be asked to construct a unique code number at the beginning of the survey. Only those associated with the research will have access to the code.

This research presents minimal risk to you. Participation in research may involve a loss of privacy, but your data will be handled as confidentially as possible. For instance, should information that is not favorable come to the attention of your supervisor, such information might conceivably jeopardize your employment position. Again, no one will be informed of your responses. Your responses are totally confidential. Only aggregate data will be presented in any dissemination of findings. No participants will be identified in any reports and only research staff at CalSWEC will have access to the original questionnaires which are kept in a locked cabinet.

Your participation in this research is entirely voluntary. Whether or not you participate will in no way affect your job status.

We hope that you will complete the survey. Our results will be much stronger and our recommendations more reliable if most of the IV-E graduates respond. Your opinions are important and will help us understand public child welfare agencies and working conditions there.

If you have any questions about your rights or treatment as a participant in this research project, please contact the University of California at Berkeley's Committee for Protection of Human Subjects at (510) 642-7461, or e-mail: (subjects@berkeley.edu). If you have any questions about the survey or the study, please contact Sherrill Clark (sjclark@berkeley.edu), or Susan Jacquet (sjacquet@berkeley.edu)or either one of us at 510-642-9272. Your thoughts and opinions are important to us and we appreciate your help with this survey.

Sincerely,

Sherrill J. Clark, MSW, PhD Susan E. Jacquet, PhD

## Career Path 3-Year Survey 2011New

#### 2. Unique Code

To set up YOUR UNIQUE CODE, please fill out the following four fields.

A. What are the first three letters of your mother's maiden name? (example: If her name is/was Joan Smith, the letters are SMI).

B. What are the first three letters of your mother's first name?(example: If her name is/was Joan Smith, the letters are JOA). Note: If the name has fewer than three letters, fill in the letters from the left and add 0 (zero) in the remaining space (s) on the right. For example, if her name is/was Lu We, the codes would be LU0 and WE0.

C. What are the numerals for the day you were born? Please use "0" before the number for numbers less than 10. D. What is the two-digit code for your school name? Please use the following codes: Bakersfield = BA; UC Berkeley = BE; Chico State = CH; Dominguez Hills = DH; CSU East Bay = EB; Fresno State = FR; CSU Fullerton = FL; Humboldt State = HB; Loma Linda = LL; Long Beach = LB; CSU, Los Angeles = CL; Northridge = NR; Sacramento = SA; San Bernardino State = SB; San Diego State = SD; San Francisco State = SF; San Jose State = SJ; Stanislaus = ST; UCLA = LA; Univ of Southern Cal = SC

Please provide the unique code below that will link your responses to this survey with responses made to other CalSWEC surveys (e.g. the new Graduate Survey) you may have completed follwing your graduate studies. By doing so, you will be giving CalSWEC consent to link your responses on those surveys. However, as with this survey, your responses are confidential and your identity protected. Your name will not be placed on any of the surveys. Only aggregate data will be presented in any dissemination of findings. No participants or their personal information will be identified in any reports. Thank you.

	ique code.	

	leer 50 T al
a and the state of	ces such as general information about your clients and caseload, the k stresses you encountered and your thoughts about public child welfa
2 Are you surrently applead in	the same agency where you worked when you
completed your employment oblig	the same agency where you worked when you gation?
YES	O NO

3. Were you laid off from your job w					
	vith the col	ınty?			
YES	(	O NO			
Comment?					
<u>^</u>					
4. If you are no longer with the sam your employment obligation	ne agency v	where you v	worked whe	en you co	mpleted
When did you begin your new job?	•				
Please enter month and year if you do not know the day	ı.		MM DD	/ YYYY	
5. Please check ONE service area v CURRENT new job.	which BES	T REPRESE	ENTS the p	rimary fo	cus of your
Aging/Adult Services	(	Private Pract	ice		
Child Welfare (Public)	(	Schools (K -	12)		
Child Welfare (Non profit/Private)		Social Work	Education		
Mental Health (Outpatient or Inpatient)	ĺ	Tribal Agenc			
Medical/Health/Developmental Disabilities		0			
Other. Please Specify.					
6. Please rate your agreement with		_		-	RENT new
ob using the scale from 1 = Strong	1 Strongly				5.01
	Disagree	2	3	4	5 Strongly Agree
This job has NOT helped me improve myself.  My expectations for this job were met.	$\sim$	$\sim$	$\sim$	$\sim$	$\sim$
have not been satisfied with this job.	$\sim$	$\sim$	$\sim$	$\sim$	$\sim$
This job has been outstanding.	$\widetilde{C}$	$\widetilde{\mathcal{C}}$	$\widetilde{\mathcal{C}}$	$\widetilde{\mathcal{C}}$	$\widetilde{\mathcal{C}}$
have had opportunities to get ahead in this job.	$\tilde{\bigcirc}$	$\tilde{\circ}$	$\tilde{\bigcirc}$	$\tilde{\circ}$	Ŏ

areer Path 3-Year Survey 2011New	
. About Your Career So Far	
OTE: For those no longer employed in a public child welfare revey as they apply to your experiences in the public child welfation.	
7. State your most recent public child welfar	e job:
Child welfare social worker	
Child welfare supervisor	
Other (please specify)	
8. What are (were) your direct service job res	sponsibilities? Check ALL that apply.
I provided no direct services to the agency's clients.	I provided traditional and/or brief counseling.
I provided case management for ongoing clients.	I obtained agency or community resources for the agency's clients.
I conducted safety, risk, and/or family assessments.	I conducted group work with clients and/or families.
Other (please specify)	
×	
9. What are (were) your indirect service job r	esponsibilities? Check ALL that apply.
I had no indirect service job responsibilities on this job.	I mentored new worker(s) on the job.
I evaluated programs or training or conducted research and/or	I supervised unit/agency social workers.
evaluation.  I provided social work student field instruction.	I was a community liaison/organizer or developed community resources for the agency.
I provided classroom training or education.	I administered or managed the agency or program(s) within the agency.
Other (please specify)	
A V	
10. In your public child welfare job, on avera	age do/did you work:
Full time?	.5-,
Part time?	
$\mathbf{e}$	
ii partuille, now many nours per week?	
If part time, how many hours per week?	

Career Path 3-Year Survey 2011New
11. Do/did you think your caseload is/was:
About right?
O Too small?
O Too large?
I did/do not carry a caseload.
12. If you were not contractually obligated to remain in public child welfare for each year
of IV-E funding received, would you have left or considered leaving public child welfare earlier?
O Yes
O No
O Unsure
13. Would you recommend your agency to others looking for employment in social
work?
O No
O Unsure
14. Would you recommend public child welfare services to others looking for employment in social work?
Yes
O No
O Unsure

Career Path 3-Year Survey 2011New
6. About Your Career So Far
15. Taking everything into consideration, how likely is it that you will make a genuine effort to find a new job with another employer within the next year? Please check ONE
NOT LIKELY: I plan to stay at this job for now.
SOMEWHAT LIKELY: I am looking into other jobs.
LIKELY: I am applying for other jobs.
VERY LIKELY: I have accepted another job.
I am retired or I will retire in the next 2 years.
16. If you are "somewhat" to "very likely" to seek alternative employment what is the likelihood that you will seek employment in another public child welfare agency?
O NOT LIKELY
O SOMEWHAT LIKELY
LIKELY
O VERY LIKELY
○ N/A

each choice according to he	JOOD II VVI				VIVIVII	
alternative employment:	,			,		- N
		Very Unimportant	Unimportant	Neither	Important	Very Importa
Changes in my family situation		0	0	0	0	0
A relocation or transfer		Ō	Ó	0	0	0
The desire to further my education		Ō	Ō	O	Ō	Ō
The desire to live in a different location		Ŏ	Õ	Ō	Ō	Ō
Dissatisfaction with my current job		Ŏ	Ŏ	Ŏ	Ŏ	Ŏ
Dissatisfaction with the agency environment		Ŏ	Ŏ	Ŏ	Ŏ	Ŏ
The desire enter or prepare myself for private	e practice	Ŏ	Ŏ	Ŏ	Ŏ	Ŏ
Changes in my career goals		Ŏ	Ŏ	Ŏ	Ŏ	Ŏ
Feeling "burned out" or stressed out		Ŏ	Ŏ	Ŏ	Ŏ	Ŏ
The availability of other jobs		Ŏ	Ŏ	Ŏ	Ŏ	Ŏ
The desire for greater pay and benefits		Ŏ	Ŏ	Ŏ	Ŏ	Ŏ
		_	_	_	_	_
18. Please rate your agreem child welfare job. (NOTE: IF	YOU ARI	E NO LON	IGER IN CH		-	
The desire to enter another profession  18. Please rate your agreem child welfare job. (NOTE: IF THINK OF YOUR LAST PUB	YOU ARI	E NO LON .D WELFA	IGER IN CH ARE JOB.)	HILD WEI	LFARE, PLE	ASE
18. Please rate your agreem child welfare job. (NOTE: IF THINK OF YOUR LAST PUB	YOU ARI	E NO LON	IGER IN CH ARE JOB.)	HILD WEI	-	ASE
18. Please rate your agreem child welfare job. (NOTE: IF THINK OF YOUR LAST PUB  By continuing to serve as a child welfare social worker, I feel I can make a	YOU ARI	E NO LON .D WELFA	IGER IN CH ARE JOB.)	HILD WEI	LFARE, PLE	ASE
18. Please rate your agreem child welfare job. (NOTE: IF THINK OF YOUR LAST PUB  By continuing to serve as a child welfare social worker, I feel I can make a difference in people's lives.	YOU ARI	E NO LON .D WELFA	IGER IN CH ARE JOB.)	HILD WEI	LFARE, PLE	ASE
18. Please rate your agreem child welfare job. (NOTE: IF THINK OF YOUR LAST PUB  By continuing to serve as a child welfare social worker, I feel I can make a difference in people's lives. I am satisfied with this job. I have had opportunities to get ahead in this job. My expectations for this job have been met.	YOU ARI	E NO LON .D WELFA	IGER IN CH ARE JOB.)	HILD WEI	LFARE, PLE	
18. Please rate your agreem child welfare job. (NOTE: IF THINK OF YOUR LAST PUB  By continuing to serve as a child welfare social worker, I feel I can make a difference in people's lives. I am satisfied with this job. I have had opportunities to get ahead in this job. My expectations for this job have been	YOU ARI	E NO LON .D WELFA	IGER IN CH ARE JOB.)	HILD WEI	LFARE, PLE	ASE
18. Please rate your agreem child welfare job. (NOTE: IF THINK OF YOUR LAST PUB  By continuing to serve as a child welfare social worker, I feel I can make a difference in people's lives. I am satisfied with this job. I have had opportunities to get ahead in this job. My expectations for this job have been met. I believe that my work as a child welfare	YOU ARI	E NO LON .D WELFA	IGER IN CH ARE JOB.)	HILD WEI	LFARE, PLE	ASE
18. Please rate your agreem child welfare job. (NOTE: IF THINK OF YOUR LAST PUB  By continuing to serve as a child welfare social worker, I feel I can make a difference in people's lives.  I am satisfied with this job. I have had opportunities to get ahead in this job. My expectations for this job have been met. I believe that my work as a child welfare social worker is important to society.	YOU ARI	E NO LON .D WELFA	IGER IN CH ARE JOB.)	HILD WEI	LFARE, PLE	ASE
18. Please rate your agreem child welfare job. (NOTE: IF THINK OF YOUR LAST PUB  By continuing to serve as a child welfare social worker, I feel I can make a difference in people's lives.  I am satisfied with this job. I have had opportunities to get ahead in this job.  My expectations for this job have been met. I believe that my work as a child welfare social worker is important to society.  This job has been outstanding. I became a social worker because I knew	YOU ARI	E NO LON .D WELFA	IGER IN CH ARE JOB.)	HILD WEI	LFARE, PLE	ASE
18. Please rate your agreem child welfare job. (NOTE: IF THINK OF YOUR LAST PUB  By continuing to serve as a child welfare social worker, I feel I can make a difference in people's lives.  I am satisfied with this job. I have had opportunities to get ahead in this job. My expectations for this job have been met. I believe that my work as a child welfare social worker is important to society. This job has been outstanding. I became a social worker because I knew it was meant to be. This job has NOT helped me improve	YOU ARI	E NO LON .D WELFA	IGER IN CH ARE JOB.)	HILD WEI	LFARE, PLE	ASE

next set of questions asks	about you		•			
19. Please rate your	future ir	nterest in th	ne following ca	reer goals:		
_	eady have/A			Neutral	Somewhat	Very Interested
Continue as a public child welfare worker	this	0	0	0	interested	0
Obtain an LCSW or an MFT	0	0	0	0	0	0
Become a supervisor	Ŏ	Ŏ	Ŏ	Ŏ	Ŏ	Ŏ
Work in or transfer to other units	Ŏ	Ŏ	Ŏ	Ŏ	Ŏ	Ŏ
Seek another academic degree	$\circ$	0	0	0	0	0
Become a field instructor Become an instructor at a	0	0	00	0	0	00
college/university						
	$\sim$		$\circ$		$\circ$	$\circ$
Have a private practice Become a child welfare trainer Other (please specify)	re the fo	O O	ork factors for y	ou to rema	in in the chi	O O Id welfare
Have a private practice Become a child welfare trainer					in in the chi	
Have a private practice  Become a child welfare trainer  Other (please specify)  20. How important as		llowing wo	ork factors for y	ou to rema		Id welfare  Very important
Have a private practice  Become a child welfare trainer  Other (please specify)  20. How important as					Somewhat	
Have a private practice Become a child welfare trainer Other (please specify)  20. How important alfield in the future?					Somewhat	
Have a private practice  Become a child welfare trainer  Other (please specify)  20. How important at field in the future?  High quality supervision					Somewhat	
Have a private practice Become a child welfare trainer Other (please specify)  20. How important at field in the future?  High quality supervision Manageable caseload					Somewhat	
Have a private practice Become a child welfare trainer Other (please specify)  20. How important at field in the future?  High quality supervision Manageable caseload Mentoring from an experienced of	worker				Somewhat	
Have a private practice Become a child welfare trainer Other (please specify)  20. How important at field in the future?  High quality supervision Manageable caseload Mentoring from an experienced of	worker				Somewhat	
Have a private practice Become a child welfare trainer Other (please specify)  20. How important at field in the future?  High quality supervision Manageable caseload Mentoring from an experienced of Positive client outcomes Personal growth and development Adequate resources and workspan	worker				Somewhat	
Have a private practice Become a child welfare trainer Other (please specify)  20. How important at field in the future?  High quality supervision Manageable caseload Mentoring from an experienced of Positive client outcomes Personal growth and development Adequate resources and workspat Clear work guidelines Flexible scheduling and work	worker				Somewhat	
Have a private practice Become a child welfare trainer Other (please specify)  20. How important at field in the future?  High quality supervision Manageable caseload Mentoring from an experienced of Positive client outcomes Personal growth and development Adequate resources and workspan	worker ent ace				Somewhat	

Career Path 3-Year	Surve	v 2011New
--------------------	-------	-----------

# 8. Section II of III: Work Conditions and Experiences

The following items concern your beliefs about WORK IN GENERAL. They do not refer only to your job in public child welfare. Copyright Paul E. Spector, All rights reserved, 1988

### 21. Please rate the level of agreement that you have with each item.

	Disagree very much	Disagree moderately	Disagree slightly	Agree slightly	Agree moderately	Agree very much
Most people are capable of doing their jobs well if they make the effort.	0	0	O	0	0	0
To make a lot of money you have to know the right people.	0	0	$\circ$	0	0	0
Getting the job you want is mostly a matter of luck.	0	0	0	0	0	0
If you know what you want out of a job, you can find a job that gives it to you.	Ŏ	Ŏ	Ŏ	Ŏ	Ŏ	Ŏ
Promotions are usually a matter of good fortune.	0	0	0	0	0	0
When it comes to landing a really good job, who you know is more important than what you know.	Ŏ	Ŏ	Ŏ	Ŏ	Ŏ	Ŏ
Making money is primarily a matter of good fortune.	0	0	0	0	0	0
If employees are unhappy with a decision made by theil boss, they should do something about it.	Ö	Ŏ	Ŏ	Ŏ	Ŏ	Ŏ
On most jobs, people can pretty much accomplish whatever they set out to accomplish.	0	0	0	0	0	0
A job is what you make of it.	0	$\circ$	$\circ$	0	$\circ$	0
Promotions are given to employees who perform well on the job.	Ò	Ō	Ō	Ō	O	Ō
The main difference between people who make a lot of money and people who make a little money is luck.		$\circ$	$\circ$	$\circ$	0	$\circ$
People who perform their jobs well generally get rewarded.	0	0	0	0	0	0
It takes a lot of luck to be an outstanding employee on most jobs.	$\circ$	0	$\circ$	$\circ$	0	$\circ$
In order to get a really good job, you need to have family members or friends in high places.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Most employees have more influence on their supervisors than they think they do.	0	$\circ$	$\circ$	$\circ$	0	$\circ$

ach situation produces for you	Very stressful	Moderately	A little stressful	Not at all	NOT
roviding backup for another worker	Very stression	stressful	A little stressidi	stressful	APPLICABLE
	$\sim$	$\sim$	$\sim$	$\sim$	$\sim$
nswering phone calls at night	$\sim$	$\sim$	$\sim$	$\sim$	$\sim$
andling crisis calls	$\simeq$	$\simeq$	$\sim$	$\simeq$	$\sim$
eeding to work overtime ecommending removal of child from the home	$\sim$	$\simeq$	$\sim$	$\sim$	$\sim$
	$\sim$	$\sim$	$\sim$	$\simeq$	$\sim$
ppearing in court eeing severely abused children	$\sim$	$\sim$	$\sim$	$\sim$	$\sim$
ecommending termination of parental rights	$\sim$	$\sim$	$\sim$	$\sim$	$\sim$
eeing clients' difficult living conditions	$\sim$	$\sim$	$\sim$	$\sim$	$\sim$
eath of a child (in your or another worker's caseload)	$\sim$	$\sim$	$\sim$	$\sim$	$\sim$
ave/had when you were a child w	Not at all	A litt	le Som	ewhat	Very much
ow willing is/was your immediate supervisor to listen to our work-related problems?	· O	C	) (	$\circ$	0
ow helpful is/was your immediate supervisor to you in	0	C	) (	$\circ$	0
etting your job done? ow much can you rely on your immedicate supervisor	$\tilde{\bigcirc}$	$\sim$	`	<u> </u>	$\tilde{\bigcirc}$
			,		
give you the necessary informatio to do your job?	_	_		_	_

Career Path 3-Year Survey 2011New
10. Work Conditions and Experiences
Use the scales provided to respond to each question. CHECK ONE answer to each question.
In your PUBLIC CHILD WELFARE JOB:
24. How much influence do you believe you personally have to positively affect the clients you serve?
No influence
A little influence
Usually some influence  Much influence
25. How would you rate your professional knowledge and skills you possess for the accomplishment of positive outcomes with the clients you serve?
Very inadequate
O Inadequate
Adequate
Very adequate
26. How would you describe the success you have in accomplishing objectives and goals for the clients you serve?
No success
A little success
O Usually some success
A high degree of success

Career Path 3-Year Survey 20	11New				
11. Work Conditions and Experie	ences				
27. The following items may be ch Please rate the level of satisfaction			-	tice expe	riences.
	Very dissatisfied	Somewhat dissatisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Very satisfied
Support and recognition from my supervisor	0	0	0	0	0
The level of gratitude expressed by clients	0	0	0	$\circ$	0
Opportunities for personal growth and development	0	0	0	0	0
Support and recognition from co-workers	0	$\circ$	$\circ$	$\circ$	0
Satisfying relationships with clients	0	0	0	0	0
Opportunities for promotion	0	0	0	0	0
My clients' success in reaching goals	Ŏ	Ó	Ó	0	O
Opportunities for improving my knowledge and skills	Ŏ	Ô	Ŏ	Ŏ	Ŏ
The physical surroundings of the agency	Ŏ	Ö	Ŏ	Ŏ	O
Support and recognition from clients	Ó	Ó	Ó	Ó	O
My personal feelings of accomplishment	0	0	0	0	0
Recognition from other professionals	0	$\circ$	0	$\circ$	0
The authority to make professional decisions	0	0	0	0	0
Clear expectations from my supervisor(s)	Ŏ	O	Ó	O	Ŏ
Opportunity to make a difference in a client's life	0	0	0	0	0
A flexible schedule	Ö	0	0	0	0
The ability to work outside an office	0	0	0	0	0
The opportunity to work intensively with clients	Ō	Ō	Ō	Ō	Ō

CONTINU	3-Year Survey 2011New ING EDUCATION
CONTINO	ING EDUCATION
<b>28</b> . Have yo	u completed the Standardized Core training series?
O Yes	
O No	
Comment?	
29. Since yo	ou graduated, how often have you obtained additional training or continuing
education r	elated to your social work career, NOT including the Standardized Core
series?	
Not at all	
Once or twice	e
Once or twice	e each year
More than to	vice each year
What topics have	you had training on?
	A
	v
30. Continui	ing education for my job is (Check all that apply)
Required for	the job.
Offered, but	I like to choose my own continuing education and pay for it myself.
Offered, but	I like to choose my own continuing education and the agency pays for it.
Offered and	Hook for opportunities for continuing education in other places as well.
Not offered,	I have to look for my own continuing education.
I do not feel	I need additional training or education.
Other (please spe	
Other (please spe	any)

Career Path 3-Year Survey 2011New
31. My agency will (Check all that apply)
Pay for my time away from the job when I attend continuing education.
Pay for registration fees for me to attend continuing education.
Pay for travel and/or lodging costs.
Pay for special supervision or mentoring on the job.
Not pay for any continuing education expernses.
Pay for LCSW/MFT supervision/hours.
Other (please specify)

Career Path 3-Year Survey 2011New
13. Section III of III: Personal Information
This section asks for information about you. (For all the following items, please place the appropriate answer in the space provided to the right of each question.)
32. What is your gender?
Female Male
33. Which of the following best describes your race/ethnicity? Please CHECK ALL that apply.
African American/Black
American Indian
Asian American/Filipino/Korean or Pacific Islander
Caucasian
O Hispanic/Latino
Mixed or Other (please specify)

Career Path 3-Year Survey 2011New
14. THANK YOU
Thank you for participating in this research study. Should you have have questions about this survey or the study, please feel free to contact Sherrill Clark at (510) 642-4480 or Susan jacquet at (510) 643-9846 or by e-mail at sjclark@berkeley.edu or sjacquet@berkeley.edu.