### 1. Welcome to the CalSWEC 5-Year Career Path Survey

Consent to Participate in Research

The California Social Work Education Center (CalSWEC) is conducting a research study of California title IV-E social workers' professional career paths since graduation. At this time your name has been selected because the CalSWEC title IV-E Student Information System records indicate you are eligible, having graduated 5 or more years ago from graduate social work school.

Your participation in this study is strictly voluntary. Although you will not directly benefit from this study, you may benefit if research findings lead to strengthening pre-service and in-service curricula and organizational improvements in order to provide the best services to families who use the child welfare system in California. This research presents minimal risk to you.

Since participation in research may involve a loss of privacy, your data will be handled as confidentially as possible. The only risk could happen if, for example, you relate negative information about an employer and the employer accesses your responses.

To guard against this remote possibility and to protect your privacy, no one except the CalSWEC researchers will be able to identify your responses. 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 surveys. Your answers will be handled confidentially, according to the rules established by the Office for the Protection of Human Subjects (OPHS) at UC Berkeley. If you have any questions about these rules or about the process of protecting human subjects in this study, please contact Office for the Protection of Human Subjects at ophs@berkeley.edu or (510) 642-7461.

We hope that you will choose to participate in this study. You may refuse to participate or discontinue at any time without negative consequences to you. The survey may take 30 minutes or more to complete. If you cannot finish it at one time, you can return to the survey at a later date to complete it. However, we ask that you please try to complete and return the survey within one week of receiving it.

Thank you for your time,

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## 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.

## 3. SECTION 1---ABOUT YOUR CAREER SO FAR

Please list the PAID job positions you have held since finishing your MSW in order from the first job that fulfilled your work obligation after graduation.

- JOB TITLE
- LENGTH OF TIME YOU HELD THIS JOB (USING START AND STOP DATES)
- REGULAR NUMBER OF HOURS WORKED
- JOB LOCATION Please list the social work AND the non-social work jobs.

The following definitions will help you address the questions on the following pages of the survey.

#### **DEFINITIONS:**

- A JOB Every time your employer or JOB TITLE changes, you have a new job. So you need to complete a separate column on the form for each new job. For example, if you move from AA County to BB County, then you have taken a new job. Similarly, if you stay at the same county but your title changes from Child Welfare Worker II to Child Welfare Worker III, then you have a new job that should be listed separately.
- REGULAR HOURS Full time is 40 hours per week. Part time is less than 40 hours per week.
- JOB LOCATION If you worked in California, please type in the county name. List the county in which your work occurred regardless of whether or not you work(ed) FOR the County. If you worked out of state, please tell us what city and state.
  - 2. Starting with the FIRST job that fulfilled your work obligation AFTER YOUR MSW GRADUATION, list your job title here.

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3. Starting with the FIRST job that fulfilled your work obligation AFTER YOUR MSW GRADUATION, list when you started and left each job. Fill in the month and the year. Example: first job: 03/1988 to 05/1998.

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Child Welfare (Public)					
Child Welfare (Private/Non- profit)					
Mental Health (Outpatient or npatient)					
Medical/Health/Developmental Disabilities					
Private Practice					
Schools (K - 12)					
Social Work Education					
Tribal Agency					
Other					
Please specify "Other" setting	_	_	_	_	_

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I had no indirect service job responsibilities on this job					
I evaluated programs or training,					
conducted research and/or evaluation	Ш		Ш		Ш
I provided social work student field					
instruction					
I provided classroom training or education					
I mentored new social worker(s) on the job					
I supervised unit/agency social workers	$\sqcap$				$\Box$
I was a community liaison/organizer or	H	- $$		- $$	H
developed community resources for the	ш	ш	ш	ш	ш
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I administered or managed an agency or program(s) within an agency					
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BOUT YOUR CAREER SO FA	R (continu	ied)			
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o your situation.					
I am taking a break from social work to care for a	child				
I am taking a break from social work to care for a	dependent adult				
I plan to return to social work at some time in the	future.				
I am retired.					
I am unemployed, but looking for a social work jo	ob.				
I have a NON social work job.					
I am looking for a NON social work job.					
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l0. Please rate your agreement wi		ing statem	ents abou	t your CUR	RENT job
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have NOT been satisfied with this job.	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q
have had opportunities to get ahead in this job.	Ŏ	Q	Q	Ŏ	Q
This job has been outstanding.	$\circ$	$\mathcal{O}$	$\circ$	$\circ$	$\circ$
This job has NOT helped me improve myself.	$\circ$	O	$\circ$	0	$\circ$

## Career Path 5-Year Survey 2011 New 11. Please rate your level of agreement about jobs in general, not just your job in child welfare. Copyright Paul E. Spector, All rights reserved, 1988 1 Disagree very 2 Disagree 5 Agree 6 Agree very 4 Agree slightly moderately moderately slightly much When it comes to landing a really good job. who you know is more important than what you know. Most people are capable of doing their jobs well if they make the effort People who perform their jobs well generally get rewarded. In order to get a really good job, you need to have family members or friends in high It takes a lot of luck to be an outstanding employee on most jobs. If you know what you want out of a job, you can find a job that gives it to you. Getting the job you want is mostly a matter of luck. The main difference between people who make a lot of money and people who make a little money is luck Making money is primarily a matter of good A job is what you make of it. To make a lot of money you have to know the right people. On most jobs, people can pretty much accomplish whatever they set out to accomplish. Promotions are usually a matter of good fortune. Promotions are given to employees who perform well on the job. Most employees have more influence on their supervisors than they think they do. If employees are unhappy with a decision made by their boss, they should do something about it.

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# 12. Please rate your level of satisfaction with the following statements about your CURRENT job using the scale 1 = Very Dissatisfied to 5 = Very Satisfied.

	1 Very Dissatisfied	2	3	4	5 Very Satisfied
Support and recognition from my supervisor.	0	0	0	0	0
The level of gratitude expressed by clients.	Ö	Ö	Ö	O	O
Opportunities for personal growth and development.	0	0	0	0	0
Support and recognition from co-workers.	$\circ$	$\circ$	$\circ$	$\circ$	0
Satisfying relationships with clients.	0	0	0	0	$\circ$
Opportunities for promotion.	$\circ$	$\circ$	$\circ$	$\circ$	0
My clients' success in reaching goals.	0	0	$\circ$	0	
Opportunities for improving my knowledge and skills.	0	$\circ$	$\circ$	$\circ$	0
The physical surroundings of the agency.	0	0	$\circ$	0	$\circ$
Support and recognition from clients.	0	$\circ$	$\circ$	$\circ$	0
My personal feelings of accomplishment.	0	0	0	0	$\circ$
Recognition from other professionals.	0	$\circ$	$\circ$	$\circ$	$\circ$
The authority to make professional decisions.	0	0	0	0	$\circ$
Clear expectations from my supervisor(s)	0	$\circ$	$\circ$	$\circ$	$\circ$
Opportunity to make a difference in a client's life.	0	0	0	$\circ$	$\circ$
A flexible schedule.	0	$\circ$	$\circ$	$\circ$	$\circ$
The ability to work outside an office.	0	$\circ$	0	$\circ$	0
The opportunity to work intensively with clients.	$\circ$	$\circ$	$\circ$	$\circ$	0

13. Please indicate the column des	cription wh	ich best re	presents th	e degree	of stress
each situation produces for you.					
	1 Very Stressful	2 Moderately stressful	3 A little stressful	4 Not at all Stressful	Not applicable
Providing backup for another worker.	0	0	0	0	0
Answering phone calls at night.	Ö	0	0	0	O
Handling crisis calls.	0	0	0	0	0
Needing to work overtime.	$\circ$	$\circ$	$\circ$	$\circ$	$\circ$
Recommending removal of child from the home.	$\circ$	0	0	0	0
Appearing in court.	$\circ$	$\circ$	$\circ$	$\circ$	$\circ$
Seeing severely abused children.	0	0	0	0	0
Recommending termination of parental rights.	O	0	Q	O	$\circ$
Seeing clients' difficult living conditions.	0	0	Q	0	0
Death of a child (in your or another worker's caseload).	$\circ$	$\circ$	0	$\circ$	0

with your agency.	Strongly	Disagree	Somewhat	Somewhat	Agree	Strongly Agre
Given the state of the job market for social workers, finding a job outside of this agency would be very difficult for me.	Disagree	0	Disagree	Agree	0	0
There are plenty of good social work positions outside this agency that I could have.	0	0	0	0	0	0
There is at least one good social work position outside of this agency that I could begin right away if I were to leave my employment here.	0	0	0	0	0	0
15. How well do the following	j stateme	nts descril	be your fee	lings abou	ut YOUR	
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social worker, I feel I can make a difference in people's lives.	0	0		)		0
This job has been outstanding.	0	$\circ$	$\circ$	)	$\circ$	$\circ$
My expectations for this job have been met.	0	0	0	)	0	0
I became a social worker because I knew it was meant to be.	0	O	O	)	0	O
Social work is my calling.	Q	Q	Q	)	Q	Q
As a child welfare social worker, I can provide help to people who need my assistance.	O	O	O	)	0	O
I have had opportunities to get ahead in this job.	0	0	0	)	0	0
This job has NOT helped me improve myself.	0	0	0	)	0	0
I believe that my work as a child welfare social worker is important to society.	0	0	0	) (	0	0
I am satisfied with this job.	O	O	O	1	O	O

16. Please rate your interest in the following laws a public child welfare worker  Continue as a public child welfare worker  Obtain an LCSW or MFT  Become a supervisor  Work in or transfer to other units  Seek another academic degree  Become a field instructor  Become an instructor at a college or university  Have a private practice  Become a child welfare trainer.  Other (please specify)	Not Interested	A Little	Somewhat Interested OOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO	Very Interested O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O
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Other (please specify)			0 0	0
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High quality supervision	Q	Q	Q	Ö
Manageable caseload	Q	O	O	Q
Mentoring from an experienced worker	Q	Q	Q	Q
Positive client outcomes	Ö	Ö	O	Ö
Personal growth and development	Ö	Ö	Q	Ö
Adequate resources and workspace	O	O	O	Ö
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SECTION 3 LICENSURE
18. Do you hold or are you in the process of obtaining a license(s) issued by the California Board of Behavioral Science Examiners (BBSE)?  Yes  No
19. If you answered "yes" to the previous question, which license do you have or are you in the process of obtaining?
LCSW  ASW (LCSW Intern)  MFT  MFT Intern
Other Behavioral Science License? (please specify)  20. If your public child welfare agency helped you obtain a license, please describe how
they helped.
21. If your public child welfare agency did NOT help you obtain a license, what reasons were given by the agency?
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22. If you do not have a license, do you plan to obtain one in the next 5 years?  Yes  No

SEC	CTION 4 CONTINUING EDUCATION
	In the past 2 years, how often have you obtained additional training or continuing
eau	cation related to your social work career?
$\tilde{O}$	Not at all
Ō	Once or twice
O	Once or twice each year
0	More than twice a year
Wha	t topics have you had training on?
24.	Continuing 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 I look 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.
Othe	r (please specify)
25.	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 expenses.
	Pay for LCSW/MFT supervision/hours.
Othe	r (please specify)

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10. SECTION 5 FIELD INSTRUCTION
26. Have you ever been a field instructor for social work students?  Orange No

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27. If yes, were your students	
Undergraduates	
Graduate students	
I have been a field instructor for both gradua	ate and undergraduate students
28. What did you enjoy about be	eing a field instructor?
29. What did you NOT enjoy abo	out being a field instructor?
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social workers to be field instru	iniversity and/or the agency could use for encouraging ctors?
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2. SECTION 6 UNIVERSITY AGENCY CONNECTIONS				
his section contains questions about university-agency connections you may have in addition to or other than field astruction, such as any connections to the IV-E program.				
33. As a Title IV-E graduate, do you regularly or occasionally have a role with your				
university's IV-E program? (Check all that apply)				
I have participated in the applicati		I have been a member of a university curriculum or teaching staff committee.  I have participated in an evaluation of the Title IV-E program.		
Do you have another role, not mentione	ed above?			
34. Since you have receive	•	ave you ever taught a university course		
At the undergraduate	Yes	N° O		
level?  At the graduate level?	$\circ$	$\cap$		
36. Since you graduated, how often have you delivered organized classroom education				
Not at all	thers; Do not int	Clude supervision of others here.		
Once or twice		On a regular basis		
37. Is there anything else	you would like to	tell us about your career?		

### 13. SECTION 7 REQUEST FOR A TELEPHONE INTERVIEW

Consent to Participate in Research

Since survey checklists do not uncover the nuances and unique qualities of a person's career decisions over time, we are also conducting an in-depth study of career paths and professional responsibilities to better understand how professional social workers make decisions about their careers.

We would like to contact some of you to further explore the same issues detailed in this survey, however, in a more open ended fashion during a telephone interview.

Again, although we will know your name, your responses are totally confidential. Only aggregate data will be presented in any dissemination of findings. No participants will be identified in any reports. Although your identity will be known at the time of the phone interview, only your study number will appear on any notes taken by the researcher at the time of the phone interview. The interviewer will ask your permission to tape the interview when s/he calls you. You may refuse to be taped without any negative consequences to you.

When the interview is over, the interviewer will transcribe the interview. No one, apart from the researchers, will have access to these notes or to the transcription. Notes/tapes will be destroyed after they are transcribed without any identifying information.

Participation in this part of the study would require a telephone interview of no more than 45 minutes.

If you are willing to participate in a telephone interview with one of our researchers, please send us your contact information below and you may be contacted. Include your name, phone number and e-mail address, if available, and the best time to reach you to arrange a telephone interview.

Please note that depending on our needs for additional information, we may or may not call you for a telephone interview. We may also call you to clarify your answers to the survey.

I agree to be interviewed by phone concerning my experiences, thoughts and feelings about my social work career. I understand that my comments may be used in written reports, but that I will not be identified. No identifying information will ever be presented in the dissemination of any findings related to the questionnaire in which I have just completed or to the telephone interview.

# 38. Please tell us how to contact you for a telephone interview and what day(s) and time (s) are best.

Name	
Telephone Number	
E-mail Address	
Best Day(s)	
Best Time(s)	

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14. THANK YOU
Thank you for participating in this research study. Should you have any 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.