



School of Social Work  
University of Pittsburgh

## **CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES CERTIFICATE PROGRAM**

The Children, Youth and Families Certificate program is designed to prepare graduates of the MSW program to provide services to at-risk children and families through a wide range of public and private agencies. Students in the MSW program may take required and elective courses leading to the *Certificate in Children, Youth and Families* within the normal MSW requirements and need not exceed the length of the degree program.

### **REQUIRED COURSES (6 credits):**

- SWWEL 2059 - Child and Family Policy (second level policy)
- SWBEH 2062 - Children and Families at Risk (second level human behavior)

### **ELECTIVE COURSES (6 credits):**

At least two elective courses selected from the following current offerings or approved children, youth and family-focused courses that become available in the future. Courses outside the School of Social Work are permitted within the limits of School policy and with prior approval from the student's advisor and the certificate coordinator.

- SWINT 2011 - Social Work Practice with Families
- SWINT 2035 - Intimate Partner Violence
- SWINT 2042 - Social Work with Substance Use and Other Addictive Disorders
- SWINT 2049 - Direct Practice with Children & Adolescents
- SWINT 2063 - Child Maltreatment
- SWINT 2072 - Social Work and Traumatic Stress
- SWINT 2096 - Clinical Social Work with African-American Families

### **REQUIRED FIELD WORK (minimum of 12 credits):**

Specialization field placement (advanced standing or second year) in a children, youth and family setting (program, unit or agency) working with at risk children and their families. This may be within a public agency or a private provider agency.

Contact: Helen Cahalane, Ph.D. E-mail: [hcupgh@pitt.edu](mailto:hcupgh@pitt.edu) Phone: 412-624-6386

