



# California Social Work Education Center (CalSWEC)



UC Berkeley School of Social Welfare

# California Social Work Education Center

- Funds the competency-based BSW and MSW Stipend Programs for child welfare and MSW stipend program in mental health
- Also coordinates statewide in-service training system (training delivered via Regional Training Academies)
- Foundation-funded aging initiative with specialized curriculum

# Institutionalizing the Partnership

- Active Board with all Deans/Directors of Schools of SW, CDSS Director, County Welfare Directors, NASW, County MH Directors, foundations
- High level representatives, meets quarterly
- Initiative committees: Child Welfare, Mental Health, Aging
- Permanent committees: Research & Development, Curriculum & Training, Workforce Development
- Wide representation from other stakeholders (Courts, consumers, alumni, etc.)

# CalSWEC Center (UC)

- Coordinates curriculum development, provides leadership
- Leads, co-leads and participates actively in many other partnerships and committees
  - Statewide Training and Education Committee
  - CWDA committees
  - CFSR committees
  - Research and Training Network

# Research and Evaluation

- CalSWEC Center assists CDSS with targeted evaluation and research projects (subcontracts to partners)
- CalSWEC staff co-lead Research and Training Network (RTN)
- RTN coordinates/disseminates research completed by regional university-county consortia
- RTN developed Statewide Child Welfare Research Agenda

# Future Directions

- Building capacity in both research and practice communities
- Focus on dissemination and translation
- Practice community identifies priorities via Research Agenda
- Moving toward extended partnerships between counties and universities rather than project-based work
- Centrally-funded short-term studies to inform PIP & improve practice

# Lessons Learned

- IV-E partnerships offer a good framework for applied research and evaluation collaborations.
- Embedding research and evaluation into the in-service training system assists EBP implementation/culture change
- Institutionalize research/practice partnerships as much as possible.
- Effective, equal partnerships between practice leaders and researchers/academics are key
- Create dissemination/translation vehicles (symposia, curricula, etc.)

# More Information

---



CalSWEC: <http://calswec.berkeley.edu/>

RTN & Research Agenda:

[http://calswec.berkeley.edu/CalSWEC/EB\\_Practice.html](http://calswec.berkeley.edu/CalSWEC/EB_Practice.html)

Barrett Johnson: [barrettj@berkeley.edu](mailto:barrettj@berkeley.edu)