

## Message from the Title IV-E CWP Team

Dear Title IV-E CWP alumni, students, and friends,

We hope you stay healthy and safe and appreciate your work and dedication to children, families, and communities during this difficult pandemic crisis. We begin the 27th year of the Title IV-E CWP program this fall and continue to provide social work education, training, and stipends for current and prospective CPS employees in Texas.

In this edition of the newsletter, we would like to highlight strategic planning we have embarked on to extend our mission and develop effective strategies to better serve our current students, alumni, and other key stakeholders. This strategic planning helps us create a comprehensive roadmap and specific areas of priority to achieve the mission of our Title IV-E CWP program.

Our strategic priority areas include:

- Develop cutting edge and innovative curriculum, training, and supervision to improve Title IV-E CWP participants' child welfare competencies.
- Increase alumni engagement and provide continued support for professional and career development,
- Build strong partnerships with DFPS, the School of Social Work, and communities to enhance the Texas child welfare system and achieve mutually beneficial outcomes,
- Monitor and evaluate the processes and outcomes of our Title IV-E CWP program.

We will keep you updated on the progress of planned activities for each of our strategic priority areas. In the meantime, please contact us if you have any feedback or want to engage in this strategic planning effort. Your voice and talent will help us advance our Title IV-E CWP program.

## Ethics Trainings

Need Ethics hours for your social work licensure? The Title IV-E CWP program will be offering free online Ethics trainings in January and February of 2021.

### Title IV-E Ethics: Ethical Communication in a Remote Setting

Friday 1/29/21, 9:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Thursday 2/4/21, 9:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

### Ethics Overview for Title IV-E Foster Care & Adoption Workers

Friday 2/12/20, 9:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Thursday, 2/18/20, 9:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

To find out more and to register for a training, please email [CWPpartnership@txstate.edu](mailto:CWPpartnership@txstate.edu)

# Title IV-E CWP 2020 Participants

## Celebrating Our Fall 2020 Graduates



Georgiana

Justin

Shawna

This fall we are celebrating four graduates from our program: Georgiana O'Reilly, Justin Johnson, Shawna Ramsey, and Tarika Nath (not pictured).

## Fall 2020 New Students

### Region 7

Foundation

Stephanie Smith

Lori Fergueson

Sarah Preston

### Region 8

Foundation

William Brown

Carolina Garza

Advanced

Michelle Castillo

## Congratulations!

Thank you for being part of the Title IV-E Child Welfare Partnership Program!

## Alumni Promotions

Maddison Moore,  
INV Program  
Director

Natasha Bussey,  
CVS Program  
Director

Julian Apolinar,  
SPA Program  
Administrator

Shawna Cuevas,  
CVS Program  
Director

Hollye Pickett,  
Kinship  
Supervisor

## New Title IV-E CWP Student Worker

Undergraduate student Hannah Nguyen has joined the team this fall!





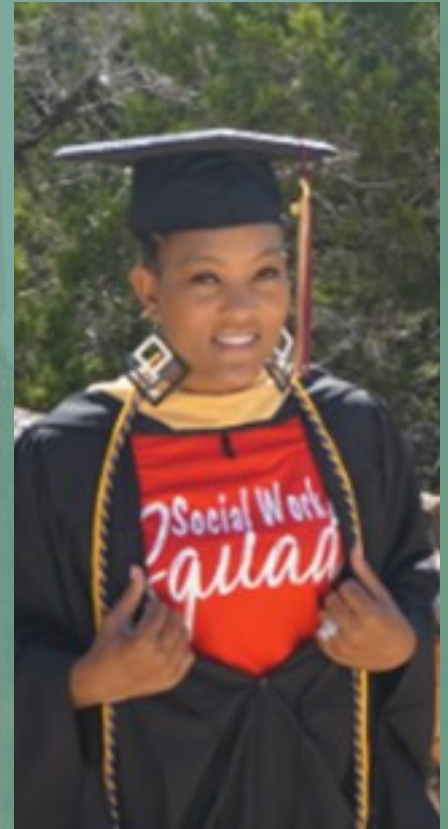
# Title IV-E CWP Alumni Highlight

This fall, we would like to highlight one of our Title IV-E Child Welfare Partnership (CWP) Alumni and recent graduates: **Ashley Hardin-Turner**. Ashley is a two-time graduate of the Title IV-E CWP program at Texas State. She first participated in the CWP program during the final semester of her undergraduate BSW program, where she was selected to receive a stipend to complete her final field placement at CPS. Ashley graduated with her BSW in August 2016, and shortly after that she started working as a Conservatorship worker in Bastrop, Texas. "I was thrilled as I always planned to have a job straight out of college," Ashley stated.

After taking off a year from school, Ashley decided to further her education and was accepted into the MSW program at Texas State University. In the middle of her final internship in the Spring of 2020, Covid-19 hit and Ashley had to switch to remote learning for her internship, while still working full-time in her Foster/Adopt position at CPS. Despite the challenges that she faced throughout the MSW program and her internship, Ashley continued to put her best foot forward and graduated with her MSW degree in August 2020. Ashley had the following to say about her experience with the program:

The Title IV-E stipend program allowed me to continue to work full time to provide for my family. I went to school part time online, which allowed great flexibility, which was needed! During my journey to obtaining my master's degree I went through various challenges personally and professionally. Throughout it all I had the support of Martha and the Title IV-E program to guide and support me. The Title IV-E program allowed me to obtain my master's degree with less debt and gain an entire new support system.

*Congratulations, Ashley! We are proud of you!*



**Ashley Hardin-Turner**  
(December 2020's Alumni Highlight)

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We would love to know what our Title IV-E Alumni are up to! If you have exciting career news to share, please send it to [CWPartnership@txstate.edu](mailto:CWPartnership@txstate.edu).