The Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences at CWRU would like to invite your agency to partner with us in a National Child Welfare Fellows Program. This partnership will sponsor a cohort of Northeast Ohio Child welfare student/employees for full scholarships to obtain a master’s degree in social work. The program focuses on child welfare competencies in context of our ability-based curriculum.

**FACT Sheet**

- Fellows must be full-time child welfare staff of Cuyahoga, Summit, Lorain or Lake Counties
- Fellows must meet admission criteria for the Intensive Weekend Program
- Fellows must draw any funds that their agency provides; the Fellow tuition award will be reduced by the amount available from the agency (if any funds are available)
- Fellows must remain in good standing to remain as a Fellow
- For every year of funded graduate education, Fellows must return a year after they complete their degree. So, if Fellows are funded for 3 years, they must give 3 years to the public agency after completion of their degree.
- Fellows must participate in supervision and programming that we offer at their agency during the time they are a student
- Fellows develop yearly portfolios that documents their abilities and child welfare competencies
- Every Fellow must have training in supervision and leadership; the funds for a yearly conference attendance must focus on leadership, supervision or a specific child welfare competency

This program is a collaboration between the National Child Welfare Workforce Institute, the Mandel School, and potentially, your agency. The program presents an opportunity for up to five students/employees to obtain full scholarships for their Master's Degree in Social Work in three years through MSASS's Intensive Weekend Program, while maintaining their full-time employment. Tuition for these five students will be waived as a result of this partnership.

We want to recruit high quality candidates who have a firm commitment to remain in and contribute to public child welfare. If you are interested in nominating a staff for this Fellowship and need additional information, please contact either Victor Groza, Ph.D., LISW-S at vkg2@case.edu or Jerry Strom, M.S.W., LISW-S at gas4@case.edu