FIELD TRAINING

UAPB's IV-E Child Welfare unit is contracted to provide field training to child welfare professionals and students interested in child welfare as a profession. Field training activities are provided to Division of Children and Family Services (DCFS) field staff, Family Service Workers (FSW), DCFS Supervisors, and UAPB social work students who are doing internships with DCFS, both stipend and non-stipend students.

Field Training encompasses education on state child welfare policies and procedures, collaboration/multidisciplinary endeavors, child maltreatment content, judicial and legislative procedures as well as an array of other topics in contemporary services to children and families.

FIELD TRAINING FOR STUDENTS

UAPB's social work students who are participating in a DCFS internship as part of the requirement for their undergraduate degree receive 1 hour per week of field training from an IV-E staff member during the course of the semester. The purpose of this field training is to accelerate and enrich the educational process of these students. This additional layer of exposure to the child welfare profession serves as an important link to the classroom training and the internship experience. Additionally, it is hoped that this investment in the students will result in a larger applicant pool for DCFS, with applicants who are more knowledgeable and equipped to do the job upon hire and who are better informed regarding the demands and rigors of this type of social work practice.

FIELD TRAINING FOR DCFS FAMILY SERVICE WORKERS