

IV-E Child Welfare Stipend Program

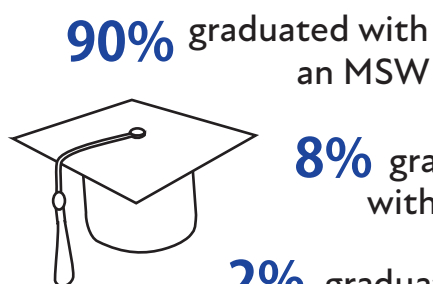
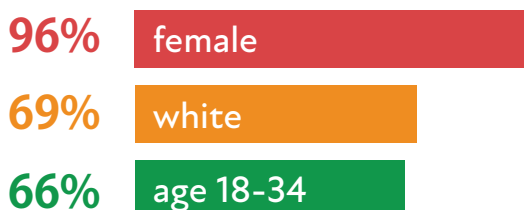
2018 Study

A Mixed-Methods Evaluation of Colorado's 2006-2016 Stipend Program Graduates



Of respondents, (N=97, 48% response rate):

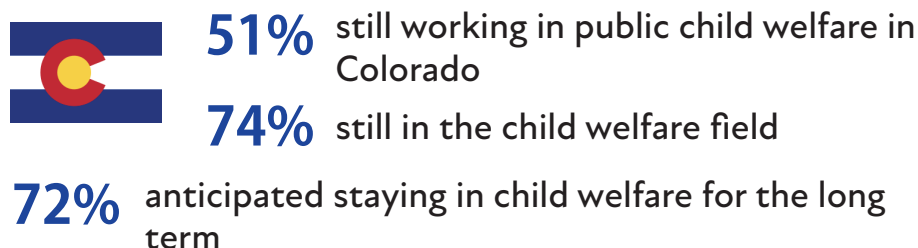
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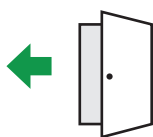
Employment payback period was as expected for 94%



CAREERS IN CHILD WELFARE



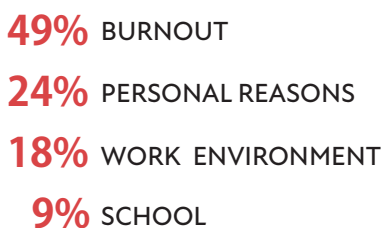
Why they stayed:



Why they left:

"It allows me to make a difference in the lives of children and families"

"The work is fulfilling"



- Study participants

IMPACT OF THE STIPEND PROGRAM

- ✓ Kept stipend students in the field beyond their obligated employment "payback" time
- ✓ Created an edge for hiring graduates
- ✓ Increased collaboration between university programs and county agencies

IMPLICATIONS

FOR THE FIELD

A well-educated workforce leads to **better outcomes for children, youth, and families** involved in the child welfare system.

The Stipend Program creates **peer connections** that extend beyond the classroom and into professional careers, which helps ease burnout.

University-agency collaborations lead to better trained graduates and a **stronger workforce**.

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