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# *CalSWEC Data Sets*

*Since its inception in 1990,  
CalSWEC has collected data on:*

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- ❑ The career interests of MSW students in California
- ❑ The retention of Title IV-E graduates in public child welfare
- ❑ The characteristics of the California public child welfare workforce

## *Primary purpose:*

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- Evaluation of the Title IV-E stipend program in California

## *Secondary purpose:*

- Numerous opportunities to study the child welfare and social work workforce
- Demographic data matched to survey data

## *Data Sets on CalSWEC's Website*

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- ❑ California MSW Student Survey Data (1991-2004)
- ❑ California Public Child Welfare Workforce (2004)
- ❑ The Retention Study (1996-ongoing)

# *Access via the web for each data set:*

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- Description
- Variable list
- Instruments
- Listing of publications

# *California MSW Student Survey Data (1991-2004)*

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## Description

- From 1991 to 2004, CalSWEC administered surveys to all MSW students in California at the time of entrance to and at graduation from the program.
- The data were intended to provide a comparison group for the public child welfare students.

# *California MSW Student Survey Data (1991-2004)*

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## Instruments:

- Entering Student Survey – 1991 to 2000
- Graduation Survey – 1996 to 2004

# *California MSW Student Survey Data (1991-2004)*

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## Variables (Partial List)

- ❑ Demographic data
- ❑ Career interests (many fields)
- ❑ Populations of interest
- ❑ Theories and beliefs about poverty
- ❑ Reasons for choosing social work as a career

# *Sample publications:*

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- ❑ *An examination of the practice preferences and career choices of M.S.W. Students over the course of their education, Robin Perry.*
- ❑ *M.S.W. student views on social work's traditional mission, career motivations and practice preferences: comparisons between and within Caucasians, Students of Color, and American Indians, Gordon Limb.*
- ❑ *Affecting recruitment and retention of Students of Color preparing to work in public child welfare, Sherrill Clark and Susan Jacquet.*

# *Retention Study - Description*

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- Survey of IV-E MSW graduates to determine if they intend to stay in public child welfare
- Uses established scales for burnout
- Demographic data is also included

# *Retention Study – Sample Publications*

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- ❑ *Caseload size and hours spent on the job as factors affecting the retention of California title IV-E public child welfare workers.* Colton, Sarah. (2005)
- ❑ *The effect of supervision on retention of public child welfare workers.* Fauerbach, Jennifer. (2005).
- ❑ *The role of effective supervision in the retention of public child welfare workers.* Jacquet, S.E., Clark, S.J., & Withers, B
- ❑ *Factors influencing the retention of specially educated public child welfare workers.* Dickinson, N.S., & Perry, R.E. (2002).

# *Future information available on the CalSWEC site:*

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- Survey of Supervisory Roles and Practices (2002)
- Research projects by IV-E students around the state

# *Accessing the data*

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- ❑ Data may be accessed for additional research and replicate studies
- ❑ Some restrictions due to concerns for the protection of human subjects and/or CalSWEC policies
- ❑ For more information on accessing the data, please contact Sherrill Clark, [sjclark@berkeley.edu](mailto:sjclark@berkeley.edu)



[http://calswec.berkeley.edu/CalSWEC/CalSWEC\\_Evaluation.html](http://calswec.berkeley.edu/CalSWEC/CalSWEC_Evaluation.html)