

Stockton Receives \$2.2 Million in Contracts for Child Welfare Education and Training Programs

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partner schools are Centenary College, Georgian Court University, Monmouth University, Ramapo College, Rutgers University-Camden/New Brunswick, Rutgers University-Newark and Seton Hall University.

“While the program is a great opportunity for undergraduate social work students pursuing careers in public child welfare,” said Dawn Konrady, director of the Child Welfare Education Institute at Stockton, “the effects of the program are greater than that. It simultaneously benefits the state, the students, and the children and families they collectively serve.”

The same could be said for the Masters Child Welfare Education Program (MCWEP).

Stockton is also the lead institution of the MCWEP consortium, which includes Rutgers and Monmouth universities. The \$801,188 program covers the cost of tuition and fees for 38 current DCP&P supervisors seeking to advance their knowledge and professional skills by obtaining a Master of Social Work degree. After obtaining their degrees, participants are required to continue employment with DCP&P for at least one year per year of funding they received through the program.

Stockton has also received a third grant of \$675,000 for the operation of the New Jersey Child Welfare Training Partnership—Southern Region (NJCWTP-RSC). This third entity under the umbrella of CWEI is headquartered at Kramer Hall in Hammonton.

“The program develops and administers crucial child welfare and specialized trainings for over 1400 DCP&P employees in Cumberland, Cape May, Atlantic, Gloucester, Burlington, Camden and Salem counties,” Konrady said, “so the accessibility of Kramer Hall is a real advantage.” The arrangement may have economic benefits for Hammonton as well, as Main Street will likely see more foot traffic as people eat and shop during breaks in training, she added. added.