

**Introducing
the new
Minnesota
Child Welfare
Workforce
Collaborative
and
The Minnesota
Child Welfare
Training Academy**

The Child Welfare Workforce Collaborative is an emerging entity for professionals coming together to strengthen Minnesota's child welfare workforce. In "The Collaborative" professionals and organizations are able to come together to share training resources, upcoming events, and to share work on current training and professional development initiatives. The Minnesota Child Welfare Workforce Collaborative will work closely with the new Minnesota Child Welfare Training Academy.

In the 2019 Minnesota legislative session, a new State/University training partnership was funded between the Minnesota Department of Human Services and the University of Minnesota's Center for Advanced Studies in Child Welfare, to establish the Minnesota Child Welfare Training Academy. Infrastructure and program development for The Academy will begin in Fall 2019. The four-year development of the academy will include elements including, but not limited to, modified New Worker Training, additional ICWA and cross-cultural practice curricula, supervisor training, the use of simulation and virtual reality training modalities, child welfare professional certification, and an enhanced advanced practice training catalog. The new Training Academy staff will work closely with community, tribal, and county partners during the course of this exciting developmental period.

We are excited to share new resources with you in the coming months. If you would like to subscribe online to receive information updates about the development of the Training Academy or the emerging Collaborative, please visit:

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