Trauma Education Connections Initiative (TECI) 2015-2016
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What is TECI?

The trauma Education Connections Initiative (TECI) provides an opportunity for trauma-informed clinical education and practice and allows advanced year clinical concentration MSW students to enrich their program of study at UM SSW with integrated content and skills in evidence based trauma treatment practice. This area of treatment practice training will enhance the employability of MSW graduates and provide them with an advantage in an increasingly competitive marketplace.

Who can apply for the program?

Students entering their advanced year in a clinical concentration with specializations in Behavioral Health, Families and Children, and Health-Child, Adolescent and Family Health (CAFH) and subspecialization in Behavioral Health.

What can I expect from the TECI program and field placement?

TECI integrates classroom and field experiences by linking the following components:

1) Taking our clinical elective trauma treatment course that meets the diversity elective and introduces the Core Concepts of Child Trauma Treatment during the summer of 2015;
2) Child trauma treatment training that includes attending a 2 day intensive skills based training in an evidence based trauma treatment method,
3) A field placement where actual experience using the method and supervision with a field supervisor trained in this modality will be provided.
4) Possible participation as a fellow in The Behavioral Health Workforce Integration Program Service and Education (BHWISE) program. (see reverse side for additional information)

***Field placement agencies may be throughout the UM SSW Field Education area in Maryland, West Virginia, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Washington, DC.

What are the requirements for applying to the program?

Along with field application, please complete a brief statement that answers the following questions and email to Kathryn Collins, PhD at trauma@ssw.umaryland.edu.

1. What interests you about training in trauma treatment?
2. Describe a crisis situation that you experienced. How did you deal with it? How did it affect you?
3. How do you think a course on child trauma will enhance your training, education and career goals?
4. State if you are available to take the required elective Trauma Treatment intensive course during the summer 2015.
5. State the top three agencies you will apply for in your field education application.

Applicants must apply by January 1, 2015 (11:59PM). Applications received after the deadline will not be considered. Applicants will be notified of the committee’s decision by January 15, 2015.

Who can I contact with further questions?
For questions about the TECI program, contact Kathryn Collins, PhD at trauma@ssw.umaryland.edu.