

**Spread the Word: Child Welfare Symposium CSWE 2003 APM  
Thursday February 27, 2003**

What? 4 Title IV-E Child Welfare (CW) Partnership Special Meetings &  
Call for 2004 Child Welfare Symposium Abstracts Deadline May 1

Who? Everyone Working in IV-E Partnership Projects and Anyone Interested  
in  
Child Welfare Issues and the Symposium

When? 1) Cost Allocation Processes and IV-E Funding Issues 9:00 - 10:00  
AM

Facilitator: Ed Sites, Univ. of Pittsburgh

2) IV-E Partnership with Distance Education 10:30 - 11:30 AM

Facilitator: Anita Barbee, Louisville Univ.

3) IV-E Partnership and Field Instruction 1:00 - 2:00 PM

Facilitators: William Heiss & Susan Michaud, Univ. of Wis.

4) Child Welfare Symposium Meeting & Future Directions 2:30 - 3:30 PM

Chair: Alberta (Bert) Ellett, UGA

Kathleen Belanger will take minutes for all sessions

Where? Atlanta, Marriott Marquis Hotel, Room Sydney

Why? A national network of schools of social work and agency partnerships has emerged through Title IV-E child welfare training projects. Many universities are engaged in child welfare research, knowledge development and expanding theory. The unique opportunity exists through the child welfare APM Symposium to enable face to face networking, debate, collaboration, and expanded influence in child welfare.

Many of us share a concern that federal legislation continually attempts to correct public child welfare without addressing what is likely at the core of its problems, i.e. there are no employment requirements for staff providing child welfare services to be professional social workers. There seems to be interest within our group to move to re-professionalize child welfare, all of us working together can accomplish this goal.

Accomplishments:

1998 Established the Child Welfare Symposium at CSWE-APM  
2000 Held our first annual of day of 4 special roundtable meetings for discussion, exchange, networking & set up our Child Welfare list serve  
2003 Set our up Child Welfare Website at:  
<http://www.uky.edu/SocialWork/cswe/>  
2004 First CW Symposium Session in addition to paper sessions

I wish to extend my thanks to all of you who submitted abstract proposals, and congratulations to all of you who are presenting papers on child welfare topics both within and outside the CW symposium. You are encouraged to submit abstracts to the Child Welfare Symposium for the 2004 APM in Anaheim, CA. DEADLINE: May 1, 2003.

Alberta (Bert) Ellett, Chair  
Child Welfare Symposiumiv-e