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UNH Center for Professional Excellence in Child Welfare

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DURHAM - The University of New Hampshire Center for Professional Excellence in Child Welfare, an initiative of UNH’s department of social work, has launched a new Web site (www.unh.edu/cpe) to assist state child welfare and juvenile justice staff in serving New Hampshire children and families.

The Web site, developed during the first six months of this new partnership between UNH and the state of New Hampshire, is a “one-stop shop” for information about training and professional development opportunities, course materials, and library and other resources. A portal connected to the Web site will become the password-protected gateway to courses, additional resources and support services, and electronic communication and networking capabilities.

"The Center for Professional Excellence in Child Welfare is committed to offering a user-friendly system of training and professional development. This new Web site is expected to help state workers better serve the children of New Hampshire," says Christie Davis, program director of the Center for Professional Excellence.

The site, which draws on the best characteristics of similar child welfare training sites in other states, will include such features as an extensive virtual library of child welfare research and best-practice literature, a calendar outlining an entire year of training workshops, and a menu of trainers with specialized expertise. The site allows state workers to enroll directly in a wide variety of online trainings offered by such entities as The National Center for Children. Furthermore, the site is expected to save the state money by transitioning to electronic forms for, among other things, training enrollment, expense reimbursement and evaluation activities.

The University of New Hampshire Center for Professional Excellence in Child Welfare (CPE) provides an innovative approach to professional growth through unique partnerships with state social service agencies (Division for Children, Youth & Families; Division for Juvenile Justice Services) and educational institutions (University of New Hampshire Institute On Disability; Social Work Outreach Center). Child welfare workers can become proactive agents in their professional development through a technologically advanced network of multidisciplinary workshops designed to meet their specific needs. CPE guarantees continuous quality improvement of services through evaluation and assessment of practice.

The University of New Hampshire, founded in 1866, is a world-class public research university with the feel of a New England liberal arts college. A land, sea, and space-grant university, UNH is the state's flagship public institution, enrolling 12,200 undergraduate and 2,200 graduate students.