### Program Description

The certificate in social service is designed to provide higher education and career opportunities for New Jersey Department of Human Services (DHS)/Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS) staff. This is a collaborative effort between the New Jersey Department of Human Services (DHS), the New Jersey Community College Consortium for Workforce and Economic Development (NJCCCWED) and Camden County College Human Services Program. A Camden County College certificate in social service will provide the second step in a career ladder program for DYFS clerical and support staff in pursuing an education and career in child welfare. This program was developed out of an effort to improve New Jersey’s child welfare system by offering and encouraging DHS/DYFS employees in acquiring academic credentials within the field of social service. DYFS has identified over 800 potential applicants for the program.

### Program Goals

- To prepare students to advance and broaden career opportunities within the field of child protective services (specifically designed for DHS/DYFS employees).
- To provide transfer credits into associate and/or baccalaureate level programs in related fields.
- To prepare students to show evidence of professional, legal and ethical behavior in the field of child welfare.
- To prepare students to demonstrate knowledge of the techniques used to collect, record, interpret, and employ guidance data.

### Program Student Learning Outcomes

At the end of the program, the graduate will be able to:
1. Analyze contemporary social welfare issues affecting American society.
2. Behave in a professional and ethical manner.
3. Explain and use elements of effective working relationships encompassing the ideals of empathy, positive communication, and active listening.
4. Differentiate between various types of services within the social welfare system.

### Special Program Requirements

- Candidates for acceptance into this program must have completed their applied studies and received a Certificate of Competency in Child Protective Services prior to entering the program.
- This is a collaborative effort between the New Jersey Department of Human Services (DHS) the New Jersey Community College Consortium for Workforce and Economic Development (NJCCCWED) and Camden County College Human Services Program.
- All candidates must take the College Placement Test prior to beginning course work.

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### This Program is Not Approved for Financial Aid