

Program Highlights



Program Alumni consisting of over **800** Doctoral and **300** MSW fellows

Resources for fellows including:

- Financial Support
- Individualized mentorship
- Specialized training
- Licensure preparation
- Professional development opportunities

“The MFP was the network I didn't know I needed while in my doctoral program.”



94% of surveyed alumni work is related to behavioral health

“I remain committed to mentoring the next generation of students who are dedicated to addressing the needs of underserved populations.”

47% of respondents report that **81-100%** of their work focuses on delivering behavioral health services to underserved racial/ethnic individuals, communities, or groups

Achieving Success through the Minority Fellowship Program

About the Program

The Minority Fellowship Program (MFP) offers fellowship opportunities for Master's of Social Work (MSW) students and individuals pursuing doctoral degrees in social work. Aligned with the mission of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), the program aims to reduce health disparities and improve behavioral health care outcomes for racial and ethnic minority populations by increasing the number of professionals trained to work with underrepresented and underserved individuals with or at risk for mental health and/or substance use disorders.

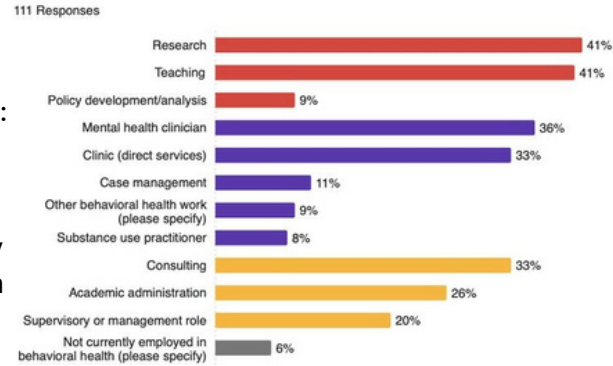
Employment

According to the 2023–2024 MFP Alumni Survey, **94%** of respondents reported being employed in behavioral health (*Figure 1*). The most reported clinical roles (Purple, *Figure 1*):

- Mental health clinician (**36%**)
- Clinic (direct services) (**33%**)

MFP plays a critical role in cultivating a highly skilled, diverse workforce equipped to lead in behavioral health, advance equity, and respond to the complex needs of underserved communities.

What best describes the focus of your current primary behavioral health work? Please select all that apply. (*Figure 1*)



Other Prominent Social Work Settings:

Teaching (**41%**)
Research (**41%**)

Leadership

Over half (**53%**) of MFP alumni respondents reported holding a leadership-level position within the field of social work. The top 3 leadership roles among alumni are:

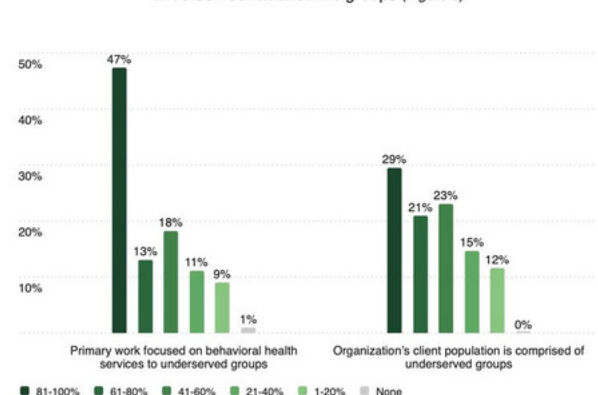
- Director/chair of department of social work
- Associate dean or director
- Director of field education/instruction

This highlights the MFP's powerful role in not only advancing careers but also shaping the future of the profession by preparing fellows to lead, influence policy, and drive systemic change in behavioral health.

Commitment to Underserved Communities

The data from the 2023–2024 MFP Alumni Survey (*Figure 3*) reveal a strong and consistent commitment among alumni to advancing behavioral health equity for underserved racial and ethnic populations years after transitioning out of the MFP.

Percentage of MFP alumni work and organizational clients related to underserved racial/ethnic groups (*Figure 3*)



Questions?

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