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Twenty Montana public welfare caseworkers and administrators will be on the Montana State University campus through Oct. 30 learning to do a more effective job for their local areas. They are students in the third session of the MSU School for Public Welfare, which opened this week.

The intensive program includes 35 instructional sessions and is part of the University's effort to provide continuing education for professional personnel, according to Dr. Harold Tascher, professor of social welfare and chairman of the school. He noted that 13 members of the group are working toward a master's degree at the University.

Previous sessions were conducted on campus in April and July and future sessions are being planned, Dr. Tascher said. Emphasis in all sessions is on the rehabilitation aspects of social welfare work, he said.

MSU faculty members on the school's staff include Dr. Robert J. Dwyer, associate professor of sociology; Dr. I. W. Evans, assistant professor of sociology; Dr. Carling I. Malouf, professor of anthropology, and Dr. Richard E. Shannon, associate professor of economics. Other staffers are Robert Gambs and John Swift, psychiatric social workers with the state mental hygiene clinic located at the University.

Coordinators of the program are John Coey, director of the Division of Staff Development, State Department of Public Welfare, and Tom C. Collins, director of the MSU Division of Statewide Services. Representatives of these coordinating groups will take part in the final session Oct. 30, which will include evaluation of the school program and suggestions for its improvement.
Welfare Department county directors attending the school are Roy G. Fairley, Roundup; Vernon B. Shanley, Livingston; Mrs. Alice M. Farlin, Hamilton, who is serving as group chairman; Stanley Drazich, Anaconda; Paul K. Church, Libby; Mrs. Sara Schumacher, Malta.

Caseworkers participating are Mrs. Marie Green, Kalispell; Mrs. Helen Gjullin, Havre; Paul C. Miller, Wolf Point; Mrs. Ruth Sansouci, Miss Veronica Smith and Mrs. Louise Cowen, all of Butte; Miss Susan Brown and Miss Bonnie Westrom, both of Great Falls; Mrs. Frances Schilling, Billings; Mrs. Janice Schwartz, Missoula; Mrs. Genevieve Boisvert, Chinook, and Mrs. Ruth Stephenson, Miles City.

Also in attendance are child welfare aides John Brown, Glendive, and Gerald J. David, Miles City.