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### Recent publications

**The role of parents in introducing children to financial services: Evidence from Ghana-YouthSave**

Wu, S., Despard, M. R., & Chowa, G., *Journal of Family and Economic Issues*

**The impacts of Individual Development Accounts, assets, and debt on future orientation and psychological depression**

Rohe, W. M., Key, C., Grinstein-Weiss, M., Schreiner, M., & Sherraden, M., *Journal of Policy Practice*

**Material hardship and children's social-emotional development: Testing mitigating effects of Child Development Accounts in a randomized experiment**

Huang, J., Kim, Y., & Sherraden, M., *Child: Care, Health and Development*

**Hypermobility and educational outcomes: The case of St. Louis**

Metzger, M. W., Fowler, P. J., & Swanstrom, T., *Urban Education*

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### CSD in the media

## 'Build financial capability and assets for all' Grand Challenge gains momentum

March is Social Work Month, and the Center for Social Development is pleased to announce that its Financial Capability and Asset Building (FCAB) initiative and the Grand Challenge for Social Work to "build financial capability and assets for all" are going strong. Three leading journals recently published [numerous articles about financial capability and asset building](#), and now the *Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment* joins the chorus.

Clearly, FCAB is catching on. In fact, a [project is even underway in Singapore!](#) Soon social workers there will develop skills for working with low-income families on their household finances. "It's wonderful partnering with our social work colleagues in Singapore to translate the FCAB curriculum," says Margaret Sherraden, CSD faculty director of FCAB and a member of the FCAB Grand Challenge leadership team.

## Summit goal: Better lives for 60,000 black boys and men

The first HomeGrown STL Summit convened with more than 120 area leaders committed to the health and development of black boys and young men in St. Louis City and County. Led by Professor Sean Joe and based at the Center for Social Development, HomeGrown STL's goal is a 100 percent increase in social mobility



**Parents' assets do not harm aid for most low-income students** | *College Savings Plans Network*

**Sessions memo: Reversal on private prisons could portend shift on justice, observers say** | *Christian Science Monitor*

**More of this year's tax refund will pay down debt** | *Bloomberg*

**New curriculum for social workers to learn financial planning skills** | *The Straits Times*

**12 Grand Challenges advancing faster than I knew** | *Social Justice Solutions*

**Cities could save millions of dollars by preventing evictions** | *Bloomberg*

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## Upcoming events

**CSD Seminar: "Informed Career Choice: Medical Students, School Performance, and Speciality"**  
April 3 | Seigle Hall

**EHOC Annual Fair Housing Conference: "Evicted: Poverty and Fair Housing in St. Louis"**  
April 6 | Brown School

**Influencing Social Policy Conference**  
June 1-3 | Brown School

within a generation. [Read more.](#)

## Alumna Nair is Singaporean of the Year finalist

Sudha Nair was a finalist for Singaporean of the Year 2016 in recognition of her powerful impact as a social worker focused on family violence. [Read more.](#)



## Obamacare families more likely to pay mortgage

Families with health insurance through the Affordable Care Act are significantly more likely to make their rent and mortgage payments than are those who remain uninsured, suggests a new study from the Center for Social Development. [Read more.](#)



## Study: Tax-return delay may hurt families

Low- and moderate-income Americans who claim certain tax credits will have to wait weeks longer than usual for their federal income tax refunds because of a new law. [Read more.](#)



**CSD faculty directors promoted, tenured**

Faculty Directors Darrell Hudson and Jason Q. Purnell both have been promoted to associate professor with tenure. Washington University's Board of Trustees made the promotions March 3. Hudson is a faculty director of CSD's Collaboration on Race, Inequality, and Social Mobility in America. Purnell is a faculty director of Thriving Communities at CSD and leads the For the Sake of All project. Please join us in congratulating them!



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