



### **Forum focus: Financial capability and asset building for low-income families**

To celebrate Financial Capability Month, the Center for Social Development and the Center for Household Financial Stability convened “Coin a Better Future: Reaching Out to Financially Vulnerable Families.”

### **The high price of U.S. childhood poverty**

The annual cost of childhood poverty in the United States is more than \$1 trillion, according to a new study.



### **Student finds social work profession in her home country**

Growing up in war and chaos, Aytakin Huseynli knew she wanted to help others, but “social work” didn’t exist in Azerbaijan.

### **Recent publications**

#### **The Pivotal Role of Human Service Practitioners in Building Financial Capability**

Watson Grote, M. CSD  
Perspective

#### **Policy Recommendations for Expanding Access to Banking and Financial**

**Services** Friedline, T.,  
Despard, M. R., & Birkenmaier,  
J. Grand Challenges for Social  
Work initiative Policy Brief

#### **Policy Recommendations for Helping U.S. Households Build Emergency Savings**

Despard, M. R., Friedline, T., &  
Birkenmaier, J. Grand  
Challenges for Social Work  
initiative Policy Brief

#### **Next Steps: Whither Social Work Education and Financial Capability and Asset**

**Building?** Coffey, D. S. CSD  
Perspective

#### **Faculty Perspectives on Financial Capability and Asset Building in Social Work Education: A Research Report**

Sherraden, M. S., Huang, J.,  
Johnson, L., Dore, P.  
Birkenmaier, J., Loke, V., &  
Hageman, S. CSD Research  
Report

#### **The Relationship Between Cigarette Taxes and Child Maltreatment** McLaughlin, M. *Child Abuse & Neglect*

### **Initiative takes on barriers to voting**

Our new Voter Access and Engagement initiative aims to strengthen democracy.



### **Grinstein-Weiss named Shanti K. Khinduka Distinguished Professor**

“One of the secrets for making an impact is connecting innovative ideas with strong partnerships,” Michal Grinstein-Weiss said in her remarks.



### **On the agenda in D.C.: How to advance Child Development Account policy**

Researchers, practitioners, policymakers and funders gathered for an invitation-only meeting in Washington, D.C., to discuss how to make the accounts sustainable and scalable to reach millions.

### **In St. Louis: New report on housing segregation**

The 115-page report, “Segregation in St. Louis: Dismantling the Divide,” was released by local partners in the fields of public health, law, fair housing and community development.

### **Asia Pacific Journal of Social Work calls for papers**

For a special issue dedicated to the studies of Child Development Accounts, the journal invites submissions from scholars in multiple disciplines and research fields studying program design, policy development and impact evaluation of CDAs or asset-building programs for children in the global context.

**Family Assets, Parental Expectations, and Children Educational Performance: An Empirical Examination from China** Fang, S., Huang, J., Curley, J., & Birkenmaier, J. *Children and Youth Services Review*

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### **CSD in the media**

**Workers' financial challenges pressure employers to act** | *St. Louis Business Journal*

**The cost of keeping children poor** | *New York Times*

**Social workers helping Americans live better lives** | *NEFE Digest*

**Why tax time is the most wonderful time of the year** | *Ozy*

**Brown School expert to unwind 'mass incarceration' from Florida instead of Missouri** | *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*

**How can states seize the moment and reform college savings?** | *New America Weekly*

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### **Upcoming events**

**Influencing Social Policy national conference**  
May 31-June 3 | St. Louis

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