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 founds 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

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

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

Yupcoming events

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