



Shaun King, Sen. Durbin speak at Smart Decarceration national conference

The Smart Decarceration Initiative hosted its second successful national conference, "Tools and Tactics: Promising Solutions to Advance the Era of Smart Decarceration," November 2-4 at the University of Chicago, drawing participants from all over the country. Also this fall, the Center for Social Development celebrated the publication of the book "Smart Decarceration: Achieving Criminal Justice Transformation in the 21st Century."

Recent publications

Social Work Research and Global Environmental Change

Mason, L. R., Shires, M. K., Arwood, C., & Borst, A. *Journal of the Society for Social Work and Research*

'Taking the Bank to the Youth:' Impacts on Saving and Asset Building from the Ghana YouthSave Experiment

Lee, Y. S., Johnson, L., Ansong, D., Osei-Akoto, I., Masa, R., Chowa, G., & Sherraden, M. *Journal of International Development*

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Robertson, A. S., McBride, A. N., Chung, S., & Williams, A. *Power and Education*

529 Plan Investment Growth and a Quasi-Default Investment for Child Development Accounts

Clancy, M. M., & Beverly, S. G., CSD Policy Brief

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CSD in the media

New initiative being spearheaded to reform criminal justice system to

'Toxic Inequality' and 'Financial Diaries' authors share insights

The Center for Social Development was honored to host two events in October featuring the authors of two important books: ["Toxic Inequality: How America's Wealth Gap Destroys Mobility, Deepens the Racial Divide, and Threatens Our Future"](#) and ["The Financial Diaries: How American Families Cope in a World of Uncertainty."](#)



Event honors 'founder of modern ecology'

The event "Social Justice and the Environment" commemorated what would have been Barry Commoner's 100th year. People gathered to honor the man who ignited America's modern environmental movement.



HomeGrown STL nears action 'on the ground'

HomeGrown STL is close to putting its strategy for collective impact to work. The project, part of the Center for Social Development's Race and Opportunity Lab, aims to support the social mobility of black males ages 12 to 29 in St. Louis City and County.



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[low and moderate-income households: Results from a national survey](#) | *The Aspen Institute*

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Upcoming events

[HomeGrown STL Regional Summit](#)

February 8 | Brown School

Also of note

In 2007, Mark Schreiner and Michael Sherraden wrote ***Can the Poor Save?***, addressing a fundamental question that has influenced policies to build the financial security of families in the United States and beyond. A decade later, Commercial Press has released Yanyan Sun's [Chinese translation](#) of this landmark work.

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