



Grand Challenges for Social Work

**Get Involved.
Be Part of Something Bigger.**

Here are some ways to get started.

Field Instructors and Practitioners

The Grand Challenges for Social Work provides a unique framework for collaboration among a variety of individuals and organizations—within the field of social work and beyond—to address our society’s toughest social problems. By working together in creative new ways we have the power to bring greater visibility to these critical issues, to build new knowledge, and to translate that knowledge into the practice and policy efforts that are essential to driving real, lasting, and transformative social change. Join us and be a part of this history in the making!

If you’re a field instructor or practitioner, there are many ways you can be a part of solving the Grand Challenges! Here are just a few ideas:



- Host undergraduate & graduate internships in Grand Challenges-specific areas.
- Help students make the connection between their field work and the Grand Challenges and encourage them to explore the ways they are interrelated.
- Encourage students to seek out opportunities at their schools to connect with faculty conducting research in a Grand Challenges area related to their field placement.
- Connect with social work researchers doing Grand Challenges-focused, cutting edge science related to your work, organization, coalition or initiative.
- Engage with schools of social work, community members & policymakers to host a policy briefing, evidence-based practice seminar, community symposia, or other meeting/event related to a Grand Challenge.
- Lead a Practice-Based Research Network related to one or more Grand Challenge.
- Host a ‘Grand Challenges Day’ highlighting practitioners & organizations working on Grand Challenges issues.

13 Grand Challenges

Individual and family well-being

- Ensure healthy development for all youth
- Close the health gap
- Build healthy relationships to end violence
- Advance long and productive lives

Stronger social fabric

- Eradicate social isolation
- End homelessness
- Create social responses to a changing environment
- Harness technology for social good

Just society

- Eliminate racism
- Promote smart decarceration
- Build financial capability for all
- Reduce extreme economic inequality
- Achieve equal opportunity and justice



There are many ways to connect with GCSW!

- LinkedIn
- Facebook: [@GCSocialWork](#)
- Twitter: [@GCSocialWork](#)
- #Up4theChallenge: Use the hashtag in social media posts
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