

Promote Smart Decarceration

The Promote Smart Decarceration (PSD) Grand Challenge for Social Work has convened social work scholars to engage in knowledge sharing around approaches to reducing the reliance on the criminal/juvenile legal system and enhancing public safety. Although these convenings have laid the groundwork for partnership building across schools of social work nationwide, opportunities for emerging scholars--specifically doctoral students--to network and build community have been limited.

As a result, the PSD has developed network leadership tasked with enhancing opportunities for building community among doctoral students interested in the nexus of social work and criminal legal issues. The PSD Student Engagement Objectives include:

- **Marketing** - to enhance and elevate the visibility of the PSD network through the recruitment of social work doctoral students and emerging scholars interested in criminal/juvenile legal issues from pathways to formal system involvement (i.e., eliminating drivers of disparate police contact to individuals incarcerated in the formal system)
- **Networking** - to create opportunities for students to engage in cross-university partnerships, research, and scholarly knowledge production
- **Community Building** - to foster community and collegial partnerships among doctoral students and create spaces for knowledge sharing related to key milestones while navigating academia (e.g., preparing for qualifying exams, dissertation proposals and defense, preparing job market applications, applying for grants)

**Are you a social work doctoral student interested in joining
the Promote Smart Decarceration (PSD) network?
Complete this [PSD Student Network Interest Form](#) and we will follow-up with you soon!**

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