Grand Challenges
for Social Work

Social progress powered by science

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Grand Challenges for Social Work Timeline

- **2012** Grand Challenges Planning Begins
- **2013** First GCs presentation and input: NADD Spring Conference 2013, Laguna Beach, CA.
  - Over 80 GC ideas generated on Academy website
- **2014** Call for papers
- **2015** Second Call for Papers
  - Grand Challenges Identified and Soft Roll Out Begins
- **2016** Grand Challenges Launch
Successful GCs Launch at SSWR 2016!
| Ensure healthy development for all youth | Create social responses to a changing environment |
| Close the health gap                    | Harness technology for social good               |
| Stop family violence                    | Promote smart decarceration                     |
| Advance long and productive lives       | Reduce extreme economic inequality               |
| Eradicate social isolation              | Build financial capability for all              |
| End homelessness                        | Achieve equal opportunity and justice            |
Moving from Internal to External Impact

- Schools of Social Work and Scholars Organize to Tackle Grand Challenges
- Research and Science Taking to Scale
- Societal Outcomes
- Policy Change
- Interest and Resources
Internal Impact

• GCs used as organizing framework nationwide to work collaboratively and report impact collectively
• Influence social work education toward stronger links between science and social progress
• Influence the substantive career directions of social work scientists--particularly those who are emerging
• Attract new talent into social work careers
External Impact

• Strengthen collaborative and inter-disciplinary research agendas
• Engage national and regional funders
• Broaden the benefactor pool
• Influence the perception of social work by the public and other disciplines and professions
• Generate measurable societal benefits
Emerging Implementation Steps

- **New GC Co-Chairs:** Marilyn Flynn, Michael Sherraden, Edwina Uehara.
  - Grand Challenges Steering Committee, Executive Committee, and Academy staff facilitate structure for:
    - Learning Community across 12 GC Networks,
    - Aids in promotion and communications—including robust website.

- **March 2016:** Leads are formally invited for each GC Network.
- **April 2016- April 2018:** 2 Year Implementation Plans
Past and Upcoming Events

• Inaugural Conference of the Smart Decarceration Initiative (September 2015)
• Financial Capability for All Convening in Washington, DC (January 2016)
• Grand Challenges for Social Work Manager’s Conference in Los Angeles (June 2016).
• Grand Challenges Policy Conference, St Louis (September 14-16, 2016)
• Grand Challenges Summit, San Francisco, CA, (January 2017)
• End Family Violence Convening at UC Berkeley (January 2017)
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