

Social Work Research Center

*Linking Higher Education
and Community Partners*

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Goals

- Improve social welfare outcomes for individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities through innovative research and evaluation of social work interventions;
- Disseminate research on best practices to social service organizations and child welfare agencies through publication, conference, and training venues;
- Develop measures to be used in research, evaluation, policy analysis, training, and program development activities;
- Provide opportunities for social work students to participate in all aspects of social work research.

The Social Work Research Center is a partnership between the School of Social Work at Colorado State University, the Colorado Department of Human Services, and County Departments of Social Services and Human Services Providers in Colorado.

The mission of the Social Work Research Center (SWRC) is to create formal links between higher education and community partners that advance social work theory, promote social justice, and enhance learning and practice in areas such as child welfare and juvenile delinquency.

The SWRC is uniquely designed to study social work interventions while promoting evidence-based research, practice, and policy.



The SWRC also provides training, evaluation, and program development services to child welfare agencies, human services providers, governmental entities, community groups, and university students and faculty. SWRC collaborates with social work faculty and other interdisciplinary programs across the university on research

and program evaluation initiatives.

Based on the belief that all formal social work efforts are best viewed as a seamless, interdependent web with overlapping interests, the SWRC seeks to conduct applied research that bridges the ever-widening divide between theory and practice in social work.