



Reshaping Poverty Policy for and with Families and Communities

CENTER FOR SOCIAL POLICY

*UMass Boston's Center for Social Policy is the **research and evaluation partner of choice** for policy makers and philanthropists concerned with the structural causes of poverty.*

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Since its inception in 1992, the Center for Social Policy has provided expertise on policies and practices that aim to reduce or eliminate social and

economic inequities. CSP researchers, evaluators, and policy analysts make critical assessments of low-wage jobs, barriers to housing affordability, unequal distribution of resources, and the impact of these patterns on families, communities, and society as a whole. With a commitment to excellence, equity, integrity, and participation, CSP looks closely at the root causes of poverty in order to inform fundamental changes in policy design and service delivery.

Our center has had a significant impact at the local, state, and national levels. More recently, through our international partnerships and knowledge-sharing efforts, our expertise and influence have been put to use by organizations the world over.

We invite you to learn more about the important work of this collaborative think tank by visiting our website at www.csp.umb.edu or calling us at 617.287.5550.

We bridge research with lived experience

The Center for Social Policy believes that constituent engagement in research illuminates the realities faced by families living in poverty. Our inclusive, people-centered approach to research gives a voice to those living in poverty, while our deep connection with and understanding of the communities we serve lend credibility to our work.

We cultivate alliances with stakeholders

True to our vow to “build knowledge from the ground up,” the Center for Social Policy highly values partnerships for learning and action. Through our quantitative and qualitative research, strategic evaluations, and engagement work, we collaborate with community members, the third sector, philanthropy, employers, government, and academia.

We empower through capacity building

The Center for Social Policy helps organizations adapt to changing needs in a changing world. Our recommendations and technical assistance lead to community-driven change, improved practices, as well as stronger planning, operations, and partnerships. Also, our readily accessible publications provide both sound evidence of the dimensions of poverty and actionable solutions to the problem.

The Center for Social Policy resides at the John W. McCormack Graduate School of Policy and Global Studies at the University of Massachusetts Boston.