New pilot tests CDAs, supports for families of children with autism

In China, new research with Child Development Accounts aims to build families’ capacity for managing the cost of autism services.

Innovative training for Singapore’s frontline staff and volunteers

In Singapore, an innovative project is training frontline staff and volunteers to give financial guidance to low-income families.
CSD Notables

CSD Faculty Director Nancy Morrow-Howell, the Betty Bofinger Brown Distinguished Professor of Social Policy in the Brown School at Washington University, and Director of the Friedman Center for Aging, received the 2022 Maxwell A. Pollack Award for Contributions to Healthy Aging. Given by the Gerontological Society of America, the award recognizes Dr. Morrow-Howell’s work on productive engagement of older adults and associated policies. Learn more about her work.

CSD Faculty Director Isaac Koomson has accepted an appointment with the Centre for the Business and Economics of Health at the University of Queensland. A leader of CSD’s initiative on Financial Capability and Asset Building in Africa, Dr. Koomson also holds appointments as a guest lecturer at the University of North Carolina and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Learn more about his work.

Congratulations to Dr. Kyle A. Pitzer, who successfully defended his dissertation, “Effectiveness of Community Development Organizations in the St. Louis Metropolitan Area.” As a Research Associate with CSD, Dr. Pitzer has provided valuable expertise in the Voter Access and Engagement initiative and served as lead author of the initiative’s 2021 study. Learn more about his work.

CSD Research Associate Yingying Zeng and colleagues from the Social Policy Institute at Washington University received the Association for Financial Counseling & Planning Education’s 2022 award for Outstanding Research Journal Article of the Year. The award was given for “Can Workplace Financial Counseling Help Lower-Income Workers Improve Credit Outcomes?” The article appeared in Volume 33, issue 3, of the Journal of Financial Counseling and Planning. Learn more about Yingying Zeng’s work.

HomeGrown StL, a community-engaged research project of the Race and Opportunity Lab within the Center for Social Development, was one of five organizations to receive Social Justice Innovation Awards from Morgan Stanley and Centri Tech Foundation. The award recognizes HomeGrown StL’s groundbreaking efforts to improve the well-being and upward mobility of Black boys and young men. Read more about the award and HomeGrown StL.
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