

## Master of Social Work Mission

### **Social Work practice grounded in a social justice ethos.**

The mission of the **Master of Social Work Program** at Governors State University is dedicated to preparing advanced generalist practitioners grounded in a social justice ethos. Students are prepared to specialize in the areas of school social work and child welfare. Students demonstrate proficiency in knowledge, values, and skill-based competencies needed to work with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities. Students promote and advocate for diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging within program and policy development through community-engaged activities.

Social Work practice is grounded in a social justice ethos. Social Workers make a critical difference in the lives of individuals and communities. With a foundational emphasis on a philosophy of social justice, Governors State's [Master of Social Work\(MSW\)](#) prepares advanced generalist practitioners in Social Work to lead, implement, and support social action agendas.

You will gain the skills and knowledge you need to empower ethnically, racially, and culturally diverse at-risk populations. And you will know how to build the community resources that lead to that empowerment. You will learn how to provide the best possible resources for individuals—but you will see the broader picture, too. Your understanding of social justice issues will allow you to recognize social and economic structures' role in repressing human agency.