SOUTHERN URBAN SOCIAL WORK: CASE STUDIES COMPENDIUM 2026

Empirical Research Findings in Child Welfare, Harm Reduction & Restorative Justice

CASE-SWK-01: Fulton County Kinship Foster Care Reunification

340 children tracked over 36 months; achieved 84.2% family placement stability and reduced placement disruptions to 4.1% through dedicated legal guardiansh

CASE-SWK-02: Urban Opioid Peer Harm Reduction & Mobile Outreach

Documented 1,420 community overdose reversals with zero fatalities among contacted participants; distributed 8,650 Narcan doses and linked 612 individuals t

CASE-SWK-03: Sweet Auburn Restorative Youth Diversion Circle

486 adolescent offenders diverted from juvenile detention; demonstrated an 11.8% 3-year recidivism rate compared to 56.4% in conventional detention, saving

CASE-SWK-04: Intergenerational Dementia Respite & Caregiver Model

220 caregiver dyads supported with 16,800 hours of free student respite; achieved a 46.8% reduction in caregiver depression (PHQ-9) and delayed nursing hom

CASE-SWK-05: Historic Westside Urban Food Security Network

Established 28 urban micro-farms and mobile markets, distributing 184 metric tons of organic produce annually and reducing household food insecurity by 31.5%

CASE-SWK-06: Trauma-Informed School Social Work & Violence Interruption

Embedded Restorative Peace Corners across 14 Atlanta schools; achieved a 64.2% decrease in out-of-school suspensions and an 18.3% improvement in stand