BUSSW:
Educating for Change
November, 2010
5 General Goals

- Educate outstanding social work practitioners in an intellectually rigorous environment to integrate and apply clinical and macro practice methods in diverse urban communities.
- Provide professional field experiences for MSW students in a variety of sectors and settings.
- Faculty engage in research, scholarship, and service that advances theory, policy, and practice in social work and social welfare.
- Apply faculty expertise and leadership toward strengthening urban communities, particularly in greater Boston and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
- Offer lifelong learning opportunities for social workers and other helping professionals in public and nonprofit settings.
Distinguishing characteristics

- Nationally recognized faculty
- Small classes; high faculty to student ratio
- Full-time and part-time MSW programs in Boston and PT weekend program off campus
- Large nationally recognized dual degree with public health
- PhD program in social work and sociology (likely change to “SW & social science”)
- Continuing professional education programs that attract alumni
FIELD EDUCATION - a Signature Pedagogy

- Connects classroom learning with practical world of social work practice

- Two interrelated components of curriculum – classroom and field – contribute to development of competencies of professional practice
FIELD PLACEMENTS

320 students in field placements:
- Mental health agencies
- Hospitals/community health agencies
- Government and non-profit agencies
- Schools
- Elder services
- Child welfare services
Populations Served

- Infants and Preschool
- Middle Childhood
- Adolescents
- Adults
- Elderly
- Individuals
- Couples
- Families
- Women
- Men
- Homeless
- Veterans
- Diverse Populations
- Ethnic Groups
- Newcomers & Refugees
- People with Disabilities
- Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgendered
**ADDITIONAL ADVANCED OPTIONS**

- **Dual Degree Programs:** Public Health, Education, Theology

- **Certificate Programs:** Family Therapy, Trauma, Human Services Management, Clinical Social Work and Behavioral Medicine, Gerontological Social Work

- **Specializations:** Group Work, Clinical Practice Method with Macro Sub-Specialization
SSW Faculty and structure

- 27 FT faculty positions
  - 21 tenure-track faculty
  - 6 non-tenure-track faculty
- 2 HT faculty (varies by need and funds)
- 25 PT adjunct lecturers (varies by departmental needs; most with years of experience)
SCHOOL of SOCIAL WORK: FACULTY RESEARCH
Faculty Research Areas (funded)

- Intervention development: Military families / PTSD / Postpartum depression
- Childhood interpersonal trauma and substance abuse
- Child–Parent Psychotherapy with women in SUD treatment and their young children
- Youth mentoring: Big Brothers/Big Sisters
- HIV/STI risk related behaviors among Asian women
- Evidence–based substance abuse treatment practices
- Latino populations: HIV prevention; Addiction treatment for the homeless; families with Alzheimer’s
- Best social work practices with older adults
- Suicide prevention among older adults
Number of Grants Awarded by Sponsor Type
FY00-FY10

- Federal
- State
- Foundations/Corporations
- Internal BU
- Total
SSW Strategic Plan – April, 2010

- **Educational Goal:** To educate MSW students as outstanding practitioners and leaders, train Ph.D. students to become educators and researchers at the forefront of their field, and promote faculty expertise in teaching.

- **Objectives:**
  - Test innovative teaching methods, technologies, and curriculum changes that link the classroom, field, and research. These focus on evidence- and competency-based practice, urban course content, and interdisciplinary and global/cross-cultural learning.
Research Goal: Raise the impact and reputation of SSW through faculty production of new knowledge, engagement in interdisciplinary research, and a strong research infrastructure.

Objectives:
- Accelerate SSW research with regard to impact, quality, and quantity.
- Strengthen interdisciplinary research activities consistent with efforts toward a “One BU”
- Strengthen SSW’s research and IT infrastructure through additional staffing and targeted initiatives.
Practice/Community Goal: *Deepen existing relationships from local to global settings to address societal inequities and emerging challenges in practice and research.*

Objectives:
- Increase national and global prominence of faculty, administrators, alumni, and students
- Increase visibility of SSW as a resource to Boston University and the Boston community
- Increase the role of alumni in programmatic and financial contributions.