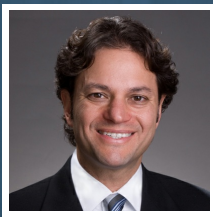


Turning Leaders into Changemakers



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CURRENT RESEARCH

Improving systems to transform communities

Social change and leadership are inextricably linked. Educating future leaders about justice and equity is vital to creating lasting policy and systems for the betterment of society. Such an education requires a mixture of intellectual reflection, opportunities to work within communities, and ongoing dialogue. As Director of the RGK Center for Philanthropy and Community Service and University Distinguished Teaching Professor at The University of Texas at Austin, Dr. David Springer actively pursues each of these imperatives. His commitment to building knowledge about just systems and educating students and practitioners about the ways in which they can contribute to the public good have expanded beyond the borders of Austin to global communities.

In his own research, Dr. Springer focuses on the improvement of systems to more effectively deliver services to youth and families, especially at the intersection of juvenile and criminal justice research in the United States and Latin America. In so doing, he brings expertise with the perspective of someone engaged with the nonprofit sector and the community to change systems through research, teaching, policy, and mentorship. Furthermore, the research conducted at the RGK Center matches expertise to practice as it provides sophisticated tools to students and professionals navigating the complex problems that affect our social systems. Their multidisciplinary team approaches local and global problems using multiple lenses and thus finds many solutions to some of the world's most pressing issues. Indeed, Dr. Springer's leadership and passion are translating into real outcomes for society. Spanning across direct practice, policy practice, community building, nonprofit...

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- Ph.D., in Social Work, 1997 , Florida State University
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- B.A. in Psychology, 1990 , Florida State University

AWARDS

- Academy of Distinguished Teachers, The University of Texas at Austin
- Outstanding Graduate Teaching Award and Outstanding Graduate Adviser Award, The University of Texas at Austin
- DAD's Centennial Teaching Fellowship, The University of Texas at Austin
- Social Worker of the Year, National Association of Social Workers, Texas Chapter/Austin Branch
- Recognized as one of the 100 Most Influential Social Work Journal Authors by the British Journal of Social Work

RESEARCH AREAS

Education, Mentoring

FUNDING REQUEST

Your contributions support the research of Dr. David Springer at The University of Texas at Austin as he educates future leaders to improve systems and strengthen the nonprofit sector. Donations of all sizes contribute to the research, education and community service of the RGK Center and Dr. Springer. Smaller donations will fund graduate student scholarships and research-related conference travel. Large donations will support large-scale longitudinal studies such as Restore Rundberg. What starts here changes the world – join us!