

**Research and Training Centers at the
Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences**

**Operations Statement
April 2020**

To help advance its mission of education, scholarship, and service, the Mandel School will be home to a set of highly engaged and impactful research and training centers.

The relationship between the Mandel School and the centers will be guided by the following principles:

- The centers will be responsible for their own overall financial viability and stability.
- The centers will be engaged in specific ways that support the Mandel School educational curriculum and advance the center's mission.
- The centers will produce scholarship, train practitioners and influence policy and practice in ways that advance the social work and nonprofit fields and build the reputation of the Mandel School.
- Center staff will be fully engaged and welcome in the professional and social activities of the school.
- The Mandel School will provide office space and basic office equipment and basic technology for the centers' functioning.
- The Mandel School will provide responsive, timely and thorough administrative support to support the center's functioning.
- The Mandel School will seek supplementary resources to support the centers.
- The Mandel School will take shared responsibility for financial management of the centers.

Achieving this vision will require the following strategic actions:

- Increased and consistent communication and collaboration between the Associate Dean for Research and the center directors, individually and as a collective.
- Periodic meetings among the centers for updates and to discuss pressing shared issues.
- Increased engagement of the centers in support of the Mandel School curriculum and student experience.
- Increased accountability of the center directors to this vision, with reporting through the Faculty Activity Report.
- Improved quality of support and responsiveness from the Mandel School Finance and Administration department for the centers.
- Increased support from the Case Western Reserve Marketing and Communications team for the centers.
- Increased support from the Case Western Reserve and Mandel School Advancement and Development teams for the centers.