



2025 Year in Review



A Message from the CEO

While 2025 brought increased uncertainty and challenges to the social sector, Social Current remained committed to creating space to focus on best practices, connect and share ideas with peers, and collectively advocate for change. We will continue to champion the innovative work, collaborative spirit, and economic and social impact of our sector.

We are tremendously proud to have launched our Five & Rising campaign in partnership with the inaugural pilot communities and have begun ramping up our efforts to realize a better future for our sector. Hand in hand with these efforts, was our work to make our voices heard on Capitol Hill and equip our network with the training and resources to strengthen their advocacy efforts and mobilize their staff and communities.

In pursuit of our mission, we provided a rigorous and collaborative approach to COA Accreditation, individualized and responsive consulting, learning sessions to help organizations lead through change, timely advocacy opportunities, and more.

I'd like to recognize and thank everyone, our network, partners, and funders, for your commitment to our shared vision of an equitable society where all people can thrive. I am grateful to have you as part of the Social Current network and am excited to continue working together in 2026.

Sincerely,

Jody Levison-Johnson, PhD, LCSW
President and CEO
Social Current

Social Current's Core Solutions

COA Accreditation

2026 COA ACCREDITATION STANDARDS RELEASED

414 SITE VISIT/REVIEWS COMPLETED

- Trained more than **30** new volunteer peer reviewers
- Added **10** new team leaders

Across Business Lines:

48

ORGANIZATIONS
BEGAN ACCREDITATION
totaling \$652,012 in revenue

266

ORGANIZATIONS
BEGAN REACCREDITATION
totaling \$5,217,879 in revenue



Consultation

27 PROPOSALS SUBMITTED

9 PROPOSALS WON

totaling \$62,893 in revenue



Impact Partnerships

27 IMPACT PARTNERSHIPS RENEWED

totaling \$172,500 in revenue



Knowledge and Insights Center

MORE THAN **500**
PERIODICALS ACCESSED
VIA EBSCOHOST

50 BOOK SUMMARIES
ACCESSED

NEARLY **30**
RESEARCH REQUESTS
COMPLETED WITH
NEARLY **300**
LIBRARIAN
RESEARCH HOURS

FIVE NEW RESOURCE
COLLECTIONS ADDED:

- *AI & Technology for the Social Sector*
- *Leadership Strategies and Best Practices*
- *Five and Rising Campaign*
- *Trend Reports & Resources*
- *Spotlight on Just Added Resources*

Social Current's Core Solutions

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Knowledge and Insights Center

Families in Society Journal:

GENERATED
\$142,800
IN UNRESTRICTED REVENUE

ISSUED **FOUR** PRINT AND ONLINE EDITIONS, INCLUDING APRIL-JUNE SPECIAL EDITION:
Shaping the Future of the Child Welfare System: Reform or Abolish?

NEARLY
400
MANUSCRIPTS SUBMITTED;

95
ARTICLES PUBLISHED ONLINE AND IN PRINT

MORE THAN
224,000  **8% INCREASE**
OVER 2024
FULL-TEXT DOWNLOADS

Learning Community

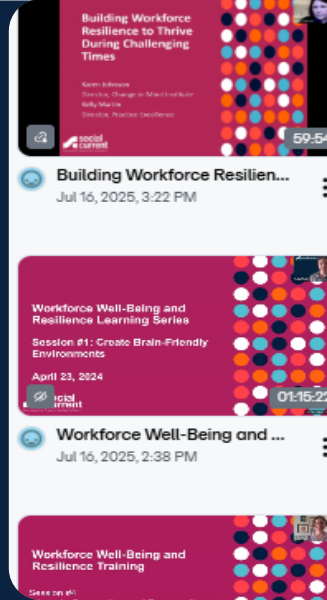
OFFERED
MORE THAN **50**
LIVE WEBINARS AND TRAININGS

BEGAN BUILDING OUT
WEBINAR LIBRARY WITH
MORE THAN
90
VIDEOS

DEPLOYED **NEW** LEARNING
MANAGEMENT SYSTEM WITH
LIMITED LAUNCH IN LATE 2025

14 COURSES AND MICROLEARNING
SESSIONS WERE ADDED TO THE
LEARNING COMMUNITY CATALOG

Usage statistics are primarily from September-December, following technology upgrades.





SPARK 2025

SPARK 2025 convened the Social Current network and partners for learning and networking in Chicago. More than 300 participants engaged in more than 20 workshops and seven pre- and post-conference sessions.

In her opening address, Social Current President and CEO Jody Levison-Johnson focused on the urgency and energy around our social impact campaign, Five & Rising, which launched in September. “Five & Rising is not just a campaign; it’s a movement to flip the narrative, equip the frontlines, and fuel policy change from the ground up,” she said. Jody also recognized the initiative’s three inaugural pilot communities, which participated in the conference.

Keynotes Suzanne Smith, founder and CEO of Social Impact Architects, and Dorri McWhorter, president and CEO of the Executives’ Club of Chicago also championed the messages of disruptive leadership and innovation.

The 2025 Innovative Impact Award was given to LifeWorks in recognition of its Travis County Transformation Project. The organization’s CEO, chief program officer, and community partners shared insights and lessons learned through a SPARK 2025 workshop.

Sponsors and Exhibitors

**Indicates new sponsor or exhibitor*

Sponsors:

- Aramark
- CCNY, Inc.
- CSC ServiceWorks
- Marsh McLennan Agency
- Nonprofit Quarterly
- QI Folio
- Your Part-Time Controller
- Devereux
- Nexus Family Healing
- One Hope United
- Sellers Dorsey*
- Triad
- Around the Corner Consulting
- Build A Sign*
- Insperty
- Robinson Ventures*

Exhibitors:

- Augintel*
- Children & Families First - Brain Science Training Institute*
- Congreso de Latinos Unidos*
- ContinuumCloud
- Economic Mobility Pathways
- GRF CPAs & Advisors
- Inspired Consulting Group*
- Johnson, Kendall & Johnson*
- Network for Jewish Human Service Agencies*
- Spaulding for Children*

Partnerships

Strategic Industry Partners

CCNY Inc., Marsh McLennan Agency, Public Consulting Group, QI Folio, Sellers Dorsey, Triad, Your Part-Time Controller

Highlights

- Nearly 700 registered for CCNY's webinar, *The Art of Data Storytelling*
- More than 2,300 registrations across Strategic Industry Partner webinars



Total 2024 Strategic Industry Partner and Network Champion Revenue

\$93,000



Network Champions

- Association of Children's Residential and Community Services
- Association for Child & Youth Care Practice
- Children's Home Society of America
- Child Welfare League of America
- Family Focused Treatment Association
- Lutheran Services in America
- Metropolitan Alliance of Connected Communities
- National Association of Therapeutic Schools and Programs
- National Council for Adoption
- National Council on Mental Wellbeing
- National Foundation for Credit Counseling
- Network of Jewish Human Service Agencies
- National Network for Youth
- National Organization of State Associations for Children

Partnerships

Corporate Social Responsibility Partners

Aramark

- This 18-year partnership is focused on fostering long-term relationships between Aramark and local community-based organizations through year-round, meaningful engagement/volunteer experiences.
- Together, we provided over 200 grants to local community-based organizations to support career readiness, food security, nutrition education, and environmental stewardship.
- Our partnership advanced workforce readiness and development within the Social Current network.
- As a SPARK 2025 Gold Level sponsor, they supported discounted registration fees for 26 nonprofit leaders in the Social Current network.
- Additionally, Aramark supported Social Current through unrestricted dollars for staffing and overhead.



CSC ServiceWorks

- Five-year partnership
- CSC ServiceWorks granted Social Current \$25,000 in unrestricted dollars for staffing and overhead.
- CSC ServiceWorks was a SPARK 2025 Gold Level sponsor and provided community-based organizations with ongoing servicing for previously donated commercial grade laundry equipment.

Bank of America

- Five-year partnership
- Bank of America's Parent and Caregiver Network granted \$18,000 in unrestricted dollars to support staffing and overhead.
- The Chicago Parent and Caregiver Network chapter engaged with two community-based organizations in the Social Current network, providing 54 volunteer hours and positively impacting 700 community members.



FIVE & RISING™

- Launched the pilot community application process and selected the inaugural cohort of three communities based on diversity, readiness, and vision for systems change:
 - **Center for Community Impact** (Northwest Ohio), advancing shared infrastructure and collaboration across rural-serving organizations
 - **ChangeMakers Hawaii** (Hilo, Hawaii), centering Indigenous wisdom and trust-based philanthropy to build equitable, community-driven funding models
 - **Progressive Life Center** (Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Delaware), reimagining foster care as a healing, family-centered system
- Established the Five & Rising brand, narrative platform, digital presence, and communications toolkit, in partnership with Truth Collective, positioning Five & Rising as both a movement and a platform for shared leadership and innovation
- Executed a coordinated communications and public relations launch, including national and regional messaging and media outreach and media training for pilot communities, and ongoing thought leadership and media relations strategy
- Designed and refined the first year of the Five & Rising learning curriculum, a 12-month capacity-building program featuring expert-led sessions, tools, readings, and resources to support innovation, cross-sector collaboration, and systems change; curriculum is structured as a train-the-trainer model for long-term replication
- Convened pilot communities at SPARK 2025 in Chicago, launching Session 1 of the curriculum focused on localizing the Five & Rising brand, strengthening peer connections, and engaging in expert-led learning on data-driven strategies, leadership and organizational development, innovation, and federal policy advocacy
- Launched the pilot community learning series and began collaborative strategy and planning work with each community and their steering committees to address locally identified challenges



Impact Area Highlight:

Brain Science and Trauma-Informed Approaches



Philadelphia Department of Human Services Trauma-Informed Transformation:

This collaboration, co-led by Social Current and Health Federation of Philadelphia, drives systemic change by embedding trauma-informed, healing-centered practices into Philadelphia Department of Human Services (DHS) workforce culture, policies, programs, and service delivery.

- From May 2024-December 2025, trained over 1,800 Philadelphia DHS staff in person on workforce well-being and resilience
- Participant evaluations show:
 - 95% will be able to apply the content of the training to support **their own well-being**
 - 94% will be able to apply the content of the training to support **colleagues' well-being**
 - 94% will be able to apply the content of the training to support **client/participant well-being**
- Facilitated two train-the-trainer sessions for Philadelphia DHS University trainers
- Launched a 10-month learning community across DHS University and community umbrella organizations to advance actionable strategies that strengthen workforce culture
- Developed DHS trauma-informed, antiracist policy writing tool and guidelines, in partnership with the Center for the Study of Social Policy and DHS

Family-Centered, Peer Recovery Coaches partnership with JBS International and Office of Victims of Crime:

This collaboration is advancing a pioneering model for family-centered peer recovery coaching that strengthens support for individuals and their families. In partnership with 10 community organizations, this initiative is building sector-wide capacity to deliver comprehensive, family-centered peer recovery coaching services that promote healing, stability, and long-term recovery.

- Completed Family-Centered Peer Recovery Coach Workforce Training curriculum, including extensive community review of the curriculum, pilot trainings, and train-the-trainer sessions for the 10 community organizations
- Completed draft COA Accreditation standards to accommodate family-centered peer recovery coaching programs, which have been sent out for field comments
- Completed site visit for Parent Support Network of Rhode Island

Impact Area Highlight:

Brain Science and Trauma-Informed Approaches

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Presentations:

- APHSA National Human Services Summit: Panel discussion, Next Practices in Trauma-Informed Approaches: Philadelphia DHS's Journey
- UCONN 2025 Training Institutes: Next Practices in Trauma-Informed Approaches: Partnering to Create a Resilient Workforce
- Annual FFTA Conference: Next Practices in Trauma-Informed Approaches: Building a Well and Resilient Workforce
- Alia UnSystem Roundtable: Addressing Workforce Turnover and Retention in Child Welfare
- SPARK 2025:
 - Breakout session, Next Practices in Workforce Resilience: Strengthening Executive Functioning Through a Brain-Friendly Work Culture (in partnership with New Moms)
 - Breakout session, Using Family-Centered Peer Recovery Services to Preserve Families Impacted by Substance Use (in partnership with JBS International)
 - Post-conference session, The Intersection of Trauma-Informed Approaches and Quality Improvement (in partnership with QI Folio)
 - Two-day post-conference training, Building Healthy Workplace Cultures

Webinars:

- Four-part webinar series: Workforce Well-Being and Resilience
- Brain-Friendly Practices and Boundaries: Keys to Empathy and Staying Well in Disruptive Times
- Creating Brain-Friendly Environments: The Key to a Strong Workforce



Impact Area Highlight:

COA Accreditation

- The 2025 edition of updates included changes to the standards for:
 - Adult Day Services (AD, PA-AD, CA-AD)
 - Case Management (CM, PA-CM, CA-CM)
 - Kinship Care (FKC, PA-CFS, CA-FKC)
 - Early Childhood Education (ECE, PA-ECE, CA-ECE)
 - For-Profit Administration and Financial Management (AFM, CA-AFM)
 - Vocational Rehabilitation Services (VOC, PA-VOC, CA-VOC)
 - Workforce Development and Support Services (WDS, PA-WDS, CA-WDS)
- Preparation for the Programmatic Public Agency Accreditation, including review and refinement of the accreditation process aligned with the updated standards; this offering will launch in spring 2026.
- The updated MyCOA and VIP portals were launched, delivering a critical upgrade that strengthens system functionality and improves how organizations interface with and experience the accreditation process.
- A range of new and updated tools for accredited organizations and volunteer peer reviewers were introduced, including a revised PQI toolkit that reflects current standards and best practices; ongoing improvements will ensure our portals and tools continue to meet the needs of organizations and volunteers.
- Recognition updates include:
 - Gained a recognition in North Dakota for organizations providing services to individuals with developmental disabilities
 - Gained a recognition in Maryland for qualified residential treatment programs (QRTPs)



Impact Area Highlight:

Child, Family, and Community Well-Being

- Provided technical assistance for the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Continuum of Care initiative, focusing on justice involved youth and families across the country.
- Provided technical assistance for the Quality Improvement Center on Helplines and Hotlines initiative.
- Published a new policy, education, and communications toolkit about building a child and family well-being system based on protective factors and strengthening families.
- Moved into the design, review, and training phase with Michigan Public Health and Michigan Department of Human Services on the Michigan Mandated Reporter Project to reimagine and design new mandated reporting practices in the state.
- Partnered with the National Family Resource Center Coalition providing support and resources, which works with child and family advocates and agencies
- Continued partnership on Casey Family Programs' National Research Agenda Initiative.
- Participated in RALLY's National Narrative Change group alongside national partners.
- Deepened collaboration and learning with American Academy of Pediatrics Child Abuse Pediatricians with the goal and focus of reducing child abuse and neglect.
- Held two-day virtual convening, Lessons From Within Our Reach: A Cross-Sector Conversation on Child and Family Well-Being, with more than 150 people registered.

Presentations:

- CWLA Conference: Family and community upstream approaches
- California Alliance Conference: Cultural awareness and belonging
- Michigan Child Death Review Teams and Public Health: Implicit bias
- Birth Parent National Network: Community, Parents and Father Well-Being Approaches



Impact Area Highlight:

Government Affairs and Advocacy

- Held the 2025 Advocacy Amplified Training and Hill Day in D.C. with record attendance
- Expanded the consulting and training portfolio with eight new clients
- Led more than 20 skill-building webinars
- Elevated recently issued guidance, litigation, and federal actions impacting the social sector through the biweekly Policy & Advocacy Radar newsletter
- Published policy briefs regarding key federal legislation, including S.1351, Stop Institutional Child Abuse Act, and H.R. 9076, Supporting America's Children and Families Act, and to help organizations effectively advocate during August recess
- Developed and launched the executive order tracker to aid organizations in tracking emergent priorities and orders with the potential to impact the social service sector
- Continued to grow and nurture the Social Current Grassroots Advocacy Network, welcoming 116 advocates in 2025
- Mobilized the network to advocate against harmful provisions in reconciliation bill, H.R. 1, which would have reduced access to SNAP, Medicaid, and student loan borrowing
 - 237 messages were sent to representatives
- Issued statements opposing H.R. 1 and attempts to weaken the Johnson Amendment
- Partnered with statewide and federal organizations to issue a letter of support encouraging language directing the Department of Health and Human Services to review and create recommendations regarding liability insurance for child welfare providers within the fiscal year 2026 Labor-HHS Appropriations Report Language
- Held a pre-conference training at SPARK 2025
- Held policy briefings for network CEOs:
 - Rapid-response webinar after Office of Management and Budget funding pause in January
 - 2025 CEO Convening
 - SPARK 2025



Impact Area Highlight:

Leadership and Organizational Development

- Finalized the leadership framework to guide the next generation of human services leaders (Equip the Flip), funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, in partnership with the American Public Human Services Association.
- Co-led efforts to engage public and private sector partners to identify opportunities for prioritizing implementation of the Next Generation Leadership competencies.
- Incorporated equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) consulting and training into the Leadership and Organizational Development portfolio's goals, strategies, and objectives.
- Supported the final phase of the diversity, equity, and inclusion certification, in partnership with the Center for Juvenile Justice Reform at Georgetown University's McCourt School of Public Policy.
- Supported a network organization's strategic planning.
- Held 2025 CEO Convening in Charlotte, North Carolina, with 41 network CEOs (35% increase in attendance from 2024.)
- Successfully restructured ELI, concluded program for 2024-2025 cohort, and began program for 2025 cohort:
 - Virtual online learning space improvements, including facilitated, cohort-led leadership convenings.
 - Coursework enhancements.
 - Revised case study learning method.
 - 35 coaching sessions provided, designed to provide immediate, actionable feedback on a targeted leadership skill or organizational challenge.
- Continued to engage ELI alumni:
 - ELI Alumni Connect LinkedIn group created exclusively for alumni to network and stay up to date about ELI and alumni news.
 - SPARK 2025 Pre-Conference session: Executive Leadership Institute: Unlocking Potential Because You Matter
 - 2025-2026 webinar series to recruit new students

Presentations:

- Westmoreland Food Bank: Led in-service for leadership team on inclusive leadership
- NatCon 2025: Co-facilitated the session, Future Ready Leadership: Leading with Resilience through Uncertainty and Change with Trinkka Landry-Bourne of APHSA
- UCONN 2025 Training Institutes: Co-facilitated a session called Context and Competencies: A New Approach for Advancing Change
- OPEN MINDS Executive Leadership retreat: Spoke on the panel, Women in Health Care Leadership: An Interactive Discussion on Fostering Career Growth, Overcoming Barriers & Empowering Women Leaders

