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Invaluable guidance and advice for creating positive change in social policy Edited by a team of renowned experts, *Connecting Social Welfare Policy to Fields of Practice* features contributions from leaders in this field providing a variety of perspectives on different topics. This visionary guide equips social workers to proactively engage in policy practice to influence specific policies. Designed as a social welfare policy practice text for undergraduate and graduate students in social work programs, this book meets the Council on Social Work Education's (CSWE) Educa
