Vision
A society in which the wellbeing of women and families is paramount, resulting in their equity, empowerment, and prosperity.

Mission
To develop, conduct, and disseminate collaborative outreach, education, intervention, and research projects of importance to diverse groups.

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SIROW Featured in UA News
Bringing Attention to Human Trafficking in Tucson and Southern Arizona

SIROW Executive Director, Dr. Sally Stevens, and Senior Research Specialist, Dr. Candace Black, were featured in a UA News article posted January 17th on SIROW’s collaboration with the Southern Arizona Anti-Trafficking Unified Response Network (SAATURN). The article, which can be found here: https://uanews.arizona.edu/story/ua-research-institute-addresses-human-trafficking-across-region discusses the important role SIROW plays as the evaluator for the network’s progress.

SIROW Awarded Unidas Grant Funding

The Women’s Foundation of Southern Arizona Unidas program has awarded SIROW researcher Dr. Rosi Andrade a $5,000 grant. The Unidas program as a grantor is unique in many ways. Unidas is an award-winning leadership and philanthropy program for teen girls to build skills to serve their communities. The Unidas participants select who will be the community grantee. This Unidas grant to SIROW will support a collaboration with Sister José Women’s Center to continue a community needs assessment. These efforts will help participants obtain documentation that has been lost or is missing, in order to establish their identity and request services or benefits they are entitled to receive. SIROW thanks the Women’s Foundation for this opportunity.

SIROW Regional Summit Meeting

On January 28th and 29th, SIROW hosted its annual Gender and Women’s Studies Regional Summit Meeting at the University of Texas - El Paso. Program heads and directors from throughout the SIROW region attended the meeting to share challenges, successes and advice for building rigorous college programs which attend to the growing needs of an activist/academic student base in the Southwest. After an all day meeting on Saturday, participants were treated to a campus tour of UTEP and a visit to UTEP’s Rubin Center for the Visual Arts to view an exhibit on transnational feminist textile art. The event continues to be a highlight in the calendar year!
Goals

Engage in collaborative feminist research focusing on topics pertinent to the lives of women and families.

Develop and conduct outreach, research, and training on issues such as mental and physical health, sexuality, legal matters, education, employment, equity, and diversity.

Examine and support women’s contribution to literature, the arts, and Southwest heritage.

Advocate for women and families by linking researchers with community organizations and policy makers.

Identify, illuminate, and disseminate research on women, families, and gender differences.

Have updates for the next newsletter? Please send them to Nikole Justvig at njjustvig@email.arizona.edu.