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IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AND THE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM

There is nothing in sight to say, "Welcome, Visitors"; everything about the built environment of an immigration detention center says "Keep out." Razor wire topped sharpened steel bars, and any movement in or out of the facility is controlled by the definitive buzzer—and clank of heavy metal doors, four times in all, alerting us at each stage that we are passing through another delimited, surveilled space.

Men in white pick-up trucks with shotguns resting barrel-up at their side, patrol the parking lot and raked gravel perimeters of the facility. If you get there early enough, as we almost always do, you can see variably sized groups of people in green "scrubs" uniforms playing basketball or standing around talking under the metal ramada, and walking or jogging around the fenced-in caliche recreation yard. There are few signs of life outside the remote grey and white complex except for the saguaro by the concrete facility sign and a narrow swath of grass with a few hardy trees at the entrance.

That is the public face of Eloy Detention Center, a 1,600 bed facility that detains

immigrants during their deportation proceedings

The facility is run by the private, for-profit Corrections Corporation of America under a contract with the federal government. Currently, 500 beds are set aside in two units to house women detainees, with talk of opening a third unit for women soon.

SIROW, in partnership with the James E. Rogers College of Law's Immigration Law Clinic, provides social support, advocacy, and legal services to vulnerable women detained for months to years while the government determines whether to deport them or grant them legal immigration status to remain in the country.

The population of women we serve includes women who are recent survivors of intrafamilial violence, sexual assault, or gender-based violence; primary caregivers of minor children, many of whom are U.S. citizens; pregnant or breast-feeding women; and women with serious health conditions. While the majority of women are from Mexico or Central America, they are by no means exclusively from these regions. *(Continued on Page 3)*



Sally Stevens,
Executive Director

As social and economic challenges continue to loom large, our work at SIROW becomes even more important given our mission to improve the lives of women, youth and families. Thanks to the continued support from the University of Arizona, external funding agencies, business and individual donors, and volunteers, our amazing non-profit collaborators and dedicated SIROW staff continue to develop and

offer innovative community-based programs. Research and program evaluations generated from our salient work assist us in understanding what is needed, what is helpful, and what is working -- so that we are better able to support, empower, and advise those with whom we work. The programs highlighted in this issue of *Community Research News* reflect the heart of SIROW. I hope in these short articles, you find hope and inspiration. I would like to personally thank all of the businesses and individuals who have supported SIROW projects and participants this past year and to let you know that SIROW will soon be launching a fundraising campaign to support our valuable work. For now, please look on page 11 of this newsletter for information on how you can support SIROW with a charitable contribution. My best to you and yours for a productive and peaceful year ahead.

~Sally

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***Building community
and strengthening individuals and families
through research,
action and advocacy.***

The Southwest Institute for Research on Women (SIROW), established in 1979, is a regional research and resource institute within the Gender and Women's Studies Department at the University of Arizona. SIROW's region includes Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Texas, Utah, Wyoming, and Northwestern Mexico.

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VOLUNTEERS PROVIDE CRUCIAL SUPPORT TO SIROW PROJECTS; NO MATTER WHAT THE TASK IS, BIG OR SMALL. VOLUNTEERS HELP WITH EVERYTHING FROM DATA ENTRY TO FACILITATING SESSIONS AT THE ANNUAL UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA SPONSORED YOUNG WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT ACADEMY. AND THEY KEEP COMING BACK!

Recover2gether project is an example of a SIROW project that relied heavily on volunteers (for more information see pa 4). Volunteers in this project made weekly phone calls to project participants to support them in their road to recovery. SIROW staff trained volunteers on how to provide recovery support to youth and also how to handle crises. These calls made a positive impact on individual participants, their families, project staff and the volunteers themselves. Below are two testimonials that communicate the positive impact:

"It gives me some more peace of mind that other people are also looking out for [my son]. He can use all the help he can get."

-Project participant's parent

"Volunteering has allowed me to meet some cool people – people, who like myself, are interested in helping youth."

-SIROW volunteer

Two sibling volunteers at SIROW Central provide another example of volunteer support. These volunteers worked with SIROW Central staff members to write, direct, edit, and "star" in a short film about "Emergency Contraception." This film informs young people about the use of emergency contraception to prevent unplanned pregnancies. The film was selected to be screened at the annual LunaFest, a local festival of short films made by, for, and about women. These two volunteers have also helped produce podcasts that are available for public downloading on iTunes.

We appreciate and thank our volunteers! (Jordan Bamberger, Ian Brown, Nina Cole, Eliza Dawson, Karla Garcia, Natalie Gmitro, Jose "Jr. Huerta, Kimberly Huerta, Kaleena Huggins, Stephanie Justice, Tina Leung, Carla Saenz, Anthony Rivero, Sophia Rodriguez, Andrea Wheeler)

Disappearing Parents (continued from pa 1)

In just the last month, we have served women from Ethiopia, Peru, the Dominican Republic, Cuba, Ecuador, and Cameroon.

Unlike the protections afforded the accused in the criminal justice system, detained immigrants have no right to legal counsel or representation at government expense, although they are detained in settings that are indistinguishable from prisons or jails. Despite the dedicated efforts of the UA Law College's Immigration Clinic and the Florence Immigrant and Refugee Rights Project to provide detainees with pro bono legal assistance, the majority of women will not have individual legal representation in their immigration cases. The majority of women or their families cannot afford to pay the thousands of dollars it costs for an immigration attorney to make sense of their complex legal claims. The remote location of the facility makes finding affordable legal counsel all the more difficult. Moreover, all of the women we work with have experienced not only traumatic dislocation from their countries and cultures of origin; each also carries her own history of trauma, separation, and loss.

Much of the challenge of our work involves empowering women to draw on their own talents for survival, resistance and resilience.



These skills help them creatively confront the bureaucratic indifference to individual suffering they experience at Eloy.

We have to date worked with 120 women detainees to help them address their most pressing needs. For many, we have helped them find, stay in touch with, and at times even enjoy visits from their dependent children.

For others we have written humanitarian parole requests that have allowed those women to pursue their immigration cases in the company of family, established expatriot communities, or women's shelters.

Along the way we have accompanied women as they remember, grieve, and come to new understandings about the traumas they have undergone and survived. We have sat with those requesting moral support during their court proceedings, submitted affidavits in their favor based on what we have learned, and worked with many mothers from Mexico to pursue family reunification even as they await deportation.

In the course of providing these direct support services, we gather the research necessary to contribute to policy analyses and advocacy efforts to address systematic concerns regarding immigration policy. Most recently, we released a report on the intersection of immigration enforcement and the child welfare system. We were observing cases arise with alarming frequency in which women were at risk of losing their parental rights to their children in large part due to their prolonged detention. This report, *Disappearing Parents: Immigration Enforcement and the Child Welfare System*, is available at <http://sirow.arizona.edu>. We hope the report may begin a dialogue about how to avoid the tragic family separations we see play out on a daily basis in our work in Eloy.

In the meantime, the individual casework continues.

~ **Patricia Manning**
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For more information about the Immigration Detention project and to obtain copies of this report and others, contact Pat Manning, pmanning@email.arizona.edu or Nina Rabin, rabin@email.arizona.edu.

recover2gether

youth helping youth

Using Technology to Engage Youth and Families in Recovery Services

SIROW WAS ONE OF FOUR U.S. SITES INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE INNOVATIVE CONTINUING CARE PILOT-PROJECT, "RECOVERY SERVICES FOR ADOLESCENTS AND FAMILIES" (KNOWN LOCALLY AS RECOVER2GETHER).

The project is sponsored by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (SAMHSA-CSAT), via contract with Chestnut Health Systems located in Normal, Illinois. Since project inception, SIROW has provided technology-based recovery support services to 64 Tucson adolescents and families. After discharge from substance abuse treatment, adolescents engaged in three recovery services: (1) a recovery-oriented social networking website, (2) telephone support calls, and (3) a family program using the Community Reinforcement Approach Family Training (CRAFT) method. Adolescents had unlimited access to the moderated social networking website that included interactive features such as a profile page with messaging abilities, chat sessions, games, and videos featuring recovery stories of youth enrolled in the project. Additionally, trained telephone support volunteers contacted the adolescents weekly via phone or text message to ask about the adolescent recovery experience and their progress toward short- and long-term goals.

Parents/caregivers were also invited to participate in family groups and taught to use behavioral skills to encourage and support their adolescent in recovery. Preliminary results show 100% of Tucson adolescents in Recover2gether have accessed the social networking website while in substance abuse treatment with 44% of these adolescents accessing the website post-treatment. Telephone support volunteers also engaged the adolescents in more than 400 telephone/text support calls. In addition to participating in the in-person CRAFT family group, 40% of Tucson parents/caregivers signed up for weekly family e-mail listserv, which provided parenting tips and low or no-cost pro-social activities. Preliminary cross-site data analysis indicates that telephone support benefits adolescents by supporting them in their efforts to increase time spent in alcohol and drug-free activities (Godley & Passetti, 2011). Additional analysis are underway.

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Girls Less Likely to Receive Substance Abuse Treatment Than Boys In Arizona

FEMALE AND MALE ADOLESCENTS IN ARIZONA ABUSE ALCOHOL AND DRUGS AT SIMILAR RATES, YET SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FACILITIES FOR ADOLESCENTS REFLECT A GENDER GAP.

Approximately 56% of Arizona's adolescents engaging in risky substance abusing behaviors are male, while 44% are female.¹ However, among Arizona adolescents enrolled in substance abuse treatment, 63% are male and only 37% female.² This is despite the fact that among some categories of drugs, such as non-medical use of pain relievers, girls are significantly more likely to use than boys (11% compared to 7% reported use in the past 12 months).³

The negative consequences of adolescent substance abuse seeps into many domains. In 2008, 17% of adolescent males and females in Arizona reported being drunk or high at school. Moreover, Arizona adolescents who recently used alcohol and other drugs received worse grades in school than to their drug-free peers.⁴ In 2008, there were 37,616 alcohol abuse-related emergency room visits and 940 drug-induced deaths.⁵ In 2008, 5,429 10-17 year-old youth in Arizona were arrested for drug-related crimes.⁶

The availability of youth substance abuse treatment programs in Arizona does not come close to meeting the treatment needs of these youth. We have a staggering 17,000 girls and 20,000 boys in Arizona who are not receiving needed treatment for drug problems, and 15,000 girls and 16,000 boys are not receiving needed treatment for alcohol problems. Of the 104 publicly-funded programs that provide substance abuse treatment in southern Arizona, only 19 (18%) provide programs exclusively for adolescents.⁸ Furthermore, a higher percentage of boys receive treatment as compared to girls, leaving both a treatment and gender gap in services.

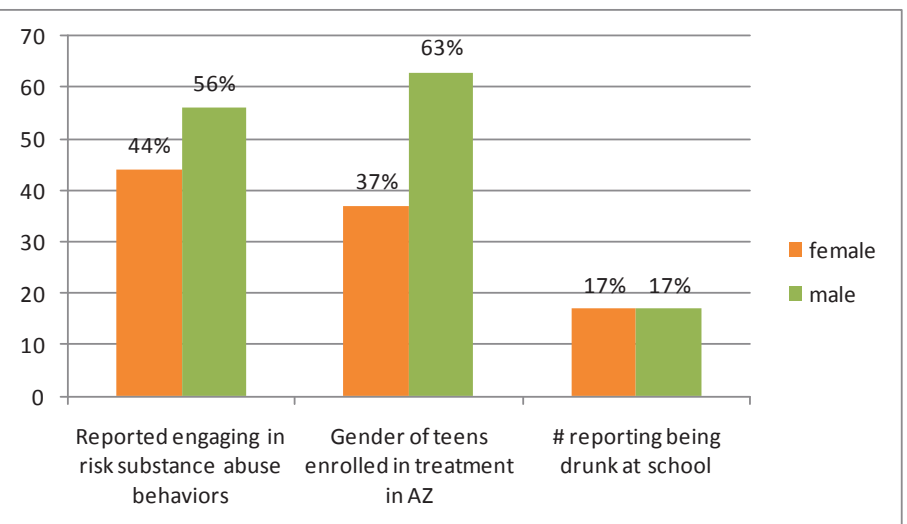
There are many costs associated with the failure to treat adolescent substance abuse; including untreated mental health issues, school drop-out, unplanned pregnancy and emergency room visits. The difference in costs to tax payers of treatment (\$1,583) compared to the cost associated to untreated substance abuse (\$11,487)⁹—time in court, detention, and victimization, speaks for itself. We need to take action to help adolescents, particularly girls, receive the substance abuse treatment they need.

For more information or to take action, contact *Josephine Korchmaros* at jkorch@email.arizona.edu

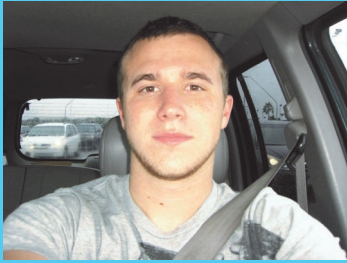
Here are some concrete ways individuals and communities can act to support girls with substance abuse problems:

- Provide substance abuse prevention and early intervention programs to public school students.
- Encourage Arizona Department of Health Services to use public service announcements to inform the public about how to identify and respond to youth who have substance abuse problems.
- Mandate gender-specific substance abuse treatment using evidence-based models.
- Assign the Arizona Health and Human Services Committee the goal of increasing state research on substance abuse.
- Require standardized substance abuse screening within public schools, child welfare, juvenile justice, healthcare, education, and athletics.
- Support pro-social, community-involvement, and youth-development activities for girls.

(See Page 9 for references included in this article)



Meet SIROW Instructional Specialist, Thomas Bogart



Currently I work on two SIROW projects: iTEAM and ADE. iTEAM is a project that provides aid to homeless or near homeless LGBTQ and straight allied youth in Pima county. This is very important because it can be difficult for LGBTQ youth to find resources that fit their needs in a non-judgmental and open setting. The ADE Project is more formally known as the "Arizona Department of Education-Non-Traditional Career Education Project. This project provides workshops on nontraditional careers and sexual harassment to middle and high school students throughout the state of Arizona. In addition, ADE offers workshops on nontraditional recruitment and retention for educators in AZ. While attending the UA working on my undergraduate degree in Geography, I started working for SIROW as an office assistant. During my five years with SIROW, I have also worked on the evaluation teams for a number of drug and alcohol related youth projects. My work at SIROW has ignited my passion for public sector and non-profit work. I will be entering the MPA (Master's of Public Administration) program in the fall. My goal is to continue my education in Public Policy and Administration in hopes of exploring ways to better streamline and make more efficient public sector and nonprofit management and promote proactive public policy change.

Step Forward: Increasing Adolescent Awareness

The Step Forward program is a collaboration between CODAC Behavioral Health Services, Southern Arizona Aids Foundation (SAAF) and SIROW. The program's main goal is to increase adolescent's awareness of healthier behavioral choices.

There are three components to Step Forward with the primary intervention being the SIROW- HEY (Health Education for Youth) curriculum. The curriculum sessions cover puberty, reproductive male and female anatomy, sexually transmitted infections (STIs), Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), protection methods, relationships and communication. A health educator from each agency is trained and certified to deliver the curriculum to youth involved in the Criminal Justice System in Tucson ages 12-17 years. The second component of the Step Forward program is HIV testing and counseling. SAAF offers free and confidential HIV testing to any youth interested. Lastly, 24 youth who are in need will receive substance abuse treatment services from CODAC.

We believe that the combination of these program components will assist in educating youth to make healthier choices. Our hope is that this can lead to decreases in substance use, sexually transmitted infections and unwanted pregnancies among adolescents.

The Need

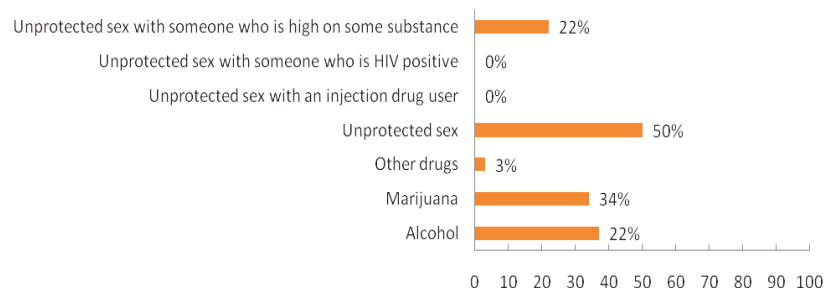
The Center for Disease Control reports that in 2008, Hispanic teens accounted for 77.5% of live births for women ages 15-19. This data suggests the need for programs aimed at reducing this trend with a strong emphasis on educating Hispanic youth in making healthier behavioral choices.

The Numbers

September 2011 marks the end of the second funding year. To date, 136 youth have been enrolled in the SIROW--HEY curriculum and 26 youth in substance abuse treatment services at CODAC. Below are baseline data on the following measures: gender, race, alcohol and substance use, and sexual risky behaviors.

For more information, contact Claudia Powell, claudiap@email.arizona.edu

Risky Behavior Reported During Past 30 days (baseline)



¹Hamilton, BE, Martin, JA, Ventura SJ. (2009) Births: Preliminary data for 2009. Center for Disease Control and Prevention. Retrieved from <http://www.cdc.gov/Features/dsTeenPregnancy/>

iTEAM: A Community-Based Network of Care for LGBTQA Youth

iTEAM (Treatment Empowerment for Adolescents on the Move), a five-year project funded by SAMHSA, is designed to provide comprehensive and culturally responsive services for 300 homeless or near-homeless youth ages 15 to 23 who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, and straight-ally (LGBTQA). iTEAM's primary goals are to increase housing stability, awareness of community resources, self-sufficiency, and community engagement among its participants, while also reducing instances of risky behaviors. The project, currently in its second year, is a six agency collaboration and includes CODAC Behavioral Health Services, Open Inn, Our Family Services, Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF), SIROW, and Wingspan at the Eon "Lounge" Youth Center.

As the main project site, Eon's drop-in center offers a safe and substance-free "one-stop shop" for LGBTQA youth to access the comprehensive services available to them through iTEAM.

Youth at Eon also have the opportunity to participate in a multitude of empowerment and pro-social activities, including Eon's Peer Working Group which offers feedback and guidance to the iTEAM project. Both Open Inn and Our Family Services provide intensive Case Management to the 60 youth per year enrolling in iTEAM. These agencies also manage the housing component of the project, with about 12 iTEAM participants either in housing or being assessed for housing at any given time. SAAF provides sexual health education, in the form of the Center for Disease Control's (CDC) evidenced-based Street Smart program, aimed to reduce risky sexual and substance use behaviors and increase knowledge of community resources. SAAF also offers free and confidential HIV testing on-site at Eon.

CODAC Behavioral Health Services offers onsite individual crisis counseling in addition to the evidenced-based mental health treatment and substance-use intervention groups.

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Eon Youth Leadership Retreat, Tucson 2011

Mujer Sana's Prosocial Activities for Women

HerStory to Health with the leadership of health educators Alanna Dombrowski (The Haven) and Corrie Brinley (SIROW) is holding monthly *Fun Days*. On these days, *Mujer Sana* provides activities such as expressive arts (contributing to health and other messages on a paper quilt); movies and discussion for women enrolled in the program and receiving services at The Haven's residential treatment program. The program has also organized *Barbecues in the Park* events (serving grilled hot dogs and accompaniments, and promoting group board game activities) or homeless and near-homeless women. Together these events support pro-social activities for women. *Mujer Sana* is also establishing a community garden as another pro-social activity, with the additional benefit of providing vegetables for women enrolled in the program. Contact: Corrie Brinley, cbrinley@email.arizona.edu

Community Writing Project Continues for SIROW Researchers

An example of how a SIROW project continues a part of the community long after it has been completed can be found in **Sowing the Seeds: Promoting the Humanities in Our Communities**. It was funded for a year in 2000 by the Arizona Humanities Council and the Stocker Foundation. While SIROW continues to provide a location for meetings at its *Mujer Sana* site, *Sowing the Seeds* has become a personal endeavor of SIROW Associate Research Professor Rosi Andrade and SIROW scholar Elena Díaz Björkquist, along with twenty-five other community women. Rosi and Elena are also co-editors of a past anthology *Sowing the Seeds, una cosecha de recuerdos* and a forthcoming anthology *Our Spirit, Our Reality: Celebrating Our Stories*.

Sowing the Seeds held its Mujeres Writing Conference on June 11, 2011 at the YWCA, which also co-sponsored the event. Presenters included Francisco Alarcón, Odilia Galván Rodríguez,

Over 40 women were in attendance at the daylong conference.

In addition to the monthly meetings, conferences, and workshops, *Sowing the Seeds* conducts public readings. Our long awaited second anthology, nine years in the making, *Our Spirit, Our Reality: Celebrating Our Stories* will be published this summer through Tucson-based Wheatmark Press. We look forward to many public readings!

As an invitation to join us on the path to *Celebrating Our Stories*! We leave you with an excerpt from Elena Díaz Björkquist's *Message of Hope*:

*A miracle rainbow unveiled itself
through the gray morning mist.
Muted colors became brighter,
truncated arch grew
into full glorious archway.
We chased it for miles down the
curvy country road.*

For more information on *Sowing the Seeds*, contact Rosi Andrade, rosia@email.arizona.edu

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Search for "Southwest Institute for Research on Women." From this page, click the "Like!" button in the top right-hand corner, and you will be able to follow SIROW updates.



Sowing The Seeds Project Writers




Motherhood and Mothering: HerStory to Health

HerStory to Health is SIROW's Sexual Health Program for women 18 years of age and older, who are either in residential substance abuse treatment, homeless or near homeless. HerStory to Health educators have enrolled 357 women to date providing sexual health/PTSD prevention intervention, including six 2-hour sexuality and intersection of sexuality and substance use educational groups, along with HIV/STD health screening, treatment, and referrals. Demographically speaking, 25% of our participants are Latina, 7% African American, 23% American Indian, 4% Multi-Racial, and 40% Caucasian. Participants range in age from 18 to 64; with 23% aged 18 to 24, 56% aged 25 to 44, and 21% aged 45 to 64.

Findings include the fact that 293 out of the 302 women enrolled in our program have had at least one pregnancy, with an average of 3.7 pregnancies per woman. The average age of enrolled women is 34 years.

In the past 90-days women reported using alcohol (54%), tobacco (76%), marijuana/hashish (34%), cocaine (22%), crack (23%), methamphetamine (26%), benzodiazepines (29%), and heroin (8%).



When asked about Child Protective Services (CPS) involvement with any of their children, 49% of women reported that between one and six of children in their care were investigated by CPS (n=117 children). Forty percent of women reported that between 1 and 6 of the children in their care were removed by CPS (n=95 children). Eighty-one percent of children investigated by CPS were removed from their homes. In addition, we found that based on women's reports, sibling cohorts of two to five children were removed at higher rates (75-86%) than single children (70%). While women reported the mean level of stress related to the initial trauma of having children removed by CPS as "extremely upsetting"; they also reported the mean level of stress at having their parental rights severed as "considerably" to "extremely upsetting". At present, parents in Arizona who have their children removed by CPS often face the possibility of severance of their parental rights if the children are in out of home placements for more than a year.

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Initial findings from HerStory to Health Project suggest the following program characteristics for feminist oriented programs for women and their children:

- (1) provide long-term housing;
- (2) promote the mother-child relationship (life-work balance);
- (3) combat stigma associated with drug using mothers;
- (4) include trauma-informed interventions;
- (5) facilitate intergenerational healing activities;
- (6) facilitate innovative humanities-based healing interventions (e.g., reading/writing groups, journaling);
- (7) promote parenting skills with pedagogically appropriate approaches (i.e., cognitive/emotional/reflective/experiential); and
- (8) initiate ways for women to become activists in causes greater than themselves.

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Expanding Your Horizons, Expanding Our Mission

WISE is celebrating its 30th year of hosting the Expanding Your Horizons Conference . To celebrate we have some exciting changes coming in the next year. Women in Science and Engineering, with generous funding from Rosemont Copper and Gold, is pleased to announce WISE's 1st Annual Expanding Your Horizons - Bridge to College Success Conference on November 5, 2011. Aimed at high school students who are passionate about continuing their education, this conference will offer hands-on STEM workshops, career panels, and professional presentations to help students successfully make the transition from high school to higher education. WISE is also tailoring the March 3, 2012 Expanding Your Horizons Conference, sponsored by Freeport McMoRan, to junior high school students focusing on high school preparedness, career inspiration, and scientific experimentation.



Madam Curie-osity: 100 Years of Innovation and Ingenuity

Born in Warsaw, Poland in the year 1867, Marie Skłodowska Curie was the fifth child in a family of educators. Her pioneering research on radioactivity and elemental discovery paved the way for countless new medical technologies advanced scientific study to be offered to women and countless new medical technologies and opened the door for advanced scientific study to be offered to women. In celebration of the 100th anniversary of Marie Curie's Noble Prize in Chemistry and the International Year of Chemistry (2011), WISE, in conjunction with the Women's Chemistry Group from the Southern Arizona American Chemical Society, will host an exciting salon to honor women scientists from around the world. This two hour session, to be held on September 15th, will feature a poster presentation during hors d'œuvres, chemistry themed performances, and several short exhibitions highlighting the excellent women chemists who have carried on Mme. Curie's legacy by breaking barriers and making significant contributions to science despite overwhelming societal obstacles. For more information on this exciting event, please visit the WISE website! <http://wise.web.arizona.edu/>

(i-Team Continued from p. 7)

SIROW's evaluation team conducts many of their activities at the Eon Lounge, where they are fully integrated into the service network. SIROW also coordinates project implementation among the six collaborators.

The iTEAM project has demonstrated an ability to influence positive change in its participants. The percent of the population having unprotected sex from intake to 6 months dropped 7.8%, from 69.2% to 61.5%. In addition, the percent of participants that were having unprotected sexual contact with an individual high on some substance decreased from 60% to 20%. Furthermore, there was a 13.8% drop in clients experiencing anxiety from intake to 6-months post-intake. This may be due, in part, to the clients' social connectedness, which increased 18.4% and/or due to an increase in housing stability (26.39%).

The iTEAM collaborators look forward to inspiring even greater positive changes in the lives of Southern Arizona's wonderful and resilient LGBTQA youth.

For more information contact: Claudia Powell @ claudiap@email.arizona.edu

BECOMING OLDER BLOG

Myra Dinnerstein, Research Professor Emerita at the University of Arizona, and a friend, Sandy Heiman, have started a blog: Becoming Older.

The blog is designed as a forum to exchange and discuss ideas, experiences, and resources as we become older. Contributions are welcome and can be anonymous or signed

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