

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 and Community Partners to Expand Infrastructure for Health
Education and Risk Prevention in Pima County**

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HIGHLIGHTS**

SIROW will continue to throw its hat in the prevention ring with a new five-year SAMHSA-funded community project. The purpose of the proposed project, Bridges to Wellness (B-Well), is to develop a solid foundation, infrastructure, and capacity to deliver and sustain quality, accessible, evidence-based substance abuse (SA), HIV, and Viral Hepatitis (VH) prevention services to reduce the onset of SA, HIV and VH infection



among system-involved minority youth ages 13-17 in Pima County, Arizona. B-Well is a collaboration between the University of Arizona's Southwest Institute for Research on Women, Intermountain Centers for Human Development, the Pima County Health Department, and the Pima County Community Prevention Coalition. Four project goals, all focused on prevention of SA, HIV/AIDS, and VH within the target population, include: (1) completion

of a needs assessment and comprehensive strategic plan; (2) mobilization and capacity building to address identified prevention needs; (3) implementation of prevention strategies and programs; and (4) evaluation of program processes and outcomes to assess performance and project impact on behavioral health disparities.

SIROW Announces New Project

In April 2017, SIROW researchers Sally Stevens and Jo Korchmaros were awarded a grant from the Vitalyst Health Foundation entitled "The Juvenile Justice Initiative – Reducing Burden and Increasing Opportunity." The project is a collaboration between Arizona Legal, Women and Youth Services (ALWAYS; lead agency), Children's Action Alliance, and SIROW. The project will address (1) Arizona's legislation that keeps juvenile records open to the public even after juveniles become adults, and (2) fines and fees that are routinely imposed in juvenile court in excess of the juvenile's or his/her family's ability to pay.

This initiative will scan existing resources to find solutions that support greater opportunity for youth; use existing relationships to help prioritize change in the juvenile justice system; collaborate with diverse coalitions and networks to create greater opportunities for youth economic independence and education; educate the coalition and public regarding populations of youth treated unjustly by this system and how this inequitable treatment financially impacts justice system-involved families, and the long-term impact of these issues. The Juvenile Justice Initiative will also recommend policy changes, educate stakeholders on necessary changes, and act as an accountability mechanism for these important recommended changes to juvenile justice policies and practices.

SIROW/GWS Staff Support Campus Efforts to Fight Hunger

Senior Business Manager Terry Mullin (SIROW, Gender & Women's Studies) supported "Stuff the Cat Tran," an annual event to benefit the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona. Coordinated by the Classified Staff Council, efforts this year totaled 3,798 pounds of food and \$7,915 in campus and online donations. Thank you, Terry!



Goals

- Engage in collaborative feminist research on topics pertinent to the lives of girls, women, and families;
- Develop and conduct outreach, education, service, research, and trainings with regard to mental and physical health, sexuality, legal matters, education, workforce, equity, diversity, and other issues;
- Address social inequalities and group-based disparities;
- 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 girls, women, families, and gender differences.



Do You Know Your SIROW Researchers?

From left to right: Monica Davis, BA is an Assistant Research Social Scientist who works at the SIROW Central research site. Claudia Powell, M.Ed., is a Research Social Scientist who works at SIROW's UA campus location. Josephine Korchmaros, Ph.D., is a Research Professor and Alison Greene, Ph.D., is a Research Social Scientist. Both Dr(s) Korchmaros and Greene work at the SIROW Central research site. Terry Mullin is the Senior Business Manager for SIROW. Ms. Mullin works at SIROW's UA campus location but provides business management for all three SIROW research sites. Sally Stevens, Ph.D., is the Executive Director and Rosi Andrade, Ph.D., is a Research Professor. Both Dr(s) Stevens and Andrade work at the SIROW campus location. Corrie Brinley, MSW, is an Assistant Research Social Scientist who works at the SIROW campus location and the SIROW ANCHOR research site.

Women In Science and Engineering (WISE) Collaborates for Science and Engineering Excellence Banquet



Left to right: Master of Ceremonies Deanna Lewis, Girls Who Code attendees at dinner, Keynote Mara Aspinall

The SIROW WISE program celebrated a year of fantastic accomplishments in STEM at its annual excellence banquet. This year, WISE was honored by the sponsorship of twelve UA units and community organizations, including the following: UA's Office for Diversity & Inclusive Excellence; UA's Colleges of Engineering, Agriculture & Life Sciences, Optical Sciences, and Social & Behavioral Sciences; UA's Department of Animal & Comparative Biomedical Sciences; UA's Institute of the Environment; UA's BIO5 Institute; the Pima County School Superintendent's Office; Southern Arizona Research Science and Engineering Foundation; the Arizona SCITECH festival, and the WISE Advisory Board. Students from southern Arizona K-12 schools who had been touched by WISE work this year were in attendance. The College of SBS's Dean, JP Jones, gave the opening remarks on the importance of diversity in STEM and WISE's contribution to that mission. WISE also offered a pre-banquet networking training for girls and college women in the WISE mentorship program. Mara Aspinall, President and CEO of Health Catalysts, an investment and advisory firm focused on biotech and healthcare ventures, was the inspiring keynote speaker. Ms. Aspinall highlighted how diagnostic technology saves thousands of lives every year. WISE extends its deepest thanks to the sponsors who make the work to diversify science, technology, engineering, and mathematics in southern Arizona possible.

