

CENTER CLIENTS

- National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities
- National Institute of Alcoholism and Alcohol Abuse
- National Institute of Child Health and Human Development
- National Institute of Drug Abuse
- National Institute of Mental Health
- U.S. Department of Justice , National Institute of Justice
- U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Centers for Mental Health Services, Substance Abuse Prevention, and Substance Abuse Treatment
- The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
- New Mexico Children, Youth and Families Department
- New Mexico Department of Health, Public Health Division, Office of School and Adolescent Health
- New Mexico Behavioral Health Services Division, Office of Substance Abuse and Prevention
- University of New Mexico
- New Mexico counties and cities
- New Mexico community coalitions and non-profit organizations

MISSION

The PIRE has a significant national presence in the area of applied social science, with funded research projects centering on prevention, treatment, and policy. Our scientists and practitioners continually focus on the design and implementation of responsive program evaluation strategies and the conduct of rigorous research focused on health, education, social welfare, and criminal justice issues. Our practitioners and scientists provide training and technical assistance in many health-related areas to states and communities that are attempting to improve public health.

VISION

The synergy between PIRE's attractive organizational culture and our growing base of talent and expertise will spark creative collaboration across the Institute and invite strategic and productive partnerships with others. The resulting output will dramatically advance social science and practice and fulfill the promise latent within PIRE of producing a truly significant positive impact on community and national well-being.

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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH RESEARCH CENTER OF THE SOUTHWEST



The Albuquerque Center specializes in qualitative and mixed-methods research, intervention development and assessment, implementation science, program evaluation, participatory methods, and training and technical assistance.

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ALBUQUERQUE CENTER

Founded in 1997, the Behavioral Health Research Center of the Southwest (BHRCs) specializes in mixed-methods research and program evaluation. Major areas of research include health and behavioral health policy and service delivery, community-based substance abuse prevention, intervention development and evaluation, and implementation and dissemination science. Our interdisciplinary research team has a strong history of engagement with rural, Latinx, Native American, and sexual and gender minority communities. The BHRCs is focused on conducting high quality research to identify and eliminate health disparities through the advancement of policies and programs that change lives. Our scientists collaborate with universities, federal, state and local community organizations, community coalitions, health educators, and health practitioners to study, develop, test, and disseminate innovative and evidence-based ideas, programs, and initiatives that enhance the quality of life for individuals and their communities.

The PIRE is a diverse community devoted to the promotion and acceptance of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, gender, physical ability, or veteran status. The PIRE is committed to employ, and advance in employment, individuals with disabilities and protected veterans, and to treat qualified individuals without discrimination on the basis of their physical or mental disability or veteran status.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Community-Based Participatory Research and Evaluation
- Health Disparities Research
- Implementation Science
- Impaired Driving Intervention and Environmental Strategies Evaluation
- Mental Health and Mental Health Services Research
- Mixed-Methods Research and Evaluation
- Needs Assessment and Strategic Planning
- Program Evaluation
- Qualitative Research Methodologies
- Randomized Control Trials
- State and Community Capacity-building Research
- Substance Abuse Intervention and Environmental Strategies Evaluation
- Training and Technical Assistance

RECENT PROJECTS & INITIATIVES

Reducing LGBTQ+ Adolescent Suicide. This study funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) capitalizes on the critical role of school nurses in improving the mental health of this vulnerable population through implementation and sustainment of evidence-based strategies to enhance school environments. In addition to suicide, the conceptual framework and methods for this novel, nurse-led intervention can be applied to address the health-related concerns of other pediatric populations encountered in school settings as well.

Enhancing Primary Care Services for Sexual and Gender Minority (SGM) Patients. Primary care services are the frontline of prevention, screening, and healthcare delivery across the life course; however, few have mechanisms to create practice milieus that are attentive to SGM patients. This study is producing data to select, adapt, and develop SGM practice guidelines and implementation strategies; developing an implementation toolkit with stakeholder input; and piloting the toolkit to promote SGM-specific cultural competence at multiple levels of service delivery and to enhance SGM health in primary care clinics where providers are stretched to form a healthcare safety net for socially diverse communities throughout the U.S.

Improving Native American Elder Access and use of Healthcare. This community-driven, mixed-method study examines outreach activities to facilitate insurance coverage, help-seeking behavior, and the healthcare experiences of American Indian elders under state and national policy reform, and advances a replicable model for culturally tailored programs that enhance knowledge of, access to, and use of insurance and available services to reduce healthcare disparities.

New Mexico Partnership for Success Evaluator. Working closely with the New Mexico Office of Substance Abuse Prevention, the Albuquerque Center serves as the statewide evaluator for the New Mexico Partnership for Success grant funding. This 3-year grant awarded to New Mexico in 2015 is for alcohol prevention for youth 12-20, and prescription pain-killer misuse prevention amount youth age 12-25.

Local Community Evaluation and Technical Assistance. Center staff are currently serving, or have served, as local evaluators and technical assistance providers for community coalitions, non-profits and local governments in Bernalillo, Doña Ana, Grant, Luna, Roosevelt, Santa Fe, and Taos Counties. Programs include those that are focused on environmental-level prevention of under-age drinking and prescription pain-killer misuse.