

College of Health and Human Services

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Research Centers and Institutes

University Center on Aging

Anita S. Harbert, Director

The University Center on Aging is administered by the School of Social Work. The center is involved with supporting interdisciplinary educational and curriculum efforts; undertaking research, demonstration and evaluation activities; providing technical assistance and agency consultation for the community; coordinating workshops and seminars; and providing opportunities for student involvement in aging activities. The center serves as a central point for the development, dissemination, and analysis of data related to diversity and aging and long-term care.

Learn more about the center at <http://socialwork.sdsu.edu/coa/>.

Center for Alcohol and Drug Studies

Susan I. Woodruff, Director

The center was established in 1985 by the School of Social Work as the Center on Substance Abuse. In 2003, the emphasis was changed to research and evaluation, while maintaining its primary service program, a drunk driving education and treatment program. The center is actively engaged in conducting alcohol and other drug research and evaluation projects. Over the past decade, the center has received numerous federal, state, and county grants and contracts and has several ongoing projects including the NIH funded College Party and Bar Environmental Prevention Project and an Evaluation of California's State Prevention Grants. In addition, the center operates the Central District Driving Under the Influence Program, which provides education and counseling services for court-ordered offenders in the central judicial district of San Diego county. The center is located at 6386 Alvarado Road, Suite 224, 619-229-2340. The Central District Driving Under the Influence Program is located at 9245 Sky Park Court, Suite 101, 858-467-6810.

Visit <http://www.centerforaod.sdsu.edu> for more information.

Institute for Behavioral and Community Health (IBACH)

Gregory A. Talavera and Guadalupe X. Ayala, Co-Directors

The Institute for Behavioral and Community Health (IBACH) is housed at 9245 Skypark Court, Suite 221, San Diego, CA 92113. The institute, formerly known as the Center for Behavioral Medicine, was established in 1982 for the purpose of promoting research and academic programs relevant to the applications of behavioral science principles to medicine and health care. The institute has seven investigators from three different colleges. The interdisciplinary institute encourages participation from all of the university colleges and departments. Currently, active investigators come from the Departments of Exercise and Nutritional Sciences, Psychology, and the Graduate School of Public Health. Current institute projects involve collaboration between scientists and clinicians from a variety of specialties as well as a variety of other institutions, including Scripps Clinic and Research Foundation, the University of California, San Diego Medical Center, and the Children's Hospital and Health Center. Funding for the institute comes from federal and private foundation grants including several National Institutes of Health agencies. Current sponsors include the National Cancer Institute, National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, the State of California Department of Health Services, and the University of California Tobacco Related Disease Research Program.

The institute provides important research experiences to diverse students who intend to pursue related careers and offers opportunities for project staff and graduate students to participate in community interventions.

Visit <http://www.ibachsd.org> to learn more.

Center for Behavioral Epidemiology and Community Health (CBEACH)

Melbourne F. Hovell, Executive Director

Administered through the Graduate School of Public Health, the center was established for the purpose of promoting research to study behavior that prevents or contributes to the cause of disease and injury. Both non-intervention and empirical studies are conducted to determine the factors most responsible for lifestyle practices related to morbidity and mortality. The center focuses on health related behavior – either protective practices or risk practices – and has been concerned with a wide range of public health and medical concerns such as: tobacco prevention in youth; environmental tobacco exposure reduction in children; STDs, AIDS, pregnancy prevention in adolescents, and prevention in women and divorced adults; violence and anger prevention. C-BEACH conducts scientific investigations into the following broad areas: behavioral epidemiology, measurement, and interventions (clinical and community-based).

For more information, visit <http://www.sci.sdsu.edu/c-beach/>.

Consensus Organizing Center

Jessica Robinson, Director

The Consensus Organizing Center is administered through the School of Social Work. The center's mission is to educate and train a new generation of social workers in community building techniques in order to make them effective catalysts for civic engagement and social change. Through school based programs and community interventions, the center has created an environment for the teaching of consensus organizing skills to social workers, high school students, foster youth, and community leaders. Specific activities include developing a fellowship program for high school students and provide employment opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students.

The center can be contacted at 619-594-4813 or at <http://www.consensus.sdsu.edu>.

Heart Institute

Christopher C. Glembotski, Director

The Heart Institute is sponsored by the College of Health and Human Services and the College of Sciences. The goals of the institute are to enhance basic and clinical research in the cardiovascular sciences, to foster undergraduate and graduate education in cardiovascular physiology and medicine, and to provide a community outreach service focused at heightening the awareness of cardiovascular disease and its prevention in the San Diego region surrounding SDSU. The institute is comprised of faculty members representing four different colleges at SDSU, as well as physicians and scientists from local hospitals and clinical research centers. Importantly, the institute also sponsors SDSU undergraduate and graduate student memberships, which strengthens the involvement of students in all aspects of Heart Institute activities. The unusual blend of talent and expertise that comprise the institute membership results in an interdisciplinary approach to cardiovascular research, education and community outreach that is unique to the Heart Institute. The institute sponsors special seminars, on- and off campus, which cover a wide range of topics in the field, and provides funding for the support of graduate students who are involved in cardiovascular research at SDSU. Areas of focus for the institute include studies of the molecular basis of cardiovascular disease, establishment of unique approaches for the early detection and prevention of cardiovascular disease, and the promotion of cardiovascular health in San Diego area K-12 schools. An important feature of these efforts that distinguishes the Heart Institute is the central role that SDSU students play in each of these areas. Funding for Heart Institute activities comes from a variety of sources, including the National Institutes of Health, the American Heart Association, the Muscular Dystrophy Association, the Rees-Stealy Research Foundation, and several San Diego-based biotechnology companies. For more information contact the Heart Institute office at 619-594-5504 or at <http://www.bio.sdsu.edu/heart/sdsuhome.htm>.

Academy for Professional Excellence

Jennifer Tucker-Tutlow, Director

The Academy for Professional Excellence, administered through the School of Social Work, was established in 1996 with the mission to provide quality training and organizational support to health and human services agencies in the Southern California Region including the counties of Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, Santa Barbara, and Ventura. The goal of the center is to make university faculty and staff available to public and private social services agencies in the region by providing expertise and technical assistance in curriculum development, in-service training, organizational development, evaluation, and research. The academy develops high quality competency based curriculum on select topics for social services agencies in the region; provides quality training to service providers and administrators employed in social services agencies; engages in research and evaluation to improve the quality, accountability and responsiveness of human service agencies; and, develops highly competent executives in the Southern California region who will have the skills, knowledge, and experience to effectively guide organizational change and development.

The academy has extensive experience in managing contracts with multiple partners and organizations/agencies, providing specialized services, including: curriculum development, multi-disciplinary competency-based trainings, workforce analysis, staff retention consultation, research, organizational development and organizational needs assessments, technical assistance and evaluation. Funding sources are grants and contracts from federal, state, and county government agencies as well as private non-for-profit agencies.

The academy is located at 6505 Alvarado Road, Suite 107, and can be reached at 619-594-3546 or at <http://pcwta.sdsu.edu>.

Institute for Public Health

Suzanne P. Lindsay, Executive Director

Administered through the Graduate School of Public Health, the mission of the institute is to serve as a vehicle for the development and support of functional linkages between the SDSU Graduate School of Public Health, local public health agencies, and private organizations in the San Diego community and neighboring areas, including Mexico. These linkages expand the availability of university-based public health expertise, research and information in the areas of epidemiology, biostatistics, health promotion and behavioral science, occupational and environmental health, maternal and child health, health services management and policy, and global/border health. Specific activities include collaborative research, technical assistance, program evaluation, consultation, continuing education and professional development, student field placement, faculty/practitioner exchange, information dissemination, and various service activities. The institute serves to bridge public health academics and practice by facilitating meaningful partnerships between faculty, students, and local practitioners. Visit the institute online at <http://iph.sdsu.edu>.

Sharp Healthcare Professional Education and Research Institute

Marilyn Newhoff, Director

The institute serves to create a focus for excellence in healthcare education and research, advancing theory and practice in health services. Researchers conduct relevant healthcare research; clinical internships are provided, including in the Sharp Healthcare environment, to talented and promising future healthcare employees; guest lectures, seminars, and workshops are sponsored on emerging healthcare topics; and doctoral projects addressing critical issues in Sharp Healthcare and beyond foster mentoring and advanced applied clinical practice.

Social Policy Institute

Loring Jones, Director

Administered through the School of Social Work, the mission of the institute is to assist local, state and regional public and private sector leaders in the development of policies and programs that focus on family and community well-being. The institute is particularly focused on prevention programs that reduce adverse outcomes for vulnerable individuals, families, and communities. To this end, we assist with community needs assessments, as well as program development and evaluation. The Social Policy Institute has prepared a training manual and CD-ROM for home visitors and case managers working with vulnerable families and has recently conducted community needs assessments surveys in Baja California Sur for the purpose of policy and program development. A computerized information system to provide decision and evaluation support to human services agencies has been developed and is available through the San Diego State University Research Foundation Technology Transfer Office.