2011 Report

The Center for Applied Community Research and Development

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I. Center for Applied Community Research and Development (CACRD)

The CACRD facilitates university-community research partnerships that are mutually beneficial in that they result in both publishable research for the academic researcher and usable information and/or action for the community partner. The CACRD is directed by Pamela A. Mischen, has an Advisory Board that is comprised of eighteen university and community representatives that meets twice a year, and employs a part-time research assistant and a volunteer grant writer, Dan McCormack. The CACRD focuses its research in four areas: civic engagement, governance and management, nonprofit capacity building, and network development.

Cross-disciplinary research is critical when engaging in community-based research. The issues of concern at a community level of analysis are complex: crime, youth development, gang prevention, mental health services, among others. The problems faced by communities have behavioral, social, political, economic, and biological causes that are inherently intertwined. The CACRD encourages the formation of multi-disciplinary teams to address such community issues.

The goals of the CACRD are three:

1) To produce high quality, generalizable, applied community research that advances understanding in its appropriate academic discipline.

2) To have a positive impact at the community level by engaging in research that is important to community partners.

3) To promote applied community research throughout the University by facilitating research partnerships and providing technical assistance and research support for scholars.

These goals reflect the belief that research and service can not only coexist in an academic environment, but that they can inform one another resulting in research that does more than have the potential to inform action, but results in direct benefits at the community level. Service enhances the quality of the research; research improves the quality of service that is provided.

The CACRD has brought visibility to Binghamton University in several ways. Through our community connections (see Advisory Board list on cover) we have shown to the Greater Binghamton area that we are an integral part of this community and concerned about its welfare.
II. Sources of Support

The CACRD receives funding from multiple sources of internal and external support. From internal support, the CACRD received $2,400 from the Research Foundation, and general operating support from the Department of Public Administration in terms of a course reduction for the Center Director. From external support, the CACRD received funds in the amount of $18,000, and $45,100 from other internal sources.

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<td>Participation in Outside Activities as a Mediator of Adolescent Behavioral Outcomes</td>
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<td>External Contracts</td>
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III. New Budget Request and Justification

Current funds are used to support operational costs of the CACRD including phones and office supplies, travel to conferences, meeting costs, computer software, and publications.

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<th>Category</th>
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Having a Center designation shows funding agencies that we have institutional support for multi-/inter-disciplinary community based research. For many foundations and federal agencies, this designation will help us secure the funding necessary to achieve our long-term goals. Furthermore, the funds received from the Research Foundation allow us to continue our efforts in developing relationships with community partners and working with university faculty interested in community-based research.

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IV. Future Directions

The long-range plan of the CACRD is to become a nationally recognized center for applied community research. To that end, the center is in the process of securing funds to fully implement the Virtual Communities project--a collaborative effort between public administration, bioengineering, computer science and geography researchers to create a web portal for dissemination and modeling of public data on social services, health, education and crime at the neighborhood level, with partial funding from the Broome County Department of Social Services.

V. Center Productivity Over Past 12 Months

a. Publications


b. Agency Reports

*Evaluating the operations of the Rural Health Service Corps: Maximizing efficiency and exploring incentives.* (2011).


*Juggling Balls and Other High Wire Acts: How a well-crafted collections management policy can be the safety net that saves your collections.* Webinar Presented in conjunction with the American Association of State and Local History. (2011).


*Waterloo Library and Historical Society: Strategic Plan 2011-2016.*
c. Presentations


