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OUR CENTERS

Prevention Research Center

Oakland, California

PIRE's Prevention Research Center (PRC) was founded in 1983.

One of twenty centers sponsored by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA), of the National Institutes of Health, it is the only one that specializes in prevention. PRC's focus is on conducting research to better understand the social and physical environments influencing individual behavior that lead to alcohol, tobacco and drug misuse.

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Behavioral Health Research Center of the Southwest

Albuquerque, New Mexico

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, Latino/a, 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.

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PIRE Louisville Center

Louisville, Kentucky

The Louisville Center was established in 2000 and specializes in applied research, evaluation training and technical assistance, and program and system design, evaluation, and dissemination. Major areas of focus include domestic and international substance abuse prevention and treatment, school safety and youth development, childcare and education, health care services, public safety, organizational development, and significant international work.

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PIRE Chapel Hill Center

Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Founded in 1988, the Center specializes in the design and implementation of prevention program and policy evaluation studies conducted at the school, community, state, and national levels, both domestically and internationally. Center investigators also conduct epidemiological research relating to public health topics such as substance abuse, HIV/STDs, violence, and other pressing behavioral health issues, particularly among adolescents, young adults, and women.

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PIRE Calverton Center

Calverton, Maryland

The PIRE Calverton Center specializes in the advancement of knowledge about alcohol, drugs, traffic safety policies, justice and enforcement issues and their implications. The Center has personnel in Calverton, Maryland, Felton, California and in other parts of the country as well. The Calverton Center blends staff expertise in traffic safety and prevention related topics; cost of injury and benefit-cost analysis; justice and enforcement issues, policy, and advocacy skills with substantial research and policy capabilities.

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Decision Sciences Institute

Pawtucket, Rhode Island

Decision Sciences Institute (DSI) brings modern quantitative and qualitative thinking to the study of addictions and mental health services. Researchers at DSI have participated in some of the landmark longitudinal studies on treatment for alcoholics, personality disorders, and OCD and anxiety disorders. DSI scientists study determinants of long-term addictions outcome, notably social influences. DSI scholars are also involved in applications of science to policy at the community and state level.

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WHY PIRE?

PIRE is an independent, 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization merging scientific knowledge and proven practice to create solutions that improve the health, safety and well-being of individuals, communities, and nations around the world. The mission of PIRE is to promote, undertake, and evaluate activities, studies, and programs that improve individual and public health, welfare, and safety. In support of this mission, we create and support an environment within which skilled, innovative, and dedicated researchers and practitioners work to extend the leading edges of their respective fields. PIRE has been awarded grant and contract funded work for over 43 years, ranging from primary research and program evaluation to service delivery (technical assistance and direct service) – guided by PIRE’s mission and commitment to the application of science for the public good.

At PIRE, we have a longstanding reputation for research integrity since 1974. **Funded with a balance of NIH Grants, Federal contracts and foundation awards, as of 2017 we have over 50 active NIH awards.** We have held a NIAAA Center Grant since 1980 with a robust Postdoctoral Training Program. We have primed multi-million dollar contracts with the Department of Defense, National Highway Safety Administration, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, and the Veterans Health Administration. We have significant international NIH and contract work.

METHODOLOGICAL EXPERTISE AT PIRE

- Survey Design, Administration, and Research
- Mixed Methods Study Design
- Community Based Participatory Research
- Real-Time Survey Design and Research
- Policy Analysis
- Geospatial Analysis
- Mathematical Ecological Modeling
- Social Network Analysis
- Content Analysis
- Qualitative Research
- Cost Analysis
- Economic Impact
- Rapid Response Evaluation

WORKING AT PIRE



- ★ PIRE researchers have individual research autonomy. **Emerging scholars – including postdoctoral fellows, can serve as Principal Investigators.** To foster research career development, PIRE has maintained a long-standing commitment to the mentoring of emerging researchers.
- ★ Corporate financial support for pilot studies and funding application development
- ★ Three Institutional Review Boards and a dedicated Compliance Officer
- ★ Local Site Administrators, dedicated IT Support Team, Grants and Contracts Office and Library Services
- ★ State of the art communications network and computing infrastructure to ensure the highest levels of data security as well as an extensive suite of scientific software available to all PIRE researchers
- ★ Excellent benefits (top 5% nationally) with a 10% employer retirement plan contribution and substantial vacation
- ★ Location flexibility – with six PIRE Centers across the US and a liberal virtual work/telecommuting policy

PIRE HISTORY AND VISION

PIRE was founded as a 501(c) (3) organization in San Francisco, CA in 1974. The Institute developed and disseminated some of the earliest prevention strategies. Since then, PIRE has broadened its scope to encompass many of the most serious threats to human health and safety.

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

The synergy between PIRE's attractive organizational culture and our growing base of talent and expertise yields creative collaboration across the Institute and invites strategic and productive partnerships with others. The resulting creative advances in prevention science and practice empower PIRE to improve both community and national well-being.

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