

# Institute for Social Research



## Who We Are.

The Institute for Social Research at Sacramento State (ISR) partners with communities and decision-makers to conduct **applied social research** that fosters positive change in the Sacramento region and throughout California. Our **team of 18 research professionals** are active members of the communities we serve. Our local insights and **multidisciplinary expertise** inform the development of relevant and scientifically sound studies for state and local agencies.

## What We Do.

We offer a range of applied **research services** that deliver actionable insights to our partners, helping to inform policy decisions and program improvements:

- Population & community assessments
- Program & grant evaluations
- Policy studies
- Public opinion polling
- Survey design, administration, & analysis
- Research project management
- Qualitative & quantitative data collection
- Data management & analysis
- Training & technical assistance
- Learning & developmental evaluation
- Community-based & participatory research
- Institutional Review Board (IRB)

Our research projects focus on producing **data that is reliable, accessible, and useful** to support evidence-based decision-making. As part of our commitment to serving as a public resource, we also work to **build capacity within organizations** so they can better understand and use data to make change.

## How We Work.

Our collaborative approach emphasizes **strong partnerships** with community organizations, government agencies, and others. From research design through final reporting, we work closely with partners and communities to understand their unique programs and contexts. We develop workplans with clear deliverables and timelines for each project, ensuring **effective communication** and transparent methods. This approach has earned us a reputation as a trusted research partner, leading to **long-term relationships** with numerous agencies and organizations, such as:

- City and County of Sacramento
- CA Department of Public Health
- Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development
- National Center for Youth Law
- Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency
- Elk Grove Unified School District
- Board of State and Community Corrections
- Yolo Food Bank
- Delta Stewardship Council
- Community Against Sexual Harm (CASH)
- Sacramento County Children's Coalition
- CA Department of Aging

## Work With Us.

ISR's contracts and grants are managed by Sponsored Programs Administration within University Enterprises, Inc. (UEI). UEI provides comprehensive fiscal services ensuring all projects adhere to state requirements and maintain fiscal accountability. Budgets are based on direct costs using University-approved hourly rates, as well as standard university administrative fees.