

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH GROUP 2020 IMPACT STATEMENT



The Social Development Research Group is an internationally recognized, interdisciplinary team dedicated to understanding and promoting healthy behaviors and positive social development among diverse populations.

LEADERSHIP

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Prevention is our watchword at the **Social Development Research Group**. Our research focuses on risk and protective factors affecting healthy development. We build, test, and deliver interventions such as our signature products, Communities That Care (CTC) and Guiding Good Choices.

NOTEWORTHY CURRENT COLLABORATIONS

Handgun Carrying Among Rural Adolescents is an examination of the causes and consequences of carrying handguns, with the goal of creating culturally appropriate interventions for preventing injury and promoting safety. The collaboration includes investigators from Harborview Injury Prevention and Research Center, the UW School of Public Health, SDRG, Washington State University, Arizona State University, and Seattle Children's Research Institute.

PI: [Ali Rowhani-Rahbar, PhD](#)

Co-Investigators: [Margaret Kuklinski, PhD](#) and [Kevin Haggerty, PhD](#)

Using SMART Design to Prevent Opioid Use Disorder in Justice-Involved Youth targets the epidemic of opioid use disorder in adolescents and young adults in justice settings, an underserved population at high risk for the disorder. *SMART* stands for *Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Time-bound*.

PIs: [Kym Ahrens, MD, MPH](#) (UW School of Public Health) and Kevin Haggerty

The **Young Adult Study** examines the impact of a 12-year-long, relationship-based, professional mentoring program, Friends of the Children, within the context of an existing multisite randomized controlled trial.

PIs: [J. Mark Eddy, PhD](#) and Kevin Haggerty

 **19**

CTC PLUS coaches trained by
The Center for CTC in 2020

 **32**

New SDRG peer-reviewed
research publications

 **81**

Community facilitators trained in
CTC PLUS by the Center for CTC

 **2,324**

Prevention professionals who
attended a webinar through the
Northwest PTTC

 **6.4 million**

Dollars brought to the UW by
SDRG research grants and new
service contracts in 2020

SURVEY RESEARCH DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS

When the pandemic forced campus to close, our [Survey Research Division \(SRD\)](#) quickly transitioned its entire data collection team (programmers, data managers, research coordinators, interviewers, and locators) to a fully remote operation. The team is now conducting follow-up interviews on three longitudinal studies as well as the third wave of a multilingual cross-sectional survey of over 6,000 parents for the evaluation of the [Best Starts for Kids Initiative](#).

FAREWELL TO A CHERISHED FRIEND AND COLLEAGUE

We said goodbye to our dear friend and colleague [Michael Arthur, PhD](#), who passed away in March 2020 after a battle with cancer. Michael was instrumental in shaping SDRG and the National Prevention Network. He was a critical investigator and collaborator on the Community Youth Development Study, the randomized trial of CTC, from the very beginning. Michael contributed to 57 publications during his time at SDRG.

UPCOMING LEADERSHIP TRANSITION

A leadership transition for SDRG is on the horizon. After a 36-year career devoted to evidence-based prevention, Director Kevin Haggerty will retire in late 2021. In Kevin's words:

It has been an honor and privilege to devote the bulk of my career to evidence-based prevention. My work here has been incredibly fascinating and rewarding, and I will forever cherish my relationships with all of you. I am certain that SDRG's work will continue with great success for another 41 years—and beyond.

The Faculty Recruiting Committee has begun a national search for [SDRG's next director](#).

NOTEWORTHY PUBLICATIONS

- [The usual, racialized, suspects: The consequence of police contacts with Black and White youth on adult arrest](#) in *Social Problems*.
- [Marijuana legalization and youth marijuana, alcohol, and cigarette use and norms](#), the Editor's Choice article for September in the *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*. Also highlighted in [NIDA NOTES](#).
- [Cannabis Concentration and Health Risks: A Report for the Washington State Prevention Research Subcommittee \(PRSC\)](#).