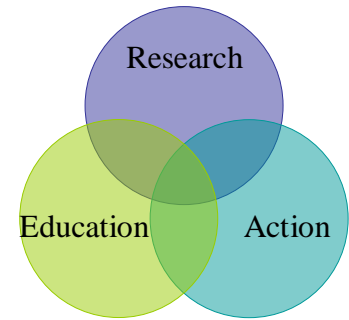


Mission:

The mission of the Action Research Center is to promote social justice and strengthen communities, locally and globally, by advancing research, education, and action through participatory and reflective practices.

**Vision:**

To become a leader in action research in our community, the university, and internationally by providing a welcoming home to all forms of action research and sharing a common set of values.

Guiding Principles:

We believe Action Research:

- Is about community empowerment
- Is collaborative, democratic and inclusive
- Can be adapted to every discipline
- Strives to create opportunities for transformative experiences

Furthermore, as the Action Research Center:

- We support the development and dissemination of all forms of Action Research
- We respect the knowledge and experience of the people we work with
- We have a long-term commitment to work with community partners for social action and change
- We will practice an ethic of caring
- We believe every single person can engage in Action Research
- We respect the knowledge and experience of the people we work with
- We will strive to provide mentorship through a process of reflection and dialogue
- We will provide a supportive environment for researchers
- We will deepen our values through our practice

Goals and Strategies:Research

- Increase the number of funded Action Research Center (ARC) projects
- Disseminate, explore, and offer RFPs for Action Research projects
- Build a library of ARC publications
- Work with action researchers, community partners, and relevant IRBs to address issues of research and ethics in Action Research
- Offer peer mentoring to new or less experienced researchers and community partners

Education

- Create a certificate program in Action Research with a field component
- Offer summer courses with professional development credits for teachers

- Teach Action Research classes through collaboration with university and community partners
- Offer to act as reviewers for faculty in Action Research going up for tenure or promotion
- Create a Speakers Bureau
- Offer professional development opportunities for ARC members as well as general faculty around Action Research

Action

- Build formal partnerships internationally with Action Research centers and projects
- Develop and disseminate a tool kit of alternative methods for researchers to use
- Support publishing and presenting Action Research

Infrastructure

- Secure funding to support the activities of the ARC
- Create and maintain a space to house the activities of the ARC
- Support the development of the North American Action Research Alliance