

An Invitation To Membership

Society for Community Research & Action

The Division of Community Psychology (27) of the American Psychological Association

The Society for Community Research and Action (SCRA), Division 27 of the American Psychological Association, is an international organization devoted to advancing theory, research, and social action. Its members are committed to promoting health and empowerment and to preventing problems in communities, groups, and individuals. Four broad principles guide SCRA:

1. Community research and action requires explicit attention to and respect for diversity among peoples and settings.
2. Human competencies and problems are best understood by viewing people within their social, cultural, economic, geographic, and historical contexts.
3. Community research and action is an active collaboration among researchers, practitioners, and community members that uses multiple methodologies.
4. Change strategies are needed at multiple levels in order to foster settings that promote competence and well being.

The SCRA serves many different disciplines that focus on community research and action. Our members have found that, regardless of the professional work they do, the knowledge and professional relationships they gain in SCRA are invaluable and invigorating. Membership provides new ideas and strategies for research and action that benefit people and improve institutions and communities.

Who Should Join

- ◆ Applied & Action Researchers
- ◆ Social and Community Activists
- ◆ Program Developers and Evaluators
- ◆ Psychologists
- ◆ Public Health Professionals
- ◆ Public Policy Makers
- ◆ Consultants
- ◆ Students from a wide variety of disciplines

SCRA Goals

- ◆ To promote the use of social and behavioral science to enhance the well-being of people and their communities and to prevent harmful outcomes;
- ◆ To promote theory development and research that increase our understanding of human behavior in context;
- ◆ To encourage the exchange of knowledge and skills in community research and action among those in academic and applied settings;
- ◆ To engage in action, research, and practice committed to liberating oppressed peoples and respecting of all cultures;
- ◆ To promote the development of careers in community research and action in both academic and applied settings.

Interests of SCRA Members Include

Empowerment & Community Development
Training & Competency Building
Prevention & Health Promotion
Self-Help & Mutual Support
Consultation & Evaluation
Community Mental Health
Culture, Race, & Gender
Human Diversity
Social Policy

SCRA Membership Benefits & Opportunities

- ◆ A subscription to the *American Journal of Community Psychology* (a \$105 value);
- ◆ A subscription to *The Community Psychologist*, our outstanding newsletter;
- ◆ 25% Discount on books from Kluwer Academic/Plenum Publishers;
- ◆ Special subscription rates for the *Journal of Educational and Psychological Consultation*;
- ◆ Involvement in formal and informal meetings at regional and national conferences;
- ◆ Participation in Interest Groups, Task Forces, and Committees;
- ◆ The SCRA listserv for more active and continuous interaction about resources and issues in community research and action; and
- ◆ Numerous activities to support members in their work, including student mentoring initiatives and advice for new authors writing on race or culture.

