



Building Bridges, Connecting Communities

Your trusted **Evaluation & Research** collaborator

Maximize your impact with customized support from a trusted partner in community health.

For over 30 years, we've worked alongside changemakers—bridging research and practice to create impactful, community-centered solutions.

Who We Are

The **Center for Applied Research Solutions (CARS)** is a California-based nonprofit dedicated to strengthening workforce capacity in community health. With 50+ training and technical assistance (TTA) initiatives since 2001 and serving over 150,000 professionals, we are a trusted partner in advancing community health efforts. Our dynamic team offers customized support to help realize your unique vision.

Areas of Focus

➤ **Behavioral Health**

➤ **Crisis Response & Recovery**

➤ **School Climate**

➤ **Community Wellness**

Ways We Collaborate

We provide **customized training, coaching, and consulting** to ensure community health programs are impactful and responsive to communities served.

Services include:



Workshops & Training – In-person & virtual learning tailored to your needs.



Coaching & Consulting – Hands-on guidance to strengthen programs.



Product & Resource Development – Tools that drive sustainable impact.



Event Planning – Strategic support for conferences and community gatherings.



Evaluation & Project Management – On-going support Ensuringfor success at every stage.

Who We Serve

Our flexible team is adept at supporting agencies and organizations at the national, regional, state, and local levels, working within and across systems. Major funders include the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH). CARS has also led many county-level evaluation initiatives



Featured Projects



2021 California Behavioral Health Workforce Assessment

The California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) has released the findings and recommendations from the fall 2021 California Behavioral Health Workforce Assessment survey. This assessment is part of DHCS' Behavioral Health Workforce Development Project (BHWDP). ([view report](#)).



Elevate Youth California

On Track to Elevate Youth for Brighter Drug Free Futures Project (evaluation) On Track for a Smoke-Free Orange County (evaluation)

San Mateo Evaluation

Evaluation of the Tobacco Prevention Program (TPP), Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) Prevention, and Community Assessment Programs (evaluation)

Tobacco Prevention & Cessation (TPC):

Lowering Youth Access to Tobacco Project (evaluation)

Customized Offerings

Looking for tailored solutions? Whether you need guidance in developing a Community of Practice to foster collaboration, finding a keynote speaker to inspire your audience, or implementing hands-on training and coaching to strengthen your team, we've got you covered. Annually, CARS provides over 400 training events and thousands of hours of customized support.

Key Team Members



Marty Weis, PhD

Director of Data Systems

Dr. Weis is a skilled researcher and is adept at developing tools and frameworks to support data collection, coding, and analysis.



Chidinma Ogojiaku, MPH

Evaluator

Chidinma is a skilled program evaluation professional with experience leading the evaluation efforts of several local, statewide, and national behavioral health programs.



Kristi Silva, MA, CPH

Associate Project Director

Kristi is an evaluator, researcher, and TA provider who specializes in health equity, policy development and implementation, and culturally responsive evaluation.



Heather Torres

Data Manager

Heather provides data monitoring, quality assurance, and data entry support on multiple TTA and evaluation projects at CARS.



Kim Weis, MA

Director of Development & Special Projects

Kim serves as a lead researcher and writer on several CARS reporting projects.

Let's work together to strengthen your capacity and impact.

Whether you're looking for tailored training, expert guidance, or strategic support, **we're here to help you take the next step.**

Get in touch with us today.



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