

Mission

As a community of researchers, our goals are to advance understanding of adolescence and enhance the wellbeing of youth in a globalized world. We promote high-quality research that considers the biological, psychological, and sociocultural aspects of development in context. We aim to lead and shape scientific and public discourse on youth and adolescence, and to guide parenting, schooling, programs, and policies. In order to achieve these goals, we foster the professional development and growth of all members, and are relevant, visible, diverse, and global in perspective.

SRA COMMUNITIES

While researchers are the primary membership of SRA, we are an organization that is inclusive of other areas of expertise and other groups that work with, for, or conduct research about adolescents. Within our society, there should be a dramatic interplay between researchers, the public, policy makers, practitioners and other youth serving organizations.

VALUES

1. Young people – their experiences and perspectives – and see them as critical to a better future.
2. Research as a foundation for raising children and for informing educational and community programs, practices and policies that shape the lives of youth.
3. Diversity of membership including national, cultural, racial, ethnic, gender, sexuality, socioeconomic, ability, and professional status.
4. Diversity in scholarship, including the study of diverse populations; disciplinary perspectives; and methodological approaches.

COMMITMENT TO INCLUSION

SRA is committed to an inclusivity. Everyone should feel that they can fully participate in the organization and receive all of the benefits of SRA.

PRIORITIES

<p>Governance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase number of appointed at-large Executive Council members (each President gets one appointee) • Review/update bylaws • Review committee descriptions and charters • Provide committee member on-boarding and training • Incorporate diversity across everything that SRA does 	<p>Diversity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hire a diversity consultant and hold an in-person meeting to review diversity practices in SRA and provide guidance and direction. • Ensure diversity on all committees • Change name of the committee (Equity, Inclusion, Social Justice) • Define role of diversity caucuses • Understand the demographics of the SRA membership and where there are gaps.
<p>Communications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalize the Strategic Communications Plan Including priorities and action items along with a more detailed social media plan • Create a Rapid Response Protocol • Create spaces for SRA constituencies (researchers, public, policy makers, practitioners and other youth serving organizations). 	<p>Member Benefits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create valuable resources such as best practices/best research resources, webinars, virtual lectures to provide to members • Provide media training and access to SRA promotion • Create a podcast • Offer a Speaker's Bureau
<p>Mentorship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a strategic program to pairing mentors and mentees • Focus on first generation college students and underrepresented groups 	<p>Annual Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create plan and strategy for implementing a pilot annual meeting in 2023 • Get member buy in