The Frances McClelland Institute for Children, Youth, and Families serves as a catalyst for cross-disciplinary research on children, youth, and families at the University of Arizona. Our research initiatives address questions important to the development and well-being of contemporary children, youth, and families, with the goal of improving basic understanding to enhance the lives of the people of Arizona and the world. We conduct research on children, youth, and families through cross-disciplinary initiatives that engage experienced and emerging scholars in active collaboration. Our initiatives include research on child and adolescent development, parenting, close relationships, and family life across the lifespan. We translate the results of our research for community application and public use.

**Collective Major Accomplishments during 2009**

**Research**

- 5 funded grants: 3 ongoing from prior years; 2 began work in 2009; 4 submitted for review; multiple projects in development
- Multiple publications based on Institute-sponsored research
- Hosted 2 conferences designed to foster interdisciplinary networking and collaboration
  - Adolescence in the 21st Century: Frances McClelland Institute Dedication – March 5-6, 2009
  - Evolution Institute: Risky Adolescent Behavior – October 30-November 2, 2009
- Hosted visiting scholars:
  - Dr. Bonnie Barber, Murdoch University, Australia
  - Dr. Joyce Arditti, Virginia Tech
  - Dr. Mary Pilat, Purdue University
- Hosted two statistical methods training workshops:
  - Longitudinal Latent Variable Modeling: Dr. Kathryn Maysn, UC Davis
  - Noldus Software Training and Q & A
- Appointed Dr. Catherine Marshall as Frances McClelland Associate Research Professor

**Administration**

- Hosted Institute Dedication and co-sponsored Evolution Institute conference
- Hosted additional workshops and training events
- Supported 3 initiatives that are the intellectual core of the Institute
- Finalized policies and procedures for the use of Institute resources
- Hired / trained 4 new staff: Program Coordinator, Internship and Outreach coordinator, and two Post-Doctoral scholars
- Continued communications planning with consultant; finalized website, logo, publication design and development
- Finalized preparation of the Lang Family Observation Laboratory
Outreach / Education

• Included outreach in major Institute events: Dedication; Evolution Institute conference
• Formalized working relationships with existing and new community partner organizations in conjunction with FSHD internship program
• Launched new website
• Sponsored the Pamela Turbeville Colloquium Speakers Series in FSHD: 11 invited speakers from the US, Canada and Australia; 4 UA faculty for series
• With YWCA, co-sponsored community workshop: Project Equality: Educating Youth About Rape and Sexual Assault Prevention
• Co-Sponsored UA events:
  o Straitlaced: How Gender’s Got Us All Tied Up; co-sponsored with Center for Student Involvement in Leadership, College of Education, Gender & Sexuality Studies
  o Arizona LGBT Storytelling Project; co-sponsored with Institute for LGBT Studies, Oral History Cluster, Southwest Center, Mexican American and Raza Studies, Gender & Women's Studies, and the English Department
  o Movimiento Ollin Movement: Children’s Storytelling with Elders; co-sponsored with UA-Mexican American and Raza Studies, UA-MEChA, Raza Studies-TUSD, NASA, El Rio Neighborhood Center, Red Ink, AROMAS, Los Universitarios, AROMA
  o New Directions in Critical Theory Conference; co-sponsored with multiple UA campus units
• Published 6 inaugural issues of Research Link; Drafted content for 4 upcoming issues to be published in the Spring of 2010
• Launched Family Link newsletter in Summer 2009; drafted and finalized Winter issue, to be published in January 2010

Training

• Employed one Graduate Research Associate (who developed Research Link series content)
• Employed several undergraduate research assistants for research and administrative activities
• Supported Ph.D. students in development of training grant proposals (2 submissions to NSF pre-doctoral fellowship program)
• Sponsored workshop for graduate students: Writing for Publication in Scholarly Social Science Journals; Joyce Arditti, Virginia Tech University

Donor development

• Secured $400,000 gift to support Institute development
• Institute faculty participated in multiple private donor development activities, including meetings with Emerald Foundation Board, homecoming activities, and individual meetings