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ABOUT THE **GIRL SCOUT RESEARCH INSTITUTE**

Purpose

The Girl Scout Research Institute (GSRI), a center for research and public policy information on the healthy development of girls, is committed to ensuring that the complex and ever-changing needs of girls will continue to be addressed.

The GSRI is engaged in the preparation and release of original research and review publications on topics of interest to those in the youth development field, and conducts outcomes measurement and program development research.

Goals

The GSRI originates projects and initiatives that bolster knowledge about girls, and synthesizes existing research on the healthy development of girls. These efforts not only support the development of the Girl Scout program, but also supply relevant information to educational institutions, not-for-profits, government agencies, public policy organizations and research centers; to parents seeking ways to support their daughters, and directly to girls themselves.

Structure

The GSRI operates under the auspices of the GSUSA Research Department with the support of GSUSA and Girl Scout council staff members with expertise in child development. The GSRI also includes advisors on projects who are recognized experts in academia, government, business and the not-for-profit sector. These advisors review research projects, offer recommendations and serve as spokespersons for GSRI announcements.

Noteworthy Studies and Review Publications

Voices of Volunteers 18–29 (2003)

Feeling Safe: What Girls Say (2003)

Paths to Positive Youth Development (2003)

The Ten Emerging Truths: New Directions for Girls 11–17 (2002)

The Community Connection: Volunteer Trends in a Changing World (2002)

The Net Effect: Girls and New Media (2002)

For more information on studies and publications, please visit the GSRI Web page:
<http://www.girlscouts.org/about/ResearchInstitute/GSRIMain.htm>

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