The Center for American Indian Resilience (CAIR) in the Health Sciences Department is a collaborative effort with the University of Arizona’s Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health and Diné College, a tribal college. CAIR is funded by the US, Department of Health and Human Services, National Institutes of Health, National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities, as an Exploratory Center of Excellence, P20. The goals of CAIR are to provide an opportunity to examine community assets, e.g., the role of traditional knowledge, collective memory, and cultural strategies in teaching health behaviors and supporting positive health outcomes; to document these health strategies and positive behaviors oftentimes not collected in public health research; and to transfer and integrate tribal elders’ wisdom, knowledge, and experience into contemporary public education and health promotion intervention. CAIR aims to support resilience building education, junior investigators, community activities, Summer Research Enhancement Program (SREP) on the Navajo Reservation, and undergraduate student health literacy projects.

**Mission:** To partner with American Indian communities to promote health and resilience.

**Vision:** Strong, healthy and resilient American Indian communities.

**Principal Investigator:** Priscilla R. Sanderson, Ph.D., CRC
Phone: 928-523-7459
Email: jan.kerata@nau.edu