



## ***The Urban Youth Development Project Mission Statement Dr. Dave Walsh***

David Walsh, Ph.D. is the director of The Urban Youth Development Project (UYDP), which is housed in the Department of Kinesiology at San Francisco State University. Goals of UYDP align with the three missions of the university.

**Service:** Create university-community collaborations with local schools and youth agencies in San Francisco's underserved communities to provide innovative physical activity-based youth programs. In addition, UYDP offers in-service workshops, presentations, and consulting for teachers, youth workers, and university faculty interested in the field of youth development.

**Teaching:** Provide courses at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. Professional preparation field work experiences are also provided, ranging from a one semester opportunity under the leadership of trained UYDP members to an in-depth development, implementation, and evaluation of their own programs.

**Applied Research:** Investigate the impact of UYDP youth programs by conducting various qualitative, quantitative, and mixed methodology studies.