

**Richard S. Kurz, Ph.D.**  
**Research**

Dr. Kurz's research interests are in access to and quality of care for disadvantaged populations, especially children. His recent research has focused on identifying and reducing factors that create barriers to care for individuals who are poor and uninsured. For example, he is currently an investigator on a five-year award funded annually for \$925,000 by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that will reduce asthma morbidity among children in the City of St. Louis. As primary evaluator for the project, he conducts an activity and satisfaction assessment of the St. Louis Regional Asthma Consortium in which the project is housed and coordinates the evaluation of interventions in schools, primary care sites, pharmacies, and social agencies. The factors that influence the sustainability of these interventions is of particular interest to him and others associated with the Controlling Asthma in St. Louis project. The foundation for this work was developed through a recent publication, *A Crisis of Care*, which identified the factors that are barriers to access to primary care in the City of St. Louis from the perspective of community residents.