

ABOUT US

Policy Research Associates, Inc. (PRA) has been a leader in behavioral health technical assistance and research since our founding in 1987. Our employees' diverse experience and expertise coupled with our proven performance record has brought us national recognition. We are a certified Women-Owned Small Business (WOSB) with the capacity to offer a broad range of services and to administer large-scale projects. The services provided by PRA inform policy and result in improved outcomes in communities across the United States. PRA is known for its expertise in:

- Behavioral Health
- Criminal Justice
- Homelessness and Housing Resources
- Income Supports
- People with Lived Experience
- Recovery Support
- Service Members, Veterans, and their Families
- Systems Change
- Systems Mapping
- Trauma and Violence
- Wellness and Well-Being
- Youth Opportunity and Justice

VALUES

PRA transforms services and systems for individuals and communities through research and evaluation, technical assistance, training, and policy evaluation. We are a mission-driven, caring organization that fosters an inclusive workplace and elevates diverse perspectives and experiences. We believe that mutual respect leads to learning and collaboration, and we use this framework to enhance our work, workplace, and our positive social impact.

CORE COMPETENCIES

RESEARCH & EVALUATION

Our researchers structure data collection to evaluate program transformation, design research protocols, train staff, gather and analyze data, and present results in formats geared toward policymakers and funders. Our services include:

- Policy analysis
- Program assessment and improvement
- Evaluation design
- Data collection and analysis
- Performance measures, including NOMs and GPRA
- Report and publication writing

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Our technical assistance services are available to states, cities, counties, tribes, and community-based organizations to assist with the implementation of evidence-based practices and support services. We offer:

- On-site and virtual consultation
- Needs assessment and gap analysis
- Strategic planning
- Summit, academy, and meeting facilitation
- Systems mapping
- Fact sheet, brief, toolkit, and monograph development

TRAINING

We provide virtual and in-person training workshops in our areas of expertise to help communities transform behavioral health service delivery. Highlighted trainings include:

- Sequential Intercept Mapping Workshops
- SOAR Strategic Action Plans, Online Course Facilitation, and Leadership Academy
- Mental Health Training for Juvenile Justice
- Trauma-Informed Criminal Justice Responses

POLICY EVALUATION

We work with stakeholders to review, assess, and suggest policy at the local, state, and federal levels to ensure that there is systemic support for your initiatives. We are adept at evaluating current policies and laws for recommendations and enhancements to ensure that your communities of focus receive the care and support to which they are entitled.

SELECT FUNDERS

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

- National Institute of Mental Health, National Institutes of Health
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
- Bureau of Justice Assistance, U.S. Department of Justice
- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
- U.S. Social Security Administration

STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

- California Department of State Hospitals
- Texas Health and Human Services Commission

FOUNDATIONS & NATIONAL & STATE ORGANIZATIONS

- John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation
- National Association of Drug Court Professionals
- National Council for Mental Wellbeing
- State Justice Institute