

2016 YEAR IN REVIEW

Policy Research Associates, Inc.

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our values

doing good work

has been at the core of our values since our birth. we create **meaningful, quality work** and we thoughtfully consider the opportunities we pursue. in taking on new work, we always ask the question, “does the work fit with our mission?”

at a fun place

where you do your best work is of paramount importance to PRA. we promote a **positive work environment** by offering rich benefits, encouraging work-life balance, and providing plenty of opportunities to unwind!

with a hard-working bunch

days go by fast at PRA! there is a lot of (good) work to be done, and we are **committed** to being **responsive** to the needs of our clients and **innovative** in our approach to creating solutions.

to make an impact

we are (and have been) at the forefront of systems change. **making an impact in the field** has been a pillar of PRA's value system since its inception, and we continue to advance the field in our areas of expertise.

ACRONYMS

- ARDRAW - Analyzing Relationships between Disability, Rehabilitation and Work Small Grant Program
- DDP – Disability Determination Process Small Grant Program
- GAINS – GAINS Center for Behavioral Health and Justice Transformation
 - SIM – Sequential Intercept Model
 - TTT - How Being Trauma-Informed Improves Criminal Justice System Responses Train-the-Trainer Event
- NCMHJJ – National Center for Mental Health and Juvenile Justice
 - AMHT-SRO - Adolescent Mental Health Training for School Resource Officers
 - CIT-Y - Crisis Intervention Teams for Youth Training
- PAW – Program to Achieve Wellness
- SMVF – Service Members, Veterans, and their Families Technical Assistance Center
- SOAR - SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery Technical Assistance Center

2016 AWARDS – A SELECTION

- John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation's Safety and Justice Challenge—Serious Mental Illness Technical Assistance Contract
- ARDRAW Small Grant Program
- NIJ's Comprehensive School Safety Initiative
- SAMHSA's GAINS Center for Behavioral Health and Justice Transformation

TOP ACCOMPLISHMENTS

SOAR

- Published an evaluation of the SOAR Online Course in Frontiers in Public Health
- Piloted the CABHI: SOAR and IPS program to help integrate benefits acquisition and employment supports
- Hosted 4 Leadership Academies
- Conducted 20 onsite technical assistance trips
- Presented at 15 conferences
- Hosted 40 partner national calls and webinars
- Completed 2,009 SOAR Online Course practice case reviews

ARDRAW

- Received the Social Security Administration's (SSA's) Analyzing Relationships between Disability, Rehabilitation, and Work Small Grant Program award
- Planned for the annual administration of 25 stipends of \$10,000 each to graduate students who are engaged in studies in an effort to foster new analysis of work, rehabilitation, and disability issues

PAW

- Introduced SAMHSA's Program to Achieve Wellness to the field
- Awarded SAMHSA's Recognition of Excellence in Wellness to 3 programs that have successfully incorporated wellness best practices into their programs
- Hosted a five-session training series focused on Cultural Activation to promote personal wellness and recovery
- Presented a webinar on tobacco use for individuals with mental health diagnoses, with a supplemental infographic series

TOP ACCOMPLISHMENTS

GAINS

- Facilitated six Sequential Intercept Mapping workshops focusing on early diversion
- Facilitated Trauma Train-the-Trainer workshops for six communities and four judges' meetings
- Worked with SAMHSA to publish the Screening and Assessment monograph
- Hosted a Behavioral Health and Law Enforcement Summit
- Hosted a Behavioral Health Treatment Court Collaborative grantee meeting

SMVF

- Hosted two in-state SMVF Policy Academies
- Completed the Phase III SMVF Policy Academy: Interagency Leadership Initiative, including 19 states and 1 territory
- Hosted 3 webinars with 200-400 attendees each
- Hosted 3 topical learning communities with 36 participants from 13 states

JUVENILE JUSTICE

- Supported four geographically diverse state/local teams in rolling out new School Responder Models
- Developed a web-based resource with tools for the field to initiate a School Responder Model
- Redesigned the NCMHJJ website
- Revised the curriculum for both the CIT-Y and AMHT-SRO trainings
- Completed a survey of juvenile drug treatment courts on family engagement

BIG NEWS IN 2016

- Development of the PRA leadership team
- Creation of two new areas in PRA's organizational structure, led by Jacquelyn Greene and Kristin Lupfer
- Retirement of Joseph J. Coccozza, Vice President, Research and Development and head of the Juvenile Justice Division after 26 years of service to PRA
- Award of NIJ's Comprehensive School Safety Initiative contract
- Redesign and rebrand of the NCMHJJ identity and website
- Addition of Student Loan Repayment benefit to PRA's benefits package
- Delivery of 21 Fee for Service Trainings in 17 states



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PUBLICATIONS

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TOPIC SAMPLES

- Screening of co-occurring disorders
- Police responses to persons with mental illness
- Jails and community responses to persons with mental illness
- Mental health and public safety
- Evaluation of SOAR
- Evaluation of the SOAR Online Course
- Housing access and stability with SOAR
- SOAR outcomes

PRA IN THE NEWS – A SELECTION

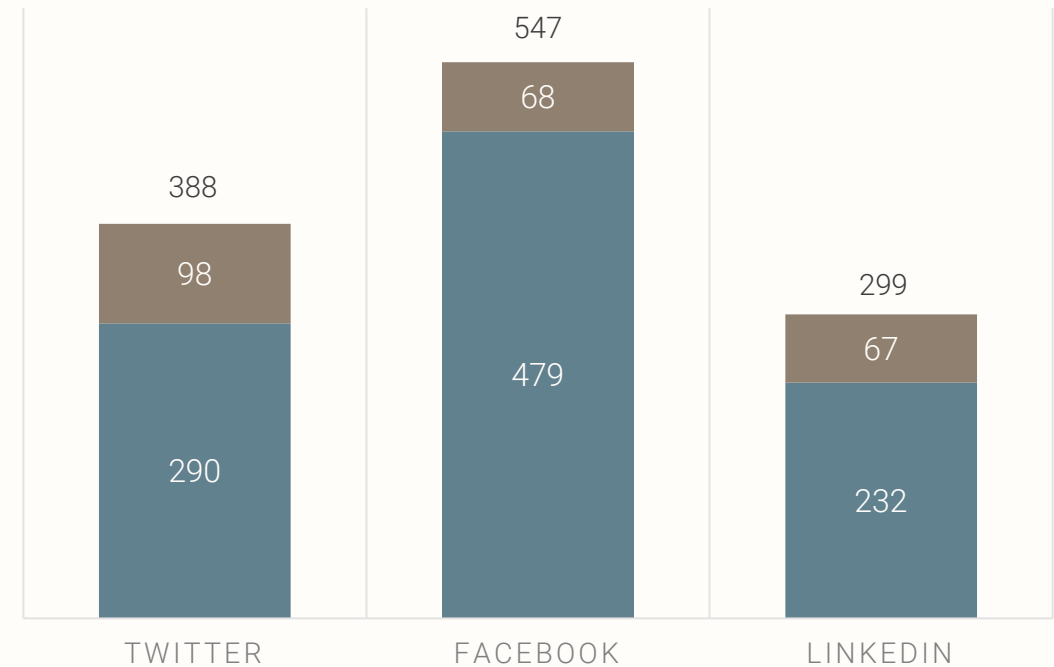
- Miami's Model for Decriminalizing Mental Illness in America – Governing
- Minnesota Expands Access to Benefits for Homeless and At-Risk Veterans – Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs
- Report Looks at Best Practices for Addressing Trauma in Diversion – Juvenile Justice Information Exchange
- Stepping Up for Change County Tackles Mental Illness in Community, Jail – The Pagosa Springs Sun
- Social Security Combats Homelessness and Helps Veterans Access Benefits – Social Security
- Workshop Aims to 'Intercept' Mental Health – Montgomery Advertiser

SOCIAL MEDIA GROWTH

- Twitter
 - 33.79% increase
- Facebook
 - 14.19% increase
- LinkedIn
 - 28.87% increase

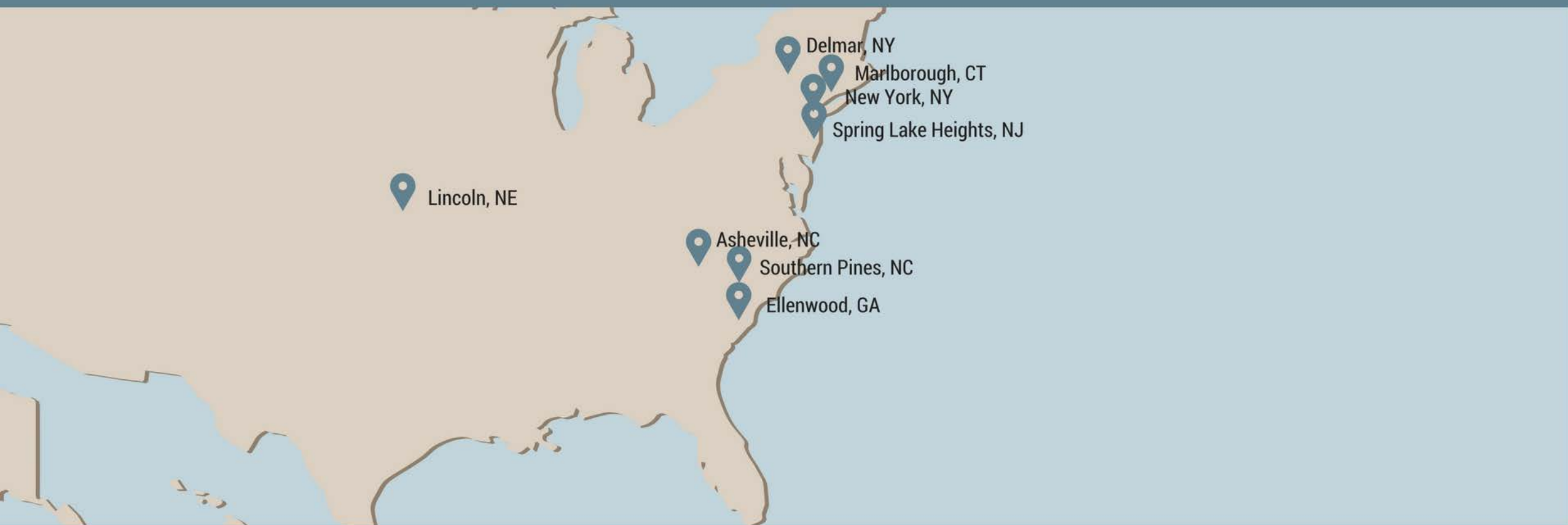
SOCIAL MEDIA GROWTH IN 2016

■ 2015 FOLLOWERS ■ NEW FOLLOWERS IN 2016



Measured from December 31, 2015 to December 31, 2016

OUR STAFF



STAFF FACTS



STAFF EVENTS

- **Development**

- PRA Seminar Series
- Tech Talks
- Scoop Group
- Senior Staff Retreat
- Division/Area Retreats
- Day of Reflection
- Professional Development

- **Cultural Competence**

- Cultural Competence Seminars
- Cultural Competence Book Club
- Cultural Humility Workshop

- **Wellness**

- Recovery Month Celebration
- PRA Community Garden
- Whole Health Month Workshops
- CDPHP Workforce Challenge

- **Community Service**

- Interfaith Shelter Breakfasts
- Month of Giving
- Fostering Futures New York Family Support Team

- **Fun**

- Holiday Party
- Cookie Exchange
- Pumpkin Carving
- Staff Luncheons
- Track Day
- PRA Olympics
- Mystery Room
- Take Your Dog to Work Day

PRA'S COMMUNITY SERVICE

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MONTHLY HOT
BREAKFASTS

INTERFAITH
PARTNERSHIP FOR
THE HOMELESS

65

GIFTS

ALBANY
DEPARTMENT FOR
CHILDREN, YOUTH,
AND FAMILIES'
ADOPT-A-FAMILY

\$220

IN GROCERY STORE
GIFT CARS

ALBANY
DEPARTMENT FOR
CHILDREN, YOUTH,
AND FAMILIES'
ADOPT-A-FAMILY

5

DINNERS &
1 DOZEN COOKIES

FOSTERING FUTURES
NEW YORK FAMILY

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SSI/SSDI
APPLICATIONS
SUBMITTED

SOAR IN THE CAPITAL
REGION

ON THE HORIZON

- **PRA**

- Pending decision on SAMHSA's 5-year multi-award Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity contract

- **SMVF**

- Hosting an eight-state Virtual Implementation Academy focused on suicide prevention among service members, veterans, and their families
- Planning webinars to address the unique characteristics of the impact of the opioid crisis on SMVF and the behavioral health needs of Drone Remotely Piloted Aircraft operators
- Providing follow-up technical assistance to the states that participated in the 2016 Leadership Initiative

- **PAW**

- Launching the Program to Achieve Wellness of mobile app
- Hosting the second annual Recognition of Excellence in Wellness
- Promoting SAMHSA's 2017 Wellness Week

- **SOAR**

- Establishing a five-site SOAR model implementation pilot with Urban Indian Health Programs
- Providing targeted technical assistance to criminal justice institutions
- Hosting a Foundation Funding Learning Community for SOAR providers
- Building a new annual reporting feature in the Online Application Tracking system

ON THE HORIZON (CONT'D.)

- **NCMHJJ**

- Expanding PRA's scope of work with new contracts on child welfare court monitoring
- Launching School Responder Model development in eight high schools across the United States
- Launching two studies to (1) improve trauma-informed decision making in juvenile justice settings and (2) measure the effectiveness of School Responder Model and AMHT-SRO
- Developing virtual education materials for judges on co-occurring disorders

- **GAINS**

- Hosting a Design Institute to enhance collaborations between law enforcement and behavioral health
- Releasing a new SAMHSA publication, Guidelines for Successful Transition of People with Mental or Substance Use Disorders from Jail and Prison: Implementation Guide

- **ARDRAW**

- Concluding DDP with the completion of the Cohort 6 projects
- Kicking off ARDRAW with new research projects, students, mentors, and programs



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