

ABOUT US

A national leader in behavioral health technical assistance and research, Policy Research Associates, Inc. (PRA) is a Women-Owned Small Business (WOSB) that was founded in 1987. In partnership with our sister non-profit, Policy Research, Inc. (PRI), we offer four core services: policy, research, technical assistance, and training. Through our work, we enhance systems that assist individuals with behavioral health needs on their journey to recovery. Our content areas of focus are:

- Behavioral Health
- Benefit Access
- Child Welfare
- Consumers and People in Recovery
- Criminal Justice
- Education
- Family Members
- Homelessness
- Juvenile Justice
- Recovery Support
- Service Members, Veterans, and their Families
- Trauma
- Wellness

We have the capacity to offer a broad range of services and to administer large-scale projects. Our extensive range of program-related experience includes the operation of national technical assistance centers for federal and foundation clients, including the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), and the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation.

SERVICES

POLICY

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 vulnerable populations receive the care and support they are entitled to.

RESEARCH

We establish collection methodologies, design research protocols, and present results in an eye-catching format. We are well known for our program assessments, evaluation studies, performance measurements, and data analysis.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

We conduct site visits, prepare technical reports, develop strategic action plans, and disseminate information on evidence-based practices to transform the nation's fragmented behavioral health system and further a recovery-oriented, consumer and family-driven, culturally competent system of care.

TRAINING

We develop online and in-person training curricula using evidence-based practices, state of the art technologies, and strategies that engage practitioners and policy makers. Our trainers provide a wide variety of resources to participants, including tool kits, monographs, trainer manuals, and strategic planning tools.

WORK HIGHLIGHTS

SAMHSA's GAINS Center for Behavioral Health and Justice Transformation (since 1995)

SAMHSA SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) Technical Assistance Center (since 2009)

SAMHSA's Service Members, Veterans, and their Families Technical Assistance Center (since 2010)

National Center for Mental Health and Juvenile Justice

SSA's Analyzing Relationships between Disability, Rehabilitation, and Work (ARDRAW) Small Grant Program

SAMHSA's Program to Achieve Wellness

MacArthur Foundation's Safety and Justice Challenge—Serious Mental Illness Technical Assistance

BJA VALOR Initiative—Law Enforcement and Community: Crisis Intervention Training Model Program

SAMHSA's Statewide Family and Consumer Networks Technical Assistance Center (2009-2014)

HRSA's Health Care for the Homeless Information Resource Center (1996-2008)