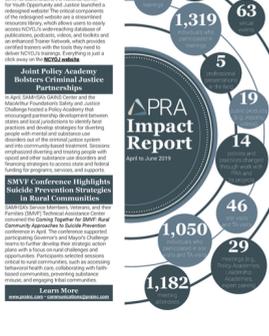




## PRA Impact Report: April to June 2019

Each quarter, PRA releases an impact report to highlight our efforts across the country through our technical assistance centers, projects, and fee-for-service activities. PRA is pleased to share its Quarter 2 Impact Report, covering the months of April to June 2019. During this period, PRA and its projects have accomplished the following:

- Reached **1,050** people through **46** site visits and technical assistance visits
- Hosted **29** meetings for **1,182** participants
- Released **19** products to the field—everything from videos to websites
- Conducted **63** virtual events, reaching over **4,561** attendees



Read the full Quarter 2 Impact Report for our highlights:

- The launch of the new National Center for Youth Opportunity and Justice (NCYOJ) website
- A joint Policy Academy hosted by SAMHSA's GAINS Center and the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation's Safety and Justice Challenge
- SAMHSA's Service Members, Veterans, and their Families Technical Assistance Center's *Coming Together for SMVF: Rural Community Approaches to Suicide Prevention* conference

[Download the Quarter 2 Impact Report](#)

## New: Recommendations to Create a Supportive Workplace for Individuals with Mental Health Conditions

PRA Well-Being is excited to announce a new publication, *Recommendations to Create a Supportive Workplace for Individuals with Mental Health Conditions*. This brief offers employers of all sizes recommendations for creating supportive, mentally healthy workplace environments for individuals with serious mental illness. While individuals with serious mental illness may experience challenges obtaining and maintaining employment, the vast majority express interest in working, especially if there is adequate support. This new brief offers recommendations for providers to create that supportive environment, helping to improve occupational wellness for individuals with serious mental illness in the workplace.



[Download the Recommendations](#)

## Spotlight: NCYOJ's Mental Health Training for Juvenile Justice

### Upcoming MHT-JJ Train-the-Trainer Events

Juvenile justice staff members are responsible for the day-to-day care of a large population of youth, many of whom are experiencing behavioral health conditions or traumatic stress reactions. Juvenile justice involvement can exacerbate a youth's condition, creating a dangerous situation for both the youth and juvenile justice staff.

The Mental Health Training for Juvenile Justice (MHT-JJ) increases knowledge of adolescent development, child trauma, and adolescent behavioral health conditions; helps staff develop an understanding of how these issues may affect youth-staff interactions; and enhances skills that support effective and safe interactions between youth and staff.

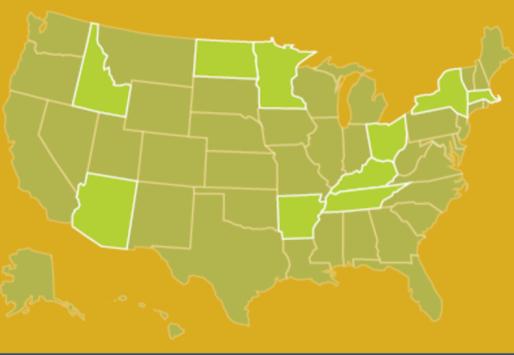
NCYOJ is hosting two MHT-JJ Train-the-Trainer Events in the coming months:

- November 12-14, 2019 – Salt Lake City, Utah
- April 28-30, 2020 – Birmingham, Alabama

[Learn More and Apply](#)

### New MHT-JJ Trainers in Your State!

NCYOJ is pleased to announce a new cohort of certified MHT-JJ trainers. The 23 members of this Boston 2019 cohort hail from 10 states: Arkansas, Arizona, Idaho, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Minnesota, North Dakota, New York, Ohio, and Tennessee. View NCYOJ's [Trainer Directory](#) to meet the new trainers and find one near you!



## New Research Report in the *Journal for Advancing Justice*

A new research report on perceptions of and barriers to medication-assisted treatment (MAT) has been published in the *Journal for Advancing Justice* Volume II: "Best Practices in the Justice System for Addressing the Opioid Epidemic." PRA's *Melissa Neal, Lisa Callahan, Chanson Noether, and Erika Ihara* authored the research report, "As Stated by Criminal Justice Professionals: Perceptions and Barriers Related to Medication-assisted Treatment."

In this research report, the authors describe barriers and perceptions related to MAT in the criminal justice setting across six areas of focus: the extent of the opioid problem; workforce issues; cost and healthcare reimbursement; community and systems partners; education and technical assistance; and data and evaluation. Implications for expanding the use of MAT across criminal justice settings are discussed.

Volume 2 of the *Journal for Advancing Justice* is available for download. The full research report is available on page 109.

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## PRA @ an Event Near You

### PRA @ CIT International

Program Area Director *Travis Parker* and Senior Project Associates *Dan Abreu* and *Brian Case* will be presenting at the [2019 Crisis Intervention Team International Conference](#) in Seattle, Washington, taking place August 25 to 28, 2019. Join their session, **Implementing CIT in Your Community: Improving Officer and Community Safety**, on Monday, August 26, 2019, from 3:30-5:00 p.m.

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