



New PRA Impact Report: July to September 2019

PRA is pleased to release its Impact Report for Quarter 3 of 2019. Each quarter, PRA releases an impact report that highlights our work across the country via our technical assistance centers, projects, and fee-for-service activities for the previous 3 months. During the July to September reporting period, PRA and its projects have:

- Reached **1,423 people** through **66 site visits** and technical assistance visits in 33 states and the District of Columbia
- Hosted **17 trainings** in which **1,431 people** were trained
- Conducted **34 virtual events**, reaching over **4,950 attendees**
- Released **14 products** to the field



PRA's Quarter 3 Impact Report

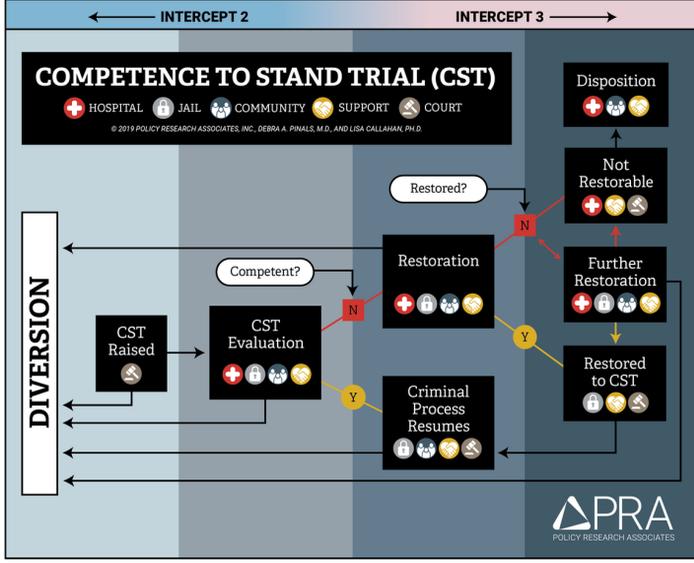
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- SOAR Looks Back on the Past 5 Years of Service
- PRA Hosts *Trueblood* Diversion Services Summit in Washington State
- PRA Releases Suicide Prevention Icons to Promote Safe Messaging

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Competence to Stand Trial: Opportunities for Diversion

The Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) provides a framework for identifying decision points and opportunities to divert individuals with behavioral health conditions out of the criminal justice system and into community-based treatment and supports.[1],[2] For some defendants, the trial process is put on hold if they exhibit signs or symptoms of conditions that can impair their ability to competently proceed. When a defendant's competence to stand trial (CST)[3] is raised, usually these defendants are routed through forensic evaluations and systems. They are rarely considered for diversion, despite having serious mental illness, intellectual and developmental disabilities, or other conditions that can affect their thinking and courtroom behavior. The CST flowchart below identifies decision points in the CST process where justice and behavioral health professionals can consider and create diversion opportunities for these defendants.



Competence to Stand Trial Flowchart

CST is typically raised in Intercepts 2 (Initial Detention and Initial Court Hearings) and 3 (Jails and Intercepts), after arraignment and before case adjudication and sentencing. These two intercepts include a wide range of options to divert individuals for whom CST is raised, who have been adjudicated incompetent to stand trial (IST) with the potential for restoration, or even for those adjudicated not restorable. Possible interventions include conducting rapid evaluations and training evaluators to explore and describe community-based services for the court's consideration. For defendants found IST, community restoration can be an alternative to hospital-based restoration. Possible strategies at Intercepts 2 and 3 include competence dockets, specialized probation, and ongoing risk-assessment and level-of-care determinations. Not all defendants in the population need the same level of care or detention in jail, and many can be safely and effectively supported in the community.

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PRA Receives Silver-Level Recognition in AHA's 2019 Workplace Health Achievement Index

For the fourth year in a row, PRA has been recognized by the [American Heart Association \(AHA\)](#) in its annual Workplace Health Achievement Index. By continuing to innovate in its approach to supporting health and wellness in the office, PRA has achieved its **second silver-level recognition in a row!** PRA encourages healthy lifestyle choices every day by providing employees with a health-conscious, tobacco-free environment enriched with ample opportunities for physical exercise, access to fresh, healthy food, and a range of activities to support overall well-being. PRA's WellStaff Committee introduced a number of new offerings this year, from infused water to regular chair massages offered on site, to expand on the company's enduring support for employees' health and wellness.

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Open Solicitations From SAMHSA's GAINS Center

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) GAINS Center, operated by PRA, has open solicitations available for criminal justice and behavioral health professionals. Review the requests for applications below and apply today!

SAMHSA's GAINS Center Accepting Applications for SIM

Mapping Workshops

Application deadline: December 20, 2019

SAMHSA's GAINS Center is soliciting applications from communities interested in Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) Mapping Workshops (SIM Workshops). SIM Workshops are designed to bring together a local, cross-system, multidisciplinary group of key stakeholders from a particular jurisdiction to facilitate collaboration and to identify and discuss ways in which barriers between the criminal justice and behavioral health systems can be reduced through the development of integrated local strategic plans. SIM Workshop participants are expected to be drawn, in large part, from local criminal justice and behavioral health agencies and organizations.

The GAINS Center is accepting applications for two types of SIM Workshops:

- SIM Workshops to Develop Comprehensive, Community-Wide Strategic Plans for Addressing Opioid Use:** These SIM Workshops will focus specifically on identifying and treating opioid use disorders across all the intercepts of the SIM, including screening and assessment, diverting individuals out of the criminal justice system and into appropriate community-based treatment programs, implementing or expanding medication-assisted treatment, and maintaining continuity of care through transitions in and out of custody.
- Traditional SIM Workshops:** These SIM Workshops will focus on identifying and responding to the needs of adults with mental and substance use disorders who are involved or at risk for involvement in the criminal justice system.

[Download the SIM Solicitations](#)

SAMHSA'S GAINS Center Seeks Communities to Develop

Trauma-Informed Training Capacity

Application deadline: December 20, 2019

SAMHSA's GAINS Center is soliciting applications from communities interested in developing a capacity to provide trauma-informed training. The GAINS Center is offering a series of Train-the-Trainer (TTT) events to train local trainers to deliver its *How Being Trauma-Informed Improves Criminal Justice System Responses* training program. The target audiences for this training program are primarily community-based criminal justice system professionals, including law enforcement, community corrections (probation, parole, and pre-trial services), court personnel, reentry staff, and human service providers that serve adult justice-involved populations.

To find out more about *How Being Trauma-Informed Improves Criminal Justice System Responses*, please visit [the GAINS Center website](#).

The GAINS Center will offer the TTT events free of charge to selected communities between March 2020 and August 2020. Since the purpose of this training initiative is to offer targeted technical assistance and training to prepared communities in the field, there are no fees for registration, tuition, or materials associated with these trainings. While not a requirement to apply to this opportunity, there will be special consideration given to applications that demonstrate inclusion of trainers who train drug court and/or reentry program staff. If a TTT event is of interest to your community, please review the solicitation and submit your completed application form to the GAINS Center no later than **December 20, 2019**.

[Download the TTT Solicitation](#)

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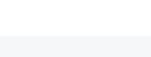
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