



POLICY RESEARCH ASSOCIATES, INC.
IMPACT REPORT

2020

QUARTER TWO (APRIL TO JUNE)

10

trainings

7

policies and practices changed through work with PRA and its projects

15

site visits and TA visits

928

individuals who participated in trainings

414

individuals who participated in site visits and TA visits

25

public products (e.g., reports, videos)

47

small virtual meetings and events

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1,821

small virtual meeting and event attendees

55

large virtual meetings and events

12,658

large virtual meeting and event attendees

16

students funded to conduct independent research

2

professional presentations in the field

2020 Quarter 2 Highlights



Policy Research, Inc. Hosts Virtual Town Halls to Support Safety and Justice Challenge Sites During COVID-19 Pandemic

Throughout May and June 2020, Policy Research, Inc., in its capacity as a technical assistance provider to the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation's Safety and Justice Challenge (SJC), hosted a series of virtual town halls for Network Sites. These town halls focused on strengthening behavioral health strategies to reduce the misuse and overuse of jails. Topics in the series included local lessons learned in reentry programs, funding strategies, competence restoration, and more. In addition, a special COVID-19 town hall was produced to highlight strategies to safely reduce jail populations in response to the pandemic.



ARDRAW Expands Cohort, Awards Grants to 16 Researchers

The Analyzing Relationships Between Disability, Rehabilitation, and Work (ARDRAW) Small Grant Program re-opened its 2020-2021 application period for student researchers this spring. The ARDRAW Small Grant Program is a 1-year, \$10,000 stipend program awarded to graduate-level students to conduct supervised, independent research designed to foster new analysis of work, rehabilitation, and disability issues, which may develop innovative and fresh perspectives on disability. Six researchers were selected to join the 2020-2021 cohort, joining 10 previously selected researchers. These new researchers make the 2020-2021 cohort the largest cohort that ARDRAW has supported since its inception in 2018. View the cohort's [project topics](#) on the ARDRAW website to learn more.



Virtual Criminal Justice/Behavioral Health Cross-Systems Workshops Allow Communities to Map Local Systems

To facilitate systems transformation while responding safely to the COVID-19 pandemic, Policy Research Associates reimagined its Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) Mapping Workshops for virtual delivery. It developed a targeted virtual event model, reformulating the 1.5-day technical assistance delivery into a series of virtual criminal justice/behavioral health cross-systems workshops attended by local stakeholders. This process was piloted with representatives from Story County, Iowa. While not a replacement for the full in-person SIM Mapping Workshop, the virtual model facilitated information sharing, resource identification, and partnership development, allowing communities to map their systems while keeping a safe social distance.