

February

PRA eNews

New Release: PRA Impact Reports

Quarterly Impact Report: October to December 2020

Policy Research is pleased to release its impact report for quarter 4 of 2020. Each quarter, Policy Research publishes an impact report highlighting our work across the country via our technical assistance centers, projects, and fee-for-service activities. Highlights of the October-to-December reporting period include the following:

- Hosted 9 trainings, training 4,567 people
- Held 37 virtual meetings and events with 7,724 attendees
- Released 24 products to the public



Read the full quarter 4 impact report for our highlights:

- Homeless and Housing Resource Center Launches, Hosts Webinar on Eviction Prevention
- SAMHSA's GAINS Center Hosts Summit on Behavioral Health and Justice for the State of Maryland
- SOAR TA Center Releases 2020 National Outcomes, Maintains 65 Percent Approval Rate on Initial Applications

[Download the Quarter 4 Impact Report](#)

Annual Impact Report: 2020

Policy Research is proud to present its annual impact report for 2020. This annual impact report provides a quantitative look at the events, trainings, meetings, presentations, and products Policy Research and its projects delivered throughout 2020.

Highlights of the past year include the following:

- Influenced 42 policy and practice changes among state, county, and local agencies
- Held 69 trainings, which trained 10,033 people
- Released 112 products to the field
- Hosted 326 virtual meetings with 38,778 attendees



Read the 2020 annual impact report for our full list of project highlights!

[Download the 2020 Impact Report](#)

SAMHSA's GAINS Center Hosts Criminal Justice-Focused Strategic Planning Workshop for the State of Maryland

In November 2020, SAMHSA's GAINS Center hosted the *State Summit on Behavioral Health and the Justice System* in coordination with the [Commission to Study Mental and Behavioral Health in Maryland](#), led by Lieutenant Governor Rutherford. This state-level strategic planning workshop was designed to inform the work of the state's Public Safety and Judicial System and Crisis Services subcommittees and to guide targeted legislative appropriations for crisis services and jail diversion.

The goals of the virtually held summit were the following:

- Identify opportunities for coordination and collaboration among state and local stakeholders
- Inform state and local stakeholders about best practices in the behavioral health and correctional fields
- Consider the impact of healthcare reform and state behavioral health and criminal justice initiatives on justice-involved populations
- Introduce the [Sequential Intercept Model](#) (SIM) as a planning tool to strategically inform legislation, policy, planning, and funding

Summit participants represented the legislative, behavioral health, and criminal justice systems. Among the 224 stakeholders present were mental health, substance use treatment, human services, corrections, advocates, law enforcement, health care (emergency department and inpatient acute psychiatric care), academia, and court representatives.

Day one of the Summit included three panel presentations organized by SIM intercept (Intercepts 0/1, 2/3, and 4/5). In each of these panel presentations, speakers represented a mix of state department officials and on-the-ground service providers. In each panel discussion, speakers highlighted best and promising practices, lessons learned, and current challenges.

[Keep Reading](#)

Time Is Running Out to Apply: ARDRAW Small Grant Program Offering \$10,000 Stipends to Graduate Researchers

Application deadline: February 26, 2021

The Social Security Administration (SSA) is awarding graduate students **\$10,000 stipends** to research work, rehabilitation, and disability issues through the Analyzing Relationships Between Disability, Rehabilitation, and Work (ARDRAW) Small Grant Program. The objective of ARDRAW is to foster new analyses of work, rehabilitation, and disability issues, which may develop innovative and fresh perspectives on disability, by providing research stipends to a broad spectrum of graduate students.



Applicants must be masters, doctoral, or post-doctoral level part-time or full-time graduate students pursuing studies in accredited programs at the time of the award (fall semester of 2021). **Selected students will receive a stipend of \$10,000 for the 1-year program.**

[Learn More and Apply](#)

Upcoming Webinars

[*Supporting Family Drug Court Participants Through*](#)

Comprehensive Case Plans: We're in This Together

February 22, 2021, 2:30-4:00 p.m. ET
SAMHSA's GAINS Center

This webinar will explore the research supporting family-centered case plans; discuss ways to actively involve the parent, child, and family support system in both case planning and monitoring; and explain which elements the family-centered case plan should include.

Supporting Peers Providing Services at Intercept 0

February 25, 2021, 2:30-4:00 p.m. ET
SAMHSA's GAINS Center

This webinar will present practical information from the field and highlight innovations to support peers who respond to mental and substance use crises at Intercept 0 of the Sequential Intercept Model. Presenters will discuss safety considerations, opportunities for leveraging technology, and promising practices that have emerged in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Transforming Dispatch and Crisis Response Services: Meeting Challenges With Innovation

March 2, 2021, 2:00-3:30 p.m. ET
BJA's Academic Training to Inform Police Responses

This webinar will feature four programs that have leveraged the training, policies, and procedures of 911 call-takers and dispatch when restructuring their community's response to crisis incidents. Panelists will present the innovative approaches in crisis response implemented by their programs and discuss the challenges of ensuring appropriate services are dispatched to crisis incidents to best meet the needs of individuals.

Recent Stories From the PRA Blog



#Inktober2020



Unkempt



*Need a New Year's Resolution?
Consider a Gratitude Practice*



2020 Year in Review



PRA's Top Five Blogs of 2020!



Share this email:



[Manage](#) your preferences | [Opt out](#) using TrueRemove™
Got this as a forward? [Sign up](#) to receive our future emails.
View this email [online](#).

345 Delaware Ave
Delmar, NY | 12054 US