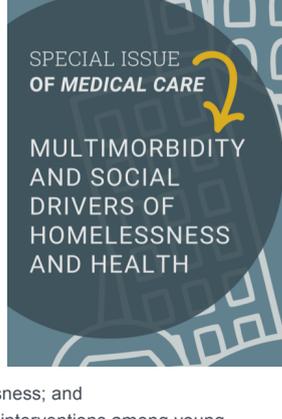




Special Issue of *Medical Care* Focusing on Homelessness Co-edited by Policy Research Staff

This month, *Medical Care* released a special issue focusing on multimorbidity and social drivers of homelessness and health. The issue was co-edited by Policy Research, Inc.'s (PRI) Jen Elder, MSc, director of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) Homeless and Housing Resource Center, along with Jack Tsai, PhD, and Ben King, PhD, MPH. The collection examines a range of topics, including the following:

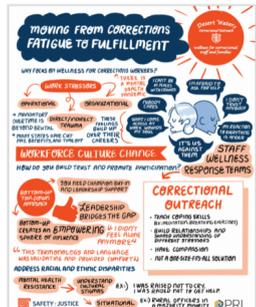
- the connections between financial strain, mental illness, and the risk of homelessness;
- the link between housing and healthcare utilization and costs;
- service use and residential stability in supported housing;
- interventions for people experiencing homelessness; and
- considerations regarding various supports and interventions among young people, Veterans, and people with previous criminal legal system involvement who experience homelessness.



All articles included are accessible for free, thanks to sponsorship from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

[Access the Special Issue](#)

New Resource: Graphic Recording Notes on "Moving from Corrections Fatigue to Fulfillment"



In January, PRI hosted a virtual town hall discussion in collaboration with Desert Waters Correctional Outreach, Inc. on the topic of correctional worker wellness. The event was made possible with support from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation's Safety and Justice Challenge.

This discussion addressed how correctional occupational stressors impact the staff, and indirectly, the staff's family members, as well as the individuals the staff manage. Panelists representing probation and locked corrections facilities provided approaches for countering negative effects of the job—including "corrections fatigue"—and tools for promoting staff and agency health, wellness, and fulfillment. Graphic recording notes captured the proceedings and are now available for on-demand access. A [video highlighting the creation of the notes](#) is also available, to convey the evolution of the event's themes.

[See the Notes and Text Alternative](#)

Upcoming Events

[From Siloes to Collaboration: Linking Health Care, Public Safety, and Behavioral Health \(Part 1\)—Focus on the San Diego, California, Serial Inebriate Program](#)

April 29, 2021, 1:30-3:00 p.m. ET
SAMHSA's GAINS Center

Focusing on San Diego's Serial Inebriate Program, this webinar will explore ways to build and support collaborations between key stakeholders to improve outcomes for "familiar faces"—specifically within jail and hospital emergency department systems—who experience mental and substance use disorders.

[NatCon2021 Virtual Session: Competency Restoration Out From Behind Bars](#)

May 3, 2021, 1:00-1:45 p.m. ET
SAMHSA's GAINS Center

Policy Research Associates, Inc.'s Lisa Callahan, Ph.D., who is a senior research associate with SAMHSA's GAINS Center, will moderate this virtual session at the National Council for Behavioral Health's NatCon2021 conference. Panelists will clear up confusion surrounding the competency to stand trial system and its current challenges.

[Competence to Stand Trial Community of Practice National Webinar Series: COVID-19 in the San Luis Obispo County, California, Criminal Justice System—The Balance Between Managing Mental Health and Contagious Disease in Jail Patients with Serious Mental Illness](#)

May 13, 2021, 1:30-3:00 p.m. ET
SAMHSA's GAINS Center

In this webinar, presenters from San Luis Obispo County, California, will share how real-time data collection alerted them to some concerning trends that resulted from efforts curb the spread of COVID-19 among incarcerated people, and how they responded.

[Mental Health Training for Juvenile Justice Train-the-Trainer](#)

June-July 2021

National Center for Youth Opportunity and Justice

Developed for juvenile probation, detention, and corrections professionals, this virtual training provides critical information and practical strategies for interacting with youth who are experiencing mental health, substance use, and traumatic stress conditions. It provides research-based instruction that increases juvenile justice practitioner knowledge and develops and enhances skills to support effective and safe interactions with youth.

Access Recordings of Recent Webinars



[Supporting the Health and Treatment Needs of Individuals Experiencing Homelessness during COVID-19](#)

SAMHSA's Homeless and Housing Resource Center

This webinar explored equitable and culturally appropriate interventions to engage people experiencing homelessness in treatment and deliver services in non-congregate settings. [Click here to access additional resources](#) associated with this webinar.

[SSI for Children—Engaging Families for Successful SOAR Applications](#)

SAMHSA SOAR TA Center

This webinar shared learnings from seasoned SOAR providers who are successfully building relationships with families and professionals from child-serving systems in their communities. Further [information and the webinar slides are available here](#).

[Innovations to Support Drug Court Programs During COVID-19: Spotlight on Technology to Improve Participant Experiences](#)

SAMHSA's GAINS Center

This webinar presented recent findings from the National Drug Court Institute's survey of Bureau of Justice Assistance grantees on how drug treatment court programs across the country made changes and adopted innovations to minimize interruptions to the programming during COVID-19, as well as lessons learned to date.

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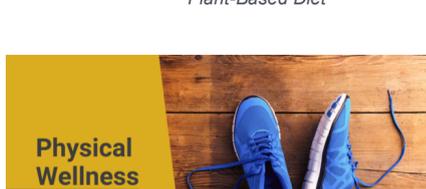
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