

ABOUT US

A national leader in behavioral health technical assistance and research, Policy Research Associates, Inc. (PRA) is a certified Women-Owned Small Business (WOSB) founded in 1987. In partnership with our sister non-profit, Policy Research, Inc. (PRI), we offer four core services: research, technical assistance, training, and policy evaluation. Through our work, we enhance systems that assist individuals with behavioral health needs on their journey to recovery. Our content areas of focus are:

- Behavioral Health
- Criminal Justice
- Education
- Homelessness
- Income Supports
- Juvenile Justice
- People with Lived Experience
- Recovery Support
- Service Members, Veterans, and their Families
- Systems Mapping
- Trauma and Violence
- Wellness

We have the capacity to offer a broad range of services and to administer large-scale projects. Our extensive range of program-related experience includes the operation of national technical assistance centers for federal and foundation clients, including the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), and the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation.

VALUES

We are a mission-driven, caring organization that fosters an inclusive workplace and elevates diverse perspectives and experiences. We believe that mutual respect leads to learning and collaboration, and we use this framework to enhance our work, workplace, and our positive social impact.

SERVICES

RESEARCH

We establish collection methodologies, design research protocols, and present results in an eye-catching format. We are well known for our program assessments, evaluation studies, performance measurements, and data analysis.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

We conduct site visits, prepare technical reports, develop strategic action plans, and disseminate information on evidence-based practices to transform fragmented behavioral health systems into systems of care that are recovery-oriented, trauma-informed, and culturally competent.

TRAINING

We develop online and in-person training curricula using evidence-based practices, state-of-the-art technologies, and strategies that engage practitioners and policy makers. Our trainers provide a wide variety of resources to participants, including tool kits, monographs, trainer manuals, and strategic planning tools.

POLICY EVALUATION

We review, assess, and suggest policy at the local, state, and federal levels to ensure that there is systematic support for your initiatives. We are adept at evaluating current policies and laws for recommendations and enhancements to ensure that your communities of focus receive the care and support to which they are entitled.

WORK HIGHLIGHTS

SAMHSA's GAINS Center for Behavioral Health and Justice Transformation (since 1995)

SAMHSA's SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) Technical Assistance Center (since 2009)

SAMHSA's Service Members, Veterans, and their Families Technical Assistance Center (since 2010)

SSA's Analyzing Relationships Between Disability, Rehabilitation, and Work (ARDRAW) Small Grant Program

National Center for Youth Opportunity and Justice

SAMHSA's Homeless and Housing Resource Center

MacArthur Foundation's Safety and Justice Challenge—Serious Mental Illness Technical Assistance

BJA's Academic Based Training to Inform Police Responses and VALOR Initiative Crisis Intervention Training Model Program (2017-2020)

SAMHSA's Program to Achieve Wellness (2015-2018)

SAMHSA's Statewide Family and Consumer Networks Technical Assistance Center (2009-2014)