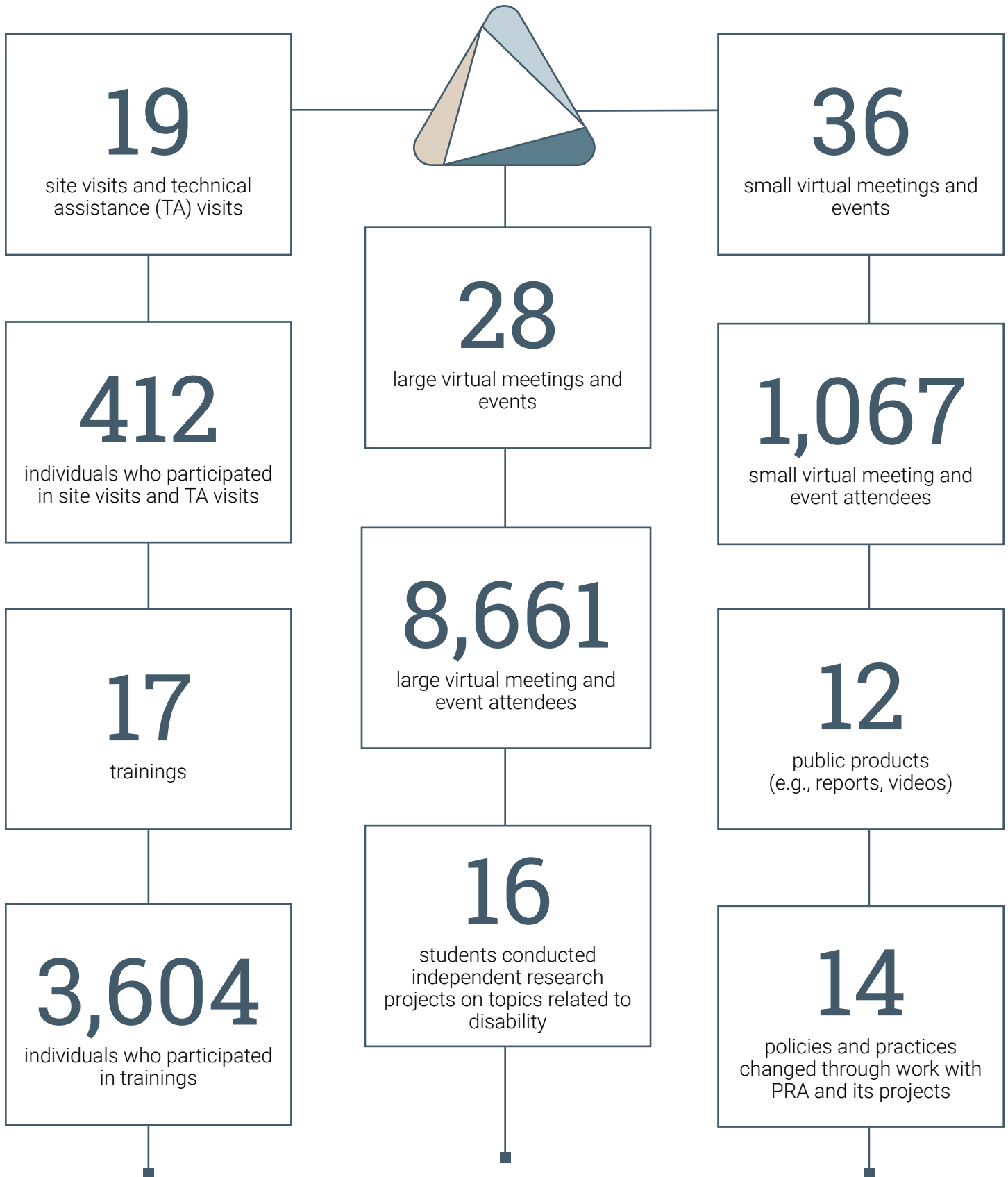


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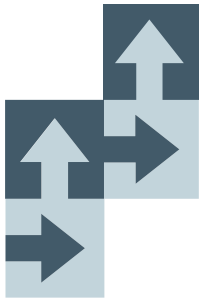


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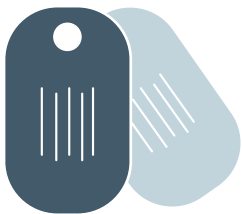
Policy Research, Inc. Hosts Virtual Town Hall to Support Safety and Justice Challenge on Correctional Worker Wellness: “Moving from Corrections Fatigue to Fulfillment”

In January 2021, 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, hosted a town hall discussion in collaboration with Desert Waters Correctional Outreach, Inc., on the topic of correctional worker wellness. 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.



SAMHSA’s GAINS Center Launches Early Diversion Virtual Learning Community Series

On March 25, 2021, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration’s (SAMHSA) GAINS Center kicked off the first of several 2021 Virtual Learning Communities (VLC). The Early Diversion VLC webinar and discussion group series focuses on enhancing system responses for people with mental and substance use disorders who are justice involved or at risk for justice involvement. Part 1 in the series, “Strategies for Addressing Treatment Engagement Challenges with Certain Individuals,” provided information on specific strategies, services, and practices that communities have developed to address the support needs of such people who have difficulty engaging in services. These strategies include care coordination, targeted case management, data-driven responses, motivational interviewing, peer-based responses, and trauma-informed services. Presenters shared multi-faceted approaches to improve individual outcomes and system response. An [animated event teaser](#) offers an overview of the topics covered throughout the rest of this five-part series.



SMVF Completes First Virtual Implementation Academy of 2021

On March 30, 2021, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and SAMHSA hosted the first of three 2021 VA/SAMHSA Governor’s Challenge to Prevent Suicide Among Service Members, Veterans, and their Families (SMVF) Virtual Implementation Academies. SAMHSA’s SMVF Technical Assistance Center facilitated the meeting of seven state teams: Maryland, Michigan, Nevada, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Washington. During this 3-day event, state teams participated in plenary sessions, breakout workshops, state team work sessions, virtual networking sessions, and consultations with subject-matter experts. The goal of the Implementation Academy process is to strengthen statewide behavioral healthcare systems and suicide prevention services for SMVF through collaboration at the federal, state, and local levels. The Virtual Implementation Academies bring states and territories together to receive intensive technical assistance focused on strategic plan priorities.