

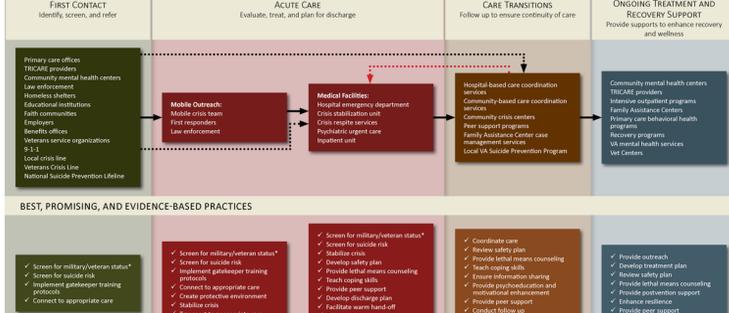


## SAMHSA's SMVF TA Center Now Accepting Applications for Crisis Intercept Mapping (CIM) Workshops

*Deadline: December 17, 2021*

SAMHSA's Service Members, Veterans, and their Families Technical Assistance (SMVF TA) Center is currently soliciting applications from communities interested in participating in Crisis Intercept Mapping Workshops. Crisis Intercept Mapping (CIM) is designed to bring together an interagency group of key stakeholders from the community (typically a county or city) to identify barriers and gaps in the community's crisis system serving SMVF and discuss ways in which best practices and partnerships can be implemented to close those gaps and reduce service member and Veteran suicide.

Through the development of integrated local strategic action plans, evidence-based and best practices are integrated into the protocols of key community organizations. CIM teams are expected to be drawn, in large part, from local behavioral health, crisis care, and Veteran service agencies and organizations.



### Site Selection

SAMHSA's SMVF TA Center will provide the CIM Workshops free of charge to selected applicants between January and April 2022. There are no fees for registration, tuition, or materials associated with these workshops. The SMVF TA Center will cover all costs associated with facilitation, pre- and post-workshop planning and coordination, travel and lodging of CIM facilitators, SMVF TA Center data collection and analysis, and report development.

### More Information

For information about [Crisis Intercept Mapping](#) or this opportunity, please review the [Overview and Guidance](#) document or contact the SMVF TA Center's Aaron Motschmann at [amotschmann@prainc.com](mailto:amotschmann@prainc.com).

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## School Responder Model Podcast Series: "Engaging Families" and "Law Enforcement Engagement"

The [National Center for Youth Opportunity and Justice](#) at Policy Research has released four new episodes in its podcast series designed to support schools and communities implementing a school responder model. The series focuses on topics that can help schools and communities successfully design and implement school responder models. Highlighted this month are two episodes from the series.

### "Engaging Families"

In this episode, panelists discuss the importance of engaging families in the school responder model process as active and informed participants and share strategies for enhancing family engagement. The panel comprises Jeana Bracey, PhD, and Jeff Vanderploeg, PhD, from the Child Health and Development Institute of Connecticut, and Susan Graham, an accomplished family engagement specialist.



[Stream the Podcast](#)

### "Law Enforcement Engagement"

In this episode, panelists discuss enhancing cross-systems collaboration by developing positive relationships between school and law enforcement officials. The panel comprises Jeana Bracey, PhD, and Jeff Vanderploeg, PhD, from the Child Health and Development Institute of Connecticut, and Angela Powell-Medlock and Uteeya Whitaker from a high school in Michigan implementing a school responder model.



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## We're Hiring!

### Senior Project Associate: Homeless and Housing Resource Center

PRI is seeking a full-time Senior Project Associate to join the SAMHSA-funded Homeless and Housing Resource Center (HHRC). HHRC is beginning year 2 of a 5-year SAMHSA grant that uses multiple training modalities to provide up-to-date, comprehensive education on evidence-based practices related to housing, treatment, and supportive services for adults, children, and youth who have a serious mental illness, serious emotional disturbance, substance use disorders, and/or co-occurring disorders, including special populations who have health disparities, such as Veterans and youth who are LGBTQ+.

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## Sarah Desmarais Co-authors New Article in Military Behavioral Health

Policy Research is pleased to announce the release of a new article in *Military Behavioral Health*, co-authored by Sarah Desmarais, PhD, titled "Locale Matters: Regional Needs of U.S. Military Service Members and Veterans." This article examines geographically specific needs of military service members and Veterans residing in one southeastern state using qualitative focus groups and quantitative data.



Through their analyses, the authors identified barriers of limited availability, understanding, education, and advertising of resources to service members and Veterans. In addition, service members and Veterans who lived in more densely populated areas were more likely to experience longer wait times to achieve needs resolution than those living in less-dense areas. Dr. Desmarais and co-authors Dr. Sam Cacace, Dr. Emily Smith, and Rev. Elizabeth Alders call for follow-up research to explore the importance of regional differences in marketing and branding practices of SMVF-serving organizations to determine effective communication methods with service members and Veterans.

[Read the Article](#)

## PRA at an Event Near You

### National Federation of Families' 2021 Virtual Conference

In November 2021, Vice President Kristin Lupfer, MSW, presented at the National Federation of Families' 2021 Virtual Conference. The recording of her presentation, "[Reducing Homelessness for Families, Children, and Youth with Disabilities Using the SOAR Model](#)," is now available for on-demand viewing. Ms. Lupfer's presentation defined the importance of SSI benefits for children and youth, explained the efficacy of the SOAR model, and highlighted opportunities for involvement.

### Illinois Association of Problem-Solving Courts Virtual Conference

In October 2021, Senior Research Associate Lisa Callahan, PhD, presented at the Illinois Association of Problem-Solving Courts Virtual Conference. The slides from her presentation, "[Mental Health Courts in the 21st Century: What the Research Demonstrates](#)," are now available for on-demand access. Dr. Callahan's presentation explored research-supported program outcomes for mental health court participants and whether determining national best practice standards is possible for mental health courts.

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