



Equity in Action Webinar Series

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MACARTHUR SJC:
CENTERING EQUITY,
ENGAGING COMMUNITIES,
TRANSFORMING SYSTEMS

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LEVERAGING SAMHSA SMVF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO IMPROVE SYSTEMS

LEVERAGING SAMHSA SOAR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO IMPROVE SYSTEMS

March 10, March 17, and March 24, 2022, 3:00-4:30 p.m. ET

Join this essential series of webinars addressing equity in key behavioral health-related fields, anchored by three leading providers of technical assistance (TA):

- the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation's Safety and Justice Challenge (SJC);
- the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) Service Members, Veterans, and their Families (SMVF) TA Center; and
- the SAMHSA SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) TA Center.

The series will feature speakers with lived experience in the following areas and people who work in related service-providing systems:

- individuals involved in or at risk of involvement in the criminal justice system;
- SMVF at risk of suicide and mental and substance use disorders; and
- people experiencing or at risk of homelessness who have a serious mental illness, medical impairment, or co-occurring substance use disorder.

These speakers will illustrate strategies that influence equitable practices in the implementation of projects or efforts that the hosting TA providers support. This webinar series will address how the work of these TA providers—all operated by Policy Research—makes an impact on equity, as evidenced by both the people providing and those engaging with services. Read below for each individual event's registration details and description.

[View All Webinar Descriptions and Learn More](#)

MacArthur SJC: Centering Equity, Engaging Communities, Transforming Systems

March 10, 2022, 3:00-4:30 p.m. ET

In this webinar, panelists will show how their respective jurisdictions have engaged in the pursuit of transformational change from an intersectional perspective, to achieve equitable outcomes for all people, thereby prioritizing a focus on people of color.

[Register for the 3/10 SJC Webinar](#)

Leveraging SAMHSA SMVF Technical Assistance to Improve Systems

March 17, 2022, 3:00-4:30 p.m. ET

This webinar will provide an overview of how SAMHSA's SMVF TA Center can help ensure equity in state programs by providing education to and increasing awareness among TA recipients.

[Register for the 3/17 SMVF Webinar](#)

Leveraging SAMHSA SOAR Technical Assistance to Improve Systems

March 24, 2022, 3:00-4:30 p.m. ET

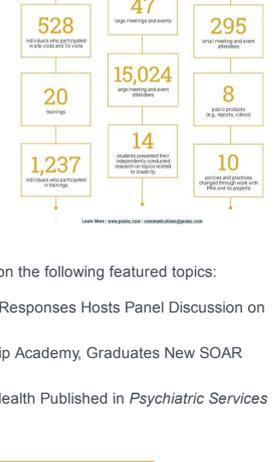
In this webinar, SOAR Leaders will discuss how SOAR equity resources have been used to promote equity and reduce the impact of implicit bias in the implementation of SOAR work within their agencies.

[Register for the 3/24 SOAR Webinar](#)

Quarterly Impact: July to September 2021

Policy Research is pleased to release its impact report for quarter 3 of 2021. Each quarter, Policy Research publishes this document spotlighting our work across the country via our technical assistance centers, projects, and fee-for-service activities. Highlights of the July-to-September reporting period include the following:

- Reached 15,319 people through 71 meetings and events
- Hosted 20 trainings, training 1,237 people
- Facilitated 33 site and technical assistance visits with 528 attendees
- Helped facilitate the change of 10 policies and practices



Read the full quarter 3 impact report for more on the following featured topics:

- The Academic Training to Inform Police Responses Hosts Panel Discussion on Crisis Response for Rural Communities
- SOAR TA Center Hosts Virtual Leadership Academy, Graduates New SOAR Practitioners
- New Article on Improving Black Mental Health Published in *Psychiatric Services*

[Download the Quarter 3 Impact Report](#)

Sarah Desmarais Co-authors Article on Sexual Violence Victimization and Suicide

An article co-authored by Senior Vice President Sarah Desmarais, PhD, explores the factors linking sexual violence victimization and suicidal thoughts and behaviors (STBs). "Sexual violence victimization and suicide: Testing a coping-mental health framework" was published in *Aggressive Behavior*. The article examined whether the psychological mediation framework could be applied to prevent STBs in victims of sexual violence and whether the sexual orientation of the victim influenced the likelihood of having STBs.



Through their analyses of reports from 2,175 people, the authors found the following:

- People who identified as LGBTQIA+ were more likely to report sexual violence victimization than people who identified as heterosexual.
- Cognitive reappraisal (i.e., deliberately trying to find and/or alter the meaning of an event) had a stronger direct relationship with mental health among LGBTQIA+ people than heterosexual people.
- Sexual violence victimizations led to STBs through emotional regulation and psychopathology following that victimization.

The authors determined that an emotional regulation-mental health framework is appropriate for understanding and preventing suicide among victims of sexual violence. The paper was led by Andrea R. Kaniuka and co-authored with Robert J. Cramer, Julie E. Stoner, Shelby Veri, Susan Wright, Tess M. Gemberling, Matt R. Nobles, and Sarah R. Holley.

[Read the Article](#)

HHRC Releases *Helping Individuals Experiencing Homelessness Obtain Identification Documents*

The Homeless and Housing Resource Center has published a new resource, *Helping Individuals Experiencing Homelessness Obtain Identification Documents*. This publication outlines steps that service providers can take to guide people through the process of obtaining birth certificates, Social Security cards, state-issued IDs, DD214s, and Green Cards. The publication, available in both English and Spanish, covers the following topics:

- Overview of key identification types
- Steps for replacing ID
- Estimated costs and fee waivers
- Best practices for ID replacement
- Documentation checklists



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PRA in the News

- [LSU Health Shreveport working with SPD on crisis response system](#)
- [VA and communities support Challenge to Prevent Veteran Suicide](#)
- [Grundy County leaders planning to spend federal grant to change the lives of incarcerated people](#)
- [Supreme Court Mental Health Task Force leading change](#)

Partner Survey Opportunity: National Survey of Mobile Crisis Teams

Survey deadline: February 28, 2022

The first-ever national survey of Mobile Crisis Teams (MCTs) is being conducted to better understand the organization, operation, and financing of MCTs. This survey is being conducted in collaboration with Vibrant, SAMHSA, the National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors, and researchers Dr. Matthew Goldman and Preston Looper.

All mobile crisis, co-responder, and other field-based mental health crisis response teams are encouraged to complete this 10-minute survey by February 28, 2022.

[Take the Survey](#)

PRA at an Event Near You

American Psychology-Law Society Conference

March 17-19, 2022; Denver, Colorado

Join Policy Research staff members at the American Psychology-Law Society Conference this March! Find us at the following sessions:

- March 17, 2022, 2:15-3:35 p.m. MT: **Sarah Desmarais** and **Anthony Fortuna** will present on the "Enhancing Trauma-Informed Practices in the Juvenile Justice System: Screening, Staff Perceptions" symposium.
- March 17, 2022, 3:50-4:50 p.m. MT: **Kamiya Stewart** will present on the "Public and Professional Opinions about Judicial Responsibilities and Decision-Making" session.
- March 19, 2022, 1:30-2:50 p.m. MT: **Sarah Desmarais** will present on the "Addressing Mental Health and Suicide in Carcer Settings: Current and Recent Developments" symposium.
- March 19, 2022, 3:00-4:00 p.m. MT: **Kamiya Stewart** and **Samantha Zottola** will present on the "Predicting Judicial Performance" session.

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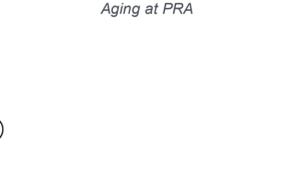
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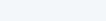
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