



Quarterly Impact: October to December 2021

Policy Research is pleased to release its impact report for quarter 4 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 October-to-December reporting period include the following:

- Reached 5,677 people through 45 meetings and events
- Hosted 10 trainings, training 759 people
- Facilitated 9 site and technical assistance visits with 232 attendees
- Delivered 10 presentations to the field
- Helped facilitate the change of 5 policies and practices



Read the full quarter 4 impact report for more on the following featured topics:

- SOARWorks Releases 2021 National Outcomes
- Research Area Delivers Presentation on Examining Fairness of Pretrial Risk Assessment Algorithms
- SAMHSA's GAINS Center's Virtual Summit Reviews States' Efforts to Improve Competence to Stand Trial and Competence Restoration Processes

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New Resource: What Happened to Defunding?

Policy Research is pleased to announce the release of a new resource, *What Happened to Defunding? The Migration of Law Enforcement Funding and Building the Right Response*. Authored by Senior Project Associate Ashley Krider, the issue brief provides an overview and analysis of the migration of law enforcement funding across a sample of U.S. jurisdictions from 2020 through December 2021.

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jurisdictions around the country. It also discusses the modern dual role of law enforcement and the importance of building community capacity while decreasing the footprint of the criminal justice system to work toward true systemic change.

This publication is an expansion of the [Examples of Law Enforcement Funding, Reallocating/Unbundling Across the United States](#) resource, first released in 2020 and last updated in January 2022.

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Sarah Desmarais Authors Article Discussing Pretrial Risk Assessment Instruments

An article led by Senior Vice President Sarah Desmarais, PhD, discusses three prominent critiques of pretrial risk assessment instruments and offers recommendations for addressing those critiques. Pretrial risk assessments are tools used to inform decisions regarding pretrial release and associated conditions. Recently, concerns have been raised about whether these tools may be contributing to worsened outcomes, including higher rates of pretrial detention and exacerbated racial disparities. The authors examine three common critiques of pretrial risk assessment instruments: (1) their results have poor accuracy, (2) the results are racially biased, and (3) their use increases pretrial detention rates.

Through their review of the research, the authors found that these assertions are not founded in scientific evidence. Instead, they conclude that pretrial risk assessment instruments demonstrate good accuracy in predicting risk during the pretrial period, even when there are differences between racial and ethnic groups. Further, they found that these instruments can help advance pretrial system change. The paper was co-authored by John Monahan, PhD, and James Austin, PhD. It was published in *Criminal Justice and Behavior*.



Read the Article

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[Housing First Partners Conference](#)

April 11-14, 2022; Seattle, Washington

Join Senior Project Associate **Abigail Kirkman** on April 13, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. PT for Workshop 226—*Next Step, Recovery! SOAR Maximizes Income, Wellness, and Resiliency*.

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Human Resources Generalist

Policy Research is seeking a full-time Human Resources Generalist. This position may be based remotely. The Human Resources (HR) Generalist is involved in all aspects of developing and administering HR policies and procedures, benefit programs, and payroll processes; serves as liaison to employees, TPAs, brokers, and vendors; and provides expertise in HR regulations and compliance, including workers' compensation, disability, Paid Family Leave, Family and Medical Leave Act, and retirement.

Project Assistant

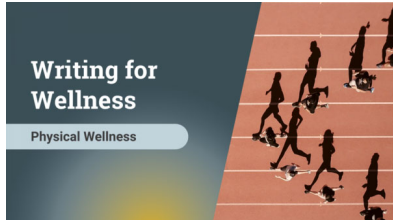
Policy Research is seeking a full-time Project Assistant to support two national Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)-funded projects: the SAMHSA Supplemental Security Income/Social Security Disability Insurance Outreach,

Access, and Recovery Technical Assistance Center, and the SAMHSA grant-funded Homeless and Housing Resource Center. This position may be based remotely.

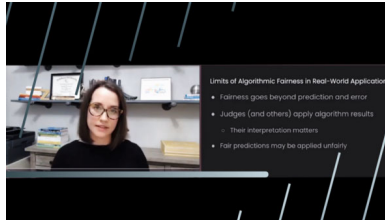
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