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2022 QUARTER 1 HIGHLIGHTS

EQUITY IN ACTION WEBINAR SERIES

This quarter, three of PRA's TA providers hosted <u>Equity in Action</u>, a webinar series focused on addressing equity in the behavioral health field. The webinar series highlighted the work of the following projects:

- 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
- the SAMHSA SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) TA Center

Each project webinar highlighted the perspectives of individuals with lived experience and provided strategies to influence equitable practices while implementing TA support. This webinar series also demonstrated how the work of these TA providers—all operated by Policy Research Associates, Inc., or its close partner nonprofit, Policy Research, Inc.—impacts equity, as evidenced by both the people providing and those engaging with services.



MacArthur SJC: Centering Equity, Engaging Communities, Transforming Systems

On March 10, Policy Research, Inc., in support of the Safety and Justice Challenge, hosted a webinar highlighting jurisdictions that have pursued transformational change from an intersectional perspective, to achieve equitable outcomes for all people, thereby prioritizing a focus on people of color. Panelists examined treatment services at the intersection of behavioral health and criminal justice for people of color. Panelists also shared information on accessible, culturally responsive, and integrated community-based services that exist across the country.

View the SJC Event Recording



Leveraging SAMHSA SMVF Technical Assistance to Improve Systems

On March 17, SAMHSA's SMVF TA Center provided an overview of how they help support equity across state programs through education and outreach to engage diverse populations and apply a health equity lens to address social determinants of health when working with SMVF. This installment explored the needs of diverse populations and how to approach suicide prevention efforts through an equity lens. Presenters highlighted the SMVF TA Center's diverse populations website, a resource developed to assist and guide providers engaging with diverse SMVF populations.

View the SMVF Event Recording



Leveraging SAMHSA SOAR Technical Assistance to Improve Systems

On March 24, SOAR Leaders discussed how SOAR resources are used to promote equity and reduce the impact of implicit bias in the implementation of SOAR work. Panelists shared how community demographics (race, ethnicity, culture, gender, sexual orientation, and justice involvement) impact access to SOAR programs and presented strategies for recognizing and reaching underserved populations. Panelists shared equity-focused SOAR products and tools designed to support SOAR initiatives in their efforts to achieve equity and inclusion in program access and participation.

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