

NEWSLETTER

Q & A

Ambi Daniel, Director of Family Support Navigation Services, Center for Family Life and Recovery, Inc.



You are the director of family support navigation services (FSN) for the Center for Family Life and Recovery (CFLR). What is CFLR's mission, and what inspires you to do this work?

Our mission is to support individuals with substance use disorders, mental health challenges, and behavioral issues by providing hope, providing help, promoting wellness, and transforming lives. That is what drew me to CFLR! My "why" is always about connecting with and understanding people in my life and my professional world. It is also about seeing the puzzle pieces that make the big picture more complete. CFLR does this in many incredible ways, with recovery, prevention, and behavioral services integrated into different collaborative arenas!

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Camp Hope Brings Low-Barrier Housing to Southern New Mexico

Mesilla Valley Community of Hope (MVCH) is an agency in Las Cruces, New Mexico, focused on providing shelter services, case management, income supports, and housing programming to the people of Doña Ana County. "Our mission is to promote dignity and empowerment among our local population," says Executive Director Nicole Martinez. "We do that by offering them a comprehensive set of services and programs to help them get back on their feet and into permanent housing." MVCH offers a range of services to community members, including intensive case management, legal services, income and benefit supports, basic necessities (e.g., laundry, showers, mail, internet), childcare, medical and mental health care, food assistance, emergency transportation, employment services, and more.

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GAINS Center Learning Collaboratives: Supporting Communities to Better Serve Individuals with Mental and Substance Use Disorders in the Criminal Justice System

SAMHSA's GAINS Center has developed an educational, collaborative model that supports communities in addressing critical issues to better serve individuals in the criminal justice system who are experiencing mental and substance use disorders. The Learning Collaborative (LC) model provides participating teams with free technical assistance from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) GAINS Center. These local teams from jurisdictions across the country take part in intensive trainings, expert presentations, and peer-to-peer learning, along with group discussions to help them strategize and enhance the support they provide to their communities.

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SAMHSA's GAINS Center Now Accepting Applications for Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) Mapping Workshops

SAMHSA's GAINS Center is currently soliciting applications from communities interested in Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) Mapping Workshops. SIM Mapping Workshops are designed to bring together a local, cross-system, multidisciplinary group of key stakeholders from a particular jurisdiction (typically a county) to facilitate collaboration and to identify and discuss ways in which barriers between the criminal justice and behavioral systems can be reduced through the development of integrated local strategic action plans.

The GAINS Center is accepting applications for two types of SIM Workshops:

- *Traditional SIM Mapping Workshops*
- *SIM Mapping Workshops to Develop Comprehensive, Community-Wide Strategic Plans for Addressing Opioid and Other Substance Use*

Interested applicants should select the one workshop option that is most relevant or of greatest interest. To apply for either SIM Mapping Workshop option, please download the corresponding solicitation and application for the chosen option and submit a completed application form no later than **November 10, 2022**.

[Access the Full Details and Apply for the SIM Mapping Workshops](#)

SAMHSA's GAINS Center Seeks Communities to Develop Trauma-Informed Training Capacity

SAMHSA's GAINS Center for Behavioral Health and Justice Transformation is soliciting applications from communities interested in developing a capacity to provide trauma-informed training.

The target audiences for this training are community-based adult criminal justice system professionals, including reentry staff, drug court personnel, community corrections officers (probation, parole, and pretrial services), law enforcement officers (including local Crisis Intervention Team trainers), and mental health and substance use disorder treatment service providers and peers who work with justice-involved adult populations.

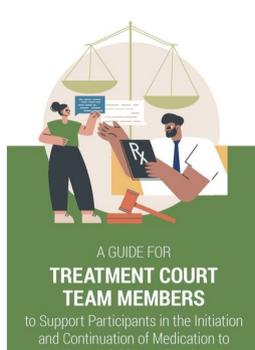
Please visit [SAMHSA's GAINS Center](#) to find out more about *How Being Trauma-Informed Improves Criminal Justice System Responses*.

If a TTT event is of interest to your community, please review the solicitation and submit your completed application form to the GAINS Center no later than **November 10, 2022**.

[Access the Full Details and Apply for the Trauma TTT](#)

Partner Feature: Medication for Opioid Use Disorder Guides

Check out these newly revised online guides to help clinicians, treatment court team members, and treatment court participants better understand medication for opioid use disorder. These guides were created by the National Association of Drug Court Professionals and the American Society of Addiction Medicine to provide up-to-date, evidence-based information to support optimal outcomes for justice-involved individuals living with opioid use disorder.



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