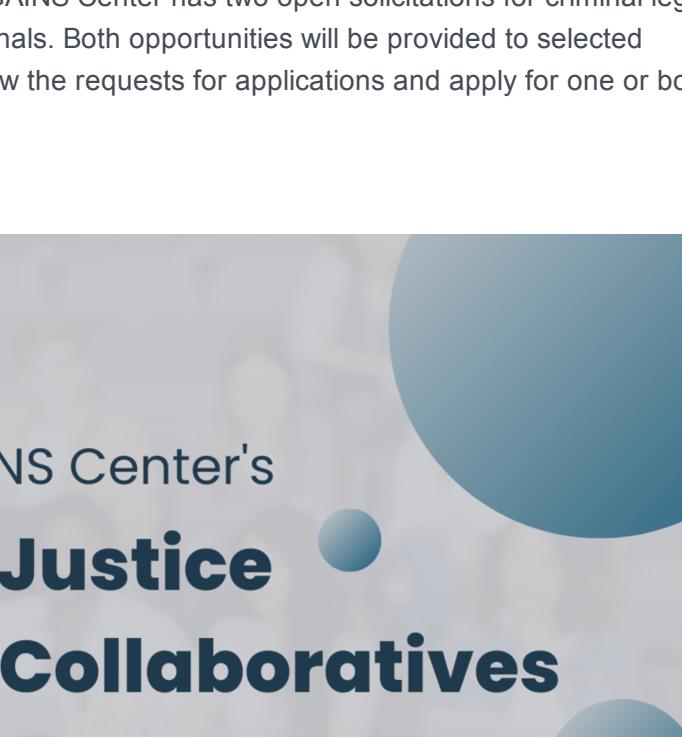


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## SAMHSA's GAINS Center Accepting Applications for Learning Collaboratives and Trauma-Informed Training Events for Individuals

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA's) GAINS Center for Behavioral Health and Justice Transformation, operated by Policy Research, is known nationally for its work regarding people with behavioral health needs involved in the criminal legal system. The GAINS Center has two open solicitations for criminal legal and behavioral health professionals. Both opportunities will be provided to selected applicants free of charge. Review the requests for applications and apply for one or both opportunities!



## SAMHSA's GAINS Center's Criminal Justice Learning Collaboratives

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**DU<sup>E</sup>: JANUARY 25, 2023**

### Criminal Justice Learning Collaboratives

Application due date: January 25, 2023

The GAINS Center is soliciting applications from jurisdictions interested in collaborating with subject-matter experts through Criminal Justice Learning Collaboratives (LCs) designed to explore four topics:

- Trauma-Informed Treatment Courts
- Peer Integration in Treatment Courts
- Data-Driven Strategies for Reducing Frequent Systems Engagement
- Addressing the Housing Needs of People with Behavioral Health Conditions Who Are Justice-Involved

The LC model brings together local jurisdiction teams to create coordinated strategic plans and implementation strategies for the topic of focus. Selected teams for each LC will work intensively to determine optimal ways to implement best practices and define success indicators. Through a virtual platform, selected teams will work together to learn and complete their implementation work while, at the same time, sharing with other jurisdictions and receiving an array of technical assistance from subject-matter experts across the country.

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## Solicitation for Applications

SAMHSA's GAINS Center Seeks Experienced Trainers to Participate in Trauma-Informed Responses Train-the-Trainer (TTT) Events

**Apply by February 16, 2023**

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The GAINS Center is soliciting applications from experienced trainers (individuals) interested in developing their capacity to provide trauma-informed training in their local agencies/communities via its "How Being Trauma-Informed Improves Criminal Justice System Responses" curriculum. Selected applicants will learn to facilitate the training via a virtual train-the-trainer event and subsequently deliver the training program in their local communities.

The target audiences for the training program are primarily community-based criminal legal system professionals, including law enforcement, community corrections (probation, parole, and pretrial services), and court personnel, as well as human service providers that serve adult justice-involved populations.

While not a requirement to apply to this opportunity, this year's selection process will place special emphasis on applicants who provide training to drug courts and/or reentry programs. Some preference will be given to applicants that serve marginalized and/or underserved populations.

[Learn More and Apply](#)

## Elan Hope Publishes Article Highlighting the Validation of the Black Community Activism Orientation Scale

The Black Community Activism Orientation Scale (BCAOS) measures an individual's likelihood of participating in racial justice-centered activism that supports improved conditions for Black communities in the United States. The 26-item BCAOS, developed in 2019 by Research and Evaluation Area Director Elan Hope, PhD, and her co-authors, had been validated in determining orientation toward Black community activism among Black adolescents and emerging adults. Until now, it had not been validated among racially and ethnically diverse adolescents and emerging adults of college age. In a new article published in the *American Journal of Community Psychology*, Dr. Hope and her co-authors share their results from assessing the validity of the BCAOS among college-attending young adults.

Through their analyses, Dr. Hope and her co-authors found that the BCAOS is valid to use among ethnically diverse college-age adults to measure racial justice-focused activism. The authors also found that white college students and men were less likely to be oriented toward racial-justice activism than students of color and women. The validity of the BCAOS makes it a viable tool for future racial justice research and youth programming efforts.

"Validation of the Black Community Activism Orientation Scale with racially and ethnically diverse college students" was co-authored by Mariah Kornbluh, PhD; Melissa Hagan, PhD; Amanda L. Davis; and Anitra Alexander.

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## Fair Housing Protections for People With Serious Mental Illness, Substance Use Disorder, and Co-occurring Disorders

People experiencing or at risk of homelessness with mental illness or substance use disorder often have difficulty obtaining housing and may face discrimination because of their conditions. A recent publication from the Homeless and Housing Resource Center outlines how individuals with disabilities can leverage federal laws to protect themselves from this type of discrimination and ensure equal access and opportunity to enjoy housing that suits their needs.

This publication is a helpful resource for renters and is composed of the following sections:

- An overview of fair housing laws
- Protections for people with disabilities
- How to identify when someone may be discriminating against you
- How to make reasonable accommodation or modification requests
- What to do if you think you experienced housing discrimination

This document is available for download in English and Spanish.

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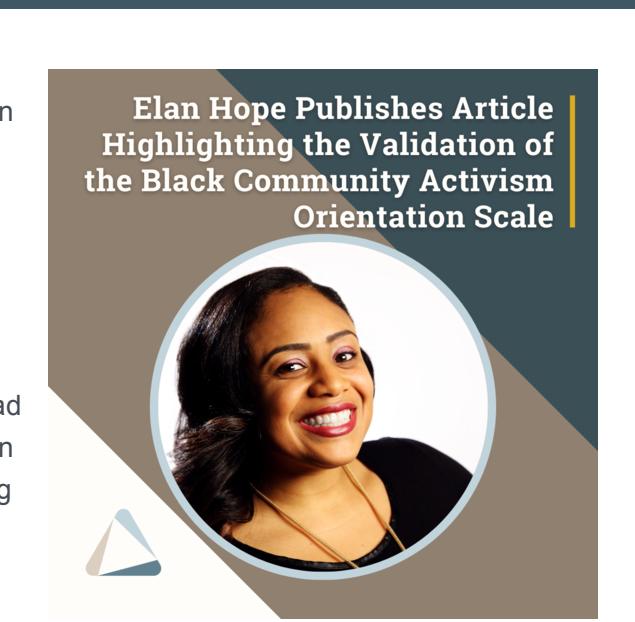
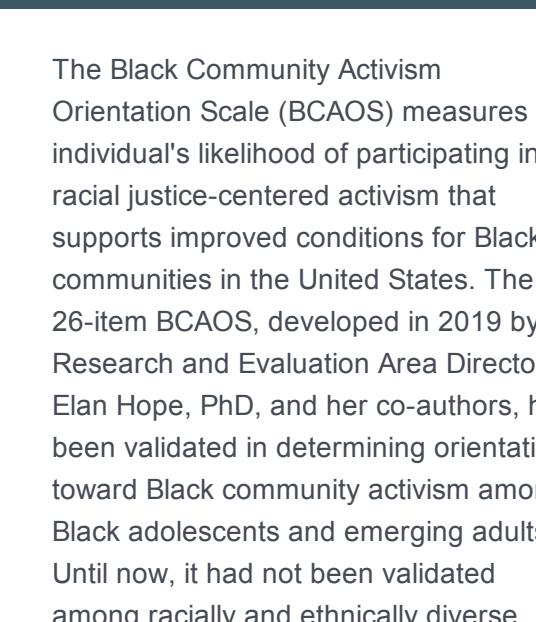
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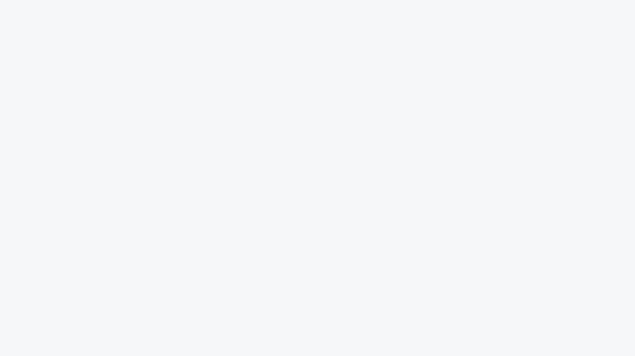
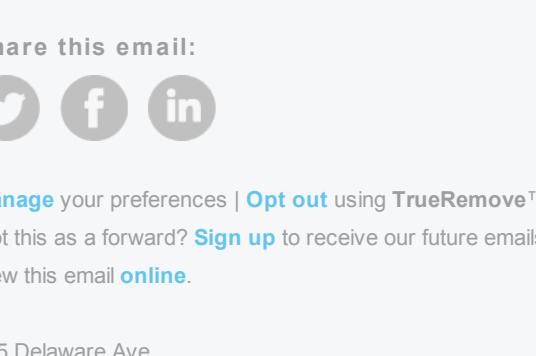
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