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## 2023 QUARTER 1 HIGHLIGHTS



#### New PRA Podcast: Data Points

In February, Policy Research launched its new podcast series, *Data Points*, a show that breaks down research into takeaways that you can use to enhance your work and promote positive change. In the first episode, "Money Bail & Pretrial Risk Assessment," Research Associate Kamiya Stewart, PhD, chats with Senior Research Associate Samantha Zottola, PhD, about her recently published paper "Comparing the Relationships Between Money Bail, Pretrial Risk Scores, and Pretrial Outcomes." Together, they answer important questions such as:

- · What is money bail?
- How do people pay bail?
- · Does bail work?
- What are alternatives to bail, and do they work better?

Data Points is available on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Stitcher, and Soundcloud!



## SAMHSA's SMVF TA Center Meets With Tribal Representatives to Discuss the Development of a Virtual Tool Related to AI/AN SMVF Suicide Prevention

In February, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) Service Members, Veterans, and their Families (SMVF) TA Center held an expert panel in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, with tribal representatives to gain insight on the development of a virtual training tool related to preventing suicide among American Indian and Alaska Native (Al/AN) service members and Veterans. The attendees suggested highlighting the strengths and resilience of Al/AN SMVF while raising awareness of their experiences. The next steps include virtual working group meetings to outline the tool by August 2023.



### SAMHSA SOAR TA Center Presents at the Innovations & Solutions for Ending Unsheltered Homelessness Conference

In March, the SAMHSA Supplemental Security Income (SSI)/Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) TA Center presented at the National Alliance to End Homelessness's Innovations & Solutions for Ending Unsheltered Homelessness Conference. This conference highlighted the importance of innovative solutions, like SOAR, in addressing the issue of unsheltered homelessness and connecting individuals with resources they need to thrive.

This conference was attended by service providers, system leaders, advocates, and people with lived experience of homelessness who shared their expertise, discussed best practices, and showcased new innovations in the field. SOAR Co-assistant Director, Abigail Kirkman, MA, discussed the culturally sensitive and community-based elements of the SOAR model that helps people experiencing or at risk of homelessness apply for SSI/SSDI. Ms. Kirkman provides more detail on her presentation in a blog.

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