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SAMHSA's GAINS Center is soliciting applications from communities, agencies, and organizations interested in developing a capacity to provide trauma-informed training. The GAINS Center is offering a series of Train-the-Trainer (TTT) events to teach local trainers to deliver its *How Being Trauma-Informed Improves Criminal Justice System Responses* curriculum. 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.

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SAMHSA's GAINS Center Is Now Accepting Applications for Sequential Intercept Model Mapping Workshops

Applications due November 21, 2023

SAMHSA's GAINS Center is 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 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 health systems can be reduced through the development of integrated local strategic action plans. SIM Mapping Workshop participants are expected to be drawn, in large part, from local criminal justice and behavioral health agencies and organizations.

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

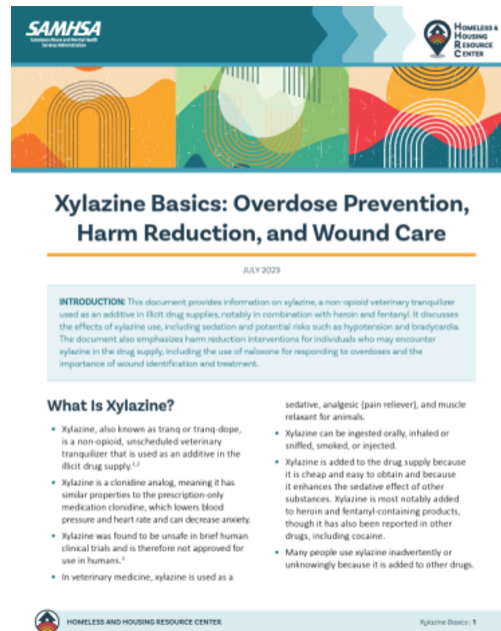
- **Traditional SIM Mapping Workshops:** These workshops focus broadly on identifying and responding to the needs of adults with mental and substance use disorders who are involved or at risk for involvement in the criminal justice system.
- **SIM Mapping Workshops to Develop Comprehensive, Community-Wide Strategic Plans for Addressing Opioid and Other Substance Use:** These workshops focus on addressing opioid and other substance use and better identifying and responding to the needs of adults with substance use disorders who are involved or at risk for involvement in the criminal justice system.

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The Homeless and Housing Resource Center Releases Fact Sheet and Webinar on Xylazine Basics, Including Wound

The Homeless and Housing Resource Center has released a fact sheet and webinar primer on xylazine, a non-opioid veterinary tranquilizer. Xylazine is often used as an additive in illicit drug supplies, notably heroin and fentanyl. The six-page fact sheet, *Xylazine Basics: Overdose Prevention, Harm Reduction, and Wound Care*, provides an overview of xylazine, how it is used, its effects, and typical withdrawal symptoms. The fact sheet also highlights wound care and harm-reduction interventions for providers. This publication is available for free download in English and Spanish.

A supplementary webinar, "Xylazine—An Introduction for Service Providers Working with Unhoused Individuals," is also available for free, on-demand access. In this webinar, panelists reviewed xylazine and its impacts on the unhoused community. Panelists shared their lived expertise with xylazine, its effects, organizational best practices for wound care, overdose response, and harm reduction.



[Download the Fact Sheet and Get Informed](#)

[Watch the Webinar](#)

Melissa Stein Cohosts New Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Use Program Podcast Series on Medication-Assisted Treatment in Rural Jails

The Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Use Program has released a podcast series exploring medication-assisted treatment (MAT) in rural jails. The five-episode series, produced by Advocates for Human Potential with support from Policy Research, highlights the perspectives of vested partners in MAT program implementation and administration tailored to rural populations. Senior Research Associate Melissa Stein, DrPH, hosts three episodes in the series (episodes 3, 4, and 5).

- [Episode 1: A Jail Medical Staff Administrator's Perspective](#): This episode highlights the Albany County (New York) Correctional and Rehabilitative Services Center's MAT program.
- [Episode 2: A Peer Specialist's Perspective](#): This episode features a telehealth coordinator and peer specialist's experience working with people engaging in MAT while in jail or transitioning to the community.
- [Episode 3: A Community-Based Medical Provider's Perspective](#): This episode explores how to address negative attitudes about medications for opioid use disorder and how to build a safety net for people transitioning from jail to the community.
- [Episode 4: A Medication-Assisted Treatment Program Coordinator's Perspective](#): This episode highlights the collective impact model to build collaboration and support for MAT services.
- [Episode 5: A Jail Administrator's Perspective](#): This episode reviews how to eliminate community and staff bias against MAT and highlights key features for MAT program implementation.

New Podcast Series
Cohosted by Melissa Stein



Upcoming Webinars

[GAINS: Utilizing Family Engagement to Improve Outcomes in Drug Treatment Courts: In Research and Practice](#)

October 30, 2023, 12:30–2:00 p.m. ET

In this webinar, researchers and practitioners will discuss ways family engagement in drug treatment court settings can support the success of drug treatment court participants and their families.

[SMVF: Military-Connected Children in the Education System](#)

November 15, 2023, 2:00–3:30 p.m. ET

This webinar will give an overview of the work being done by the Military Child Education Coalition to support the growth and development of military-connected youth and how the organization incorporates best practices in its efforts.

Policy Research at an Event Near You

[New York State Conference of Local Mental Hygiene Directors](#)

[Fall 2023 Full Membership Meeting](#)

October 25–27, 2023; Watkins Glen, New York

Senior Research Associate **Lisa Callahan, PhD**, will discuss national trends in addressing competence to stand trial. Her session will take place October 27 from 9:15–10:15 a.m. ET.

American Public Health Association 2023 Annual Meeting & Expo

November 12–15, 2023; Atlanta, Georgia

Check out the poster presentation from SMVF TA Center Director **Terri Hay**, Assistant Director **Donald Harris, MBA**, and their partners at NORC. Their poster session, [Strengthening crisis infrastructure to support 988: An analysis of community crisis intercept mapping](#), will occur on November 13, 2023, from 12:30–1:30 p.m. ET.

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