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## Applications Open for Crisis Intercept Mapping Workshops for Service Members, Veterans, and their Families

**SAMHSA's SMVF TA Center Invites Communities to Apply for Crisis Intercept Mapping (CIM) Workshops**

Application due date: December 7, 2023

*Apply by December 7, 2023*

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and its Service Members, Veterans, and their Families (SMVF) Technical Assistance (TA) Center are soliciting nomination applications from communities interested in Crisis Intercept Mapping (CIM) Workshops. CIM Workshops are designed to bring together interagency teams from counties, cities, or other local jurisdictions to

- assess local crisis care systems to improve coordination and services,

- strengthen partnerships among military, Veteran, and civilian community agencies,
- apply evidence-based and best practices in SMVF suicide prevention, and
- develop tailored crisis intercept maps for communities with corresponding action plans to improve crisis care services.

[ Learn More and Apply ]

## Last Chance to Apply: SAMHSA's GAINS Center's 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 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.

Submit Your Application

Please note: If you need additional time to develop and submit your application, you may contact the GAINS Center to request an extension. While extensions are not guaranteed, they will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

## Policy Research Releases New Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Resource Page, Bringing Together Tools Across Projects

Policy Research is pleased to introduce the "Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Resources" web page. Here, visitors can access a curated selection of DEI-focused tools from Policy Research and its projects. The resources highlight different aspects of diversity, such as disability, race, ethnicity, age, gender, and sexual orientation. This page equips practitioners with actionable tools and resource-rich information to enhance equity and inclusion in Policy Research's expertise areas.



**DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION RESOURCES**

Welcome to our "Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Resources" page, where we aim to foster a more diverse and inclusive society by providing valuable information and resources. Explore our sections on Disability Benefits, Intersection of the Behavioral Health & the Criminal Legal System, Culturally Responsive Behavioral Health Treatment, and Technical Assistance as a Vehicle to Advance Equity and Services, as we strive toward better understanding, support, and equity for all individuals. This resource page covers a broad spectrum of diversity dimensions, including disability, race, ethnicity, age, gender, and sexual orientation, to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion in various contexts.

**DISABILITY BENEFITS**
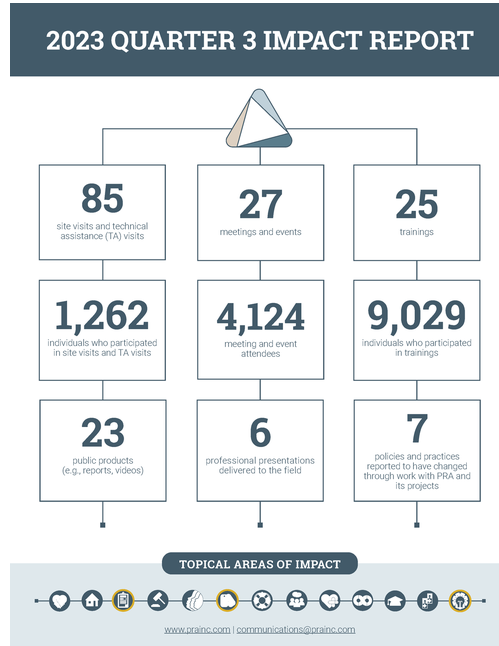EQUITY IN SOAR PROGRAMS

- Establishing an Equitable SOAR Referral System [SOAR, Webinar]
- Guidance for Improving Staff Engagement [SOAR, Guide]
- Improving Equity and Inclusion in SOAR Programs [SOAR, Webinar]
- Hiring and Supervising SOAR Case Workers | A Toolkit for Managers and Leads [SOAR, Toolkit]
- Reducing Implicit Bias and DEI Considerations for Identifying SOAR Applicants [SOAR, Tip Sheet]
- Interviewing Deaf and Hard of Hearing Individuals for the Medical Summary Report [SOAR, Guide]
- Social Security Administration and the Department of Veterans Affairs Disability Benefits: Tips for Veterans [SOAR, Guide]

The page offers a panoramic view of the multifaceted challenges and solutions within the DEI landscape and will be updated annually. Topics addressed include the following:

- Understanding the intersectionality of criminal legal system involvement and behavioral health in diverse communities
- Spotlighting culturally responsive behavioral health treatments for diverse communities
- Promoting racial equity in supportive housing
- Ensuring DEI in disability benefit applications and acquisition

This resource page contains webinars, articles, and toolkits from Policy Research and its projects, including the following:

- John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation's Safety and Justice Challenge
- SAMHSA Supplemental Security Income/Social Security Disability Insurance Outreach, Access, and Recovery TA Center
- SAMHSA's GAINS Center
- SAMHSA's Homeless and Housing Resource Center
- SAMHSA's Program to Achieve Wellness
- SAMHSA's SMVF TA Center

## Quarterly Impact: July to September 2023

Policy Research is pleased to release its impact report for Quarter 3 of 2023. Each quarter, Policy Research publishes this document spotlighting its work across the country via its TA centers, projects, and fee-for-service activities. Highlights of the July-to-September reporting period include the following:

- Produced 27 meetings and events with a total of 4,124 attendees
- Facilitated 85 site visits and TA visits with a total of 1,262 participants
- Hosted 25 trainings with a total of 9,029 people
- Released 23 new public products

Read the full Quarter 3 impact report for more on the following featured topics:

- SMVF TA Center Holds Suicide Mortality Review Academy in White Plains, New York
- New *Data Points* Podcast With Don Harris
- Farewell to the ARDRAW Small Grant Program

**2023 QUARTER 3 IMPACT REPORT**

**85**
site visits and technical assistance (TA) visits

**27**
meetings and events

**25**
trainings

**1,262**
individuals who participated in site visits and TA visits

**4,124**
meeting and event attendees

**9,029**
individuals who participated in trainings

**23**
public products (e.g., reports, videos)

**6**
professional presentations delivered to the field

**7**
policies and practices reported to have changed through work with PRA and its projects

**TOPICAL AREAS OF IMPACT**

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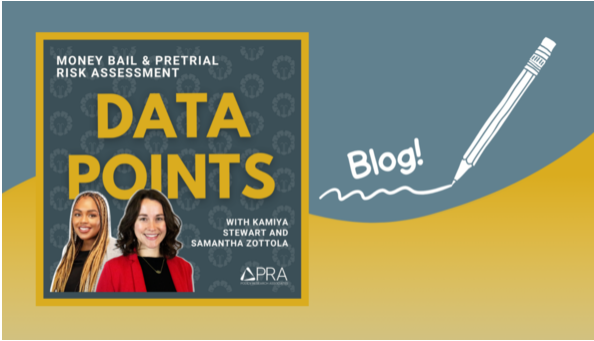
View the Impact Report

## Upcoming Webinars

### *GAINS: Utilizing Incentives and Sanctions to Support Successful Outcomes in Treatment Court*
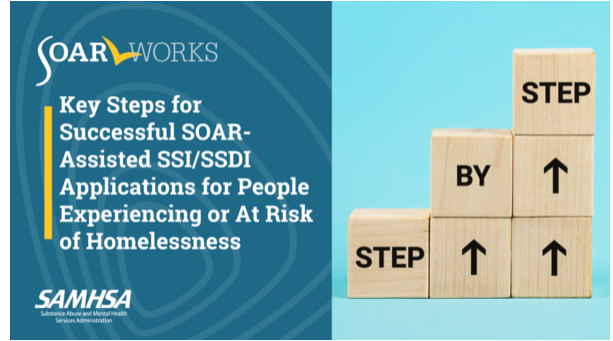
*November 27, 2023, 1:30–3:00 p.m. ET*

This webinar will discuss effective ways to utilize incentives and sanctions within a treatment court setting. Speakers will explain ways to respond to behavioral health noncompliance in a clinical way rather than with traditional punitive approaches.

*Reforming Pretrial Practices: The Case Against Money Bail*



*Key Steps for Successful SOAR-Assisted SSI/SSDI Applications for People Experiencing or at Risk of Homelessness*