

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

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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## What are the topics available for the Learning Collaborative opportunities?

The Learning Collaboratives will cover the following four topics:

- Creating and Enhancing Community-level Partnerships Among First Responders and Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics
- Diversion and Support for Transition Age Youth
- Implementing Risk-Need-Responsivity Principles in Adult Drug Courts and Reentry Programs
- Trauma-informed Treatment Courts

More information regarding each specific topic is included in its respective solicitation, all of which can be found on the [2024 LC webpage](#).

## To how many Learning Collaborative topics can I apply?

There is no limit. You are welcome to apply to as many Learning Collaborative topics as you would like.

## If we are applying to all Learning Collaboratives, do we need to submit four different applications?

Yes. You will need to submit a separate and complete application for each Learning Collaborative for which you have an interest.

## Does the Learning Collaborative have to be tied to a business, or is it strictly community based?

For each of the Learning Collaboratives, you are instructed to designate a lead applicant/agency with a specific individual identified as the point of contact. For some solicitations, the designated agency is required to be an adult drug court, however, this is not the case for all solicitations. All Learning Collaboratives require stakeholder partnerships with letters of support.

## What stakeholder partnerships are required for the Learning Collaborative applications?

Stakeholder partnerships are specified in the individual solicitations for each respective Learning Collaborative topic, and the requirement varies across topics. Across all four Learning Collaboratives, selecting key stakeholders will be part of the initial planning and preparation process. In addition to the stakeholders required and identified in the solicitation, GAINS Center staff will work with selected applicants to identify the appropriate array of stakeholders necessary for fulfilling the goals and objectives of the specific Learning Collaborative.

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## Do you anticipate any follow-up funding opportunities for implementation?

Follow-up funding opportunities will not be available as part of the Learning Collaboratives. Technical assistance will be made available throughout the Learning Collaboratives through August 2024.

## How many awards do you expect to make?

The number of awards varies by the Learning Collaborative. We are looking to select approximately five per topic. However, this depends on the demand and number of applications we receive for each application.

## If I applied for the Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) Mapping Workshop or a *How Being Trauma-Informed Improves Criminal Justice System Responses* Train-the-Trainer (TTT) event, am I prohibited from applying for these Learning Collaboratives?

Absolutely not. You should apply for as many Learning Collaborative opportunities for which you have an interest.

## Are the questions in the Learning Collaborative applications the same as the SIM Mapping Workshop or TTT event application?

No, although the questions are structured similarly, they are different applications. If you applied for

a SIM Mapping Workshop or TTT event there may be some overlap around requested community description and issues, but there will be additional questions and information you will need to provide if applying for the Learning Collaboratives.

## How can I sign up for the GAINS Center mailing list?

You can sign up for the [GAINS Center mailing list online](#). This form will sign you up to receive our newsletter and other electronic mailings that include resources and other technical assistance materials.

## How can I contact the GAINS Center about this opportunity?

For questions or concerns related to the Learning Collaboratives, please contact Sam Rogers at [srogers@prainc.com](mailto:srogers@prainc.com) or 518-439-7415 ext. 5239.

## About

SAMHSA's GAINS Center for Behavioral Health and Justice Transformation focuses on expanding access to services for people with mental and/or substance use disorders who come into contact with the justice system.

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