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SMVF TA Center Holds Suicide Mortality Review Academy in White Plains, New York

In July, the Service Members, Veterans, and their Families Technical Assistance (SMVF TA) Center organized the Suicide Mortality Review Academy in White Plains, New York, as part of the Governor's and Mayor's Challenges to Prevent Suicide Among Service Members, Veterans, and their Families. This gathering emphasized the crucial role of a robust suicide death investigation and review committee and showcased the commitment and progress of teams nationwide. Presenters covered vital topics, such as the Suicide Review Intervention Matrix, postvention strategies for loss survivors, and impactful community collaboration models. Participants were also able to explore partnerships with nonmedical death investigators, the pivotal role of a suicide mortality review committee coordinator, and the effective use of psychological autopsies in suicide mortality reviews. These sessions enriched participants' knowledge on how addressing suicide mortality and provided a space for networking with experts, fostering further connections and shared understanding.



New Data Points Podcast with Don Harris

In September, Policy Research's ongoing podcast series, *Data Points*, released an episode titled "<u>It's All in the Framing: Suicide Prevention Public Service Announcements and YouTube</u>." In this discussion, facilitated by Communications Director Holley Davis, Senior Project Associate Don Harris, MBA, shares key takeaways from his paper, "<u>Exploring the Association Between Suicide Prevention Public Service Announcements and User Comments on YouTube: A Computational Text Analysis Approach."</u>

Harris addresses key concerns, including the following:

- How does video framing impact audience responses in suicide prevention public service announcements?
- What is the role of social media, especially YouTube, in suicide prevention awareness?
- · How did the researchers examine the videos and comments?
- · What distinctions exist between narrative and argument video formats and gain and loss video framing?

Listen to Data Points on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, and Soundcloud!



Farewell to the ARDRAW Small Grant Program

In August, after 12 years of dedicated disability research and nurturing emerging scholars, Policy Research, Inc., proudly marked the conclusion of its management of the Analyzing Relationships between Disability, Rehabilitation, and Work (ARDRAW) Small Grant Program. ARDRAW, a 1-year \$10,000 stipend initiative for graduate-level students, has yielded a diverse array of research, exploring innovative perspectives on work, rehabilitation, and disability issues, with a specific focus on the Social Security Administration's (SSA) work incentives and employment support.

Over this period, Policy Research, Inc., collaborated with **90 graduate students** from **80 universities** on **139 transformative projects**. As we close this chapter, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated researchers, mentors, and partners for their impact on disability research, ensuring that the spirit of ARDRAW continues to resonate in future research and policy.

See what's next for the ARDRAW Small Grant Program on SSA's website.

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