

- We were named the first-place small employer for the [Times Union Top Workplace 2023 awards](#)! It is our [third time](#) being named the first-place small employer. This award demonstrates the reciprocal commitment and care we have for our employees. In addition, we also received the "Doer" Award! The [Doer Award](#) is given to the company with the highest percentage of employees who agree with the statement, "At this company, we do things efficiently and well."
- We celebrated Policy Research's 35th anniversary by releasing a [timeline](#) documenting significant milestones over the past three and a half decades. The timeline highlights the start of our cornerstone projects, leadership transitions, select publications, and other notable facts to mark the evolution of our work.
- We modified the [Sequential Intercept Model](#) to include 988. This revision highlights the shift communities are making to provide behavioral health services for people in crisis when a law enforcement response is not necessary.
- We moved our headquarters from Delmar, New York, to a coworking space at the Hedley Building in Troy, New York. Our new coworking space aligns with our remote-first strategy and allows us to accommodate in-person groups, both large and small.
- We produced the [Data Points](#) podcast series and released four episodes that discuss frequent jail contact, suicide prevention, pretrial risk assessments, and money bail. *Data Points* translates research produced by Policy Research into key takeaways that you can use to enhance your work and advance positive social change. [Listen today!](#)

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SAMHSA's GAINS Center Announces Criminal Justice Learning Collaboratives



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Criminal Justice Learning Collaboratives

Four Practice Areas Available!

Apply by January 12, 2024

Applications due: January 12, 2024

SAMHSA's GAINS Center is soliciting applications from jurisdictions interested in collaborating with subject-matter experts through Criminal Justice Learning Collaboratives designed to explore 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

The Learning Collaborative model brings together local jurisdiction teams to create coordinated local strategic plans and implementation strategies for the topic of focus. Selected teams for each topic will work intensively to determine optimal ways to implement best practices and define success indicators.

Submit Your Application

Elan Hope Named Editor of the *Journal of Adolescent Research*

Policy Research's Elan Hope, PhD, was named Editor of the [Journal of Adolescent Research](#) on October 1. Dr. Hope, who directs Policy Research's Research and Evaluation Area, will release her first issue as Editor in January 2024. Prior to being named Editor, Dr. Hope served on the editorial board and as associate editor for the *Journal of Adolescent Research*. In addition, the journal published her dissertation research on [adolescent civic engagement](#).

The *Journal of Adolescent Research* publishes research focused on adolescence and early adulthood development. The journal focuses on mixed-methods studies and strengths-based approaches to adolescent development, both of which are specialties and key professional interests of Dr. Hope.



Chantel Boudreau Named Vice Chair of the Suicide Prevention Research Impact NeTwork Veterans Engagement Council

Project Associate Chantel Boudreau has been named vice chair of the Suicide Prevention Research Impact NeTwork (SPRINT) [Veterans Engagement Council](#). The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs operates the Veterans Engagement Council. The focus of the council is to facilitate impactful Veteran-centered suicide prevention research. The Veterans Engagement Council facilitates discussion between Veterans, vested partners, SPRINT leadership, and suicide prevention researchers.



As vice chair, Ms. Boudreau will work with the chair to promote the SPRINT Veterans Engagement Council, recommend council members, set agendas, and model a culture of diversity, equity, and inclusion. After her 1-year term as vice chair, Ms. Boudreau will serve as chair of the SPRINT Veterans Engagement Council. Council membership comprises Veterans, military-affiliated family members, and representatives of Veteran Service Organizations.

Upcoming Webinar

GAINS: Exploring Technology Solutions for Criminal Justice, Substance Use Treatment, and Mental Health Agency

Partnerships

December 19, 2023, 12:30–2:00 p.m. ET

This webinar will provide information and helpful considerations for organizations to explore when trying to determine the best technology solution for their agencies and partnerships.

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