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Policy Research offers a 4-hour training for criminal legal system professionals, "How Being Trauma-Informed Improves Criminal Justice System Responses." This training and its 16-hour train-the-trainer workshop have been delivered nationwide with the goal of increasing participants' understanding of trauma, creating an awareness of the impact of trauma on behavior, and developing trauma-informed responses.

A new article co-authored by Policy Research staff studies the impact of this trauma training on criminal legal professionals. They evaluated the train-the-trainer model's implementation among criminal legal professionals in a community in the southwestern United States. The authors studied the participants' pre- and post-event knowledge and behaviors and the impact of the training on behavior up to 60 days post-training. Their analyses revealed that the train-the-trainer model had a positive impact on the trainees.

The authors recommend future research, including whether trauma-informed training contributes to improved outcomes for people in contact with the criminal legal system.

Senior Project Associate Ashley Krider, MA; Project Associate Erika Ihara, MA, MS; Vice President Elan Hope, PhD; Vice President Chanson Noether, MA; Vice President Travis Parker, MS; and President/CEO Sarah Desmarais, PhD, authored the article. It was published in the *International Journal of Forensic Mental Health*.

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New Episode of *Conversations on Leadership*: Sarah Desmarais and Elan Hope Explore Policy Research's Commitment to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Inclusion is a core value of Policy Research, and our policies and practices are designed to advance diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) within our staff, partners, and the communities we serve.

In a new episode of *Conversations on Leadership*, President/CEO Sarah Desmarais, PhD, and Vice President Elan Hope, PhD, dive into Policy Research's dedication to DEI. In "Steering Toward Equity: A Conversation with Sarah Desmarais & Elan Hope," they share the company's vision for an inclusive, representative workplace and the steps the firm is taking to get there. In this 28-minute episode, Drs. Desmarais and Hope delve into success and challenges, the firm's long-term strategy, and what's next.

Conversations on Leadership is a series highlighting the leaders within Policy Research. In the series, guests share their thoughts on Policy Research's work and culture and how they are using the organization's strategic plan to guide their work and advance the field.

Listen to the episode to learn more about Policy Research's DEI initiatives, and subscribe to the Policy Research podcast today! *Conversations on Leadership* is available on [Apple Podcasts](#), [Spotify](#), and [Soundcloud](#).

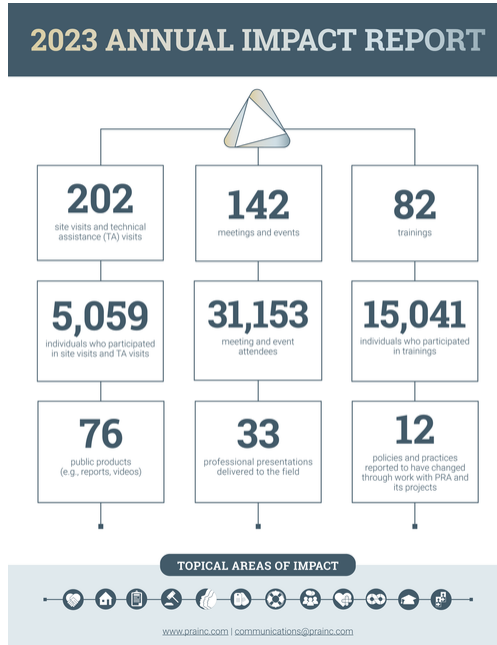


2023 Policy Research Impact Reports Released

Annual Impact: 2023

Policy Research is pleased to release its 2023 annual impact report. This report provides a quantitative look at the events, trainings, meetings, presentations, and products Policy Research delivered throughout 2023. Highlights of the past year include the following:

- Facilitated 202 site visits and technical assistance (TA) visits with 5,059 attendees
- Hosted 142 meetings and events with 31,153 attendees
- Held 82 trainings, which trained 15,041 people
- Released 76 public products (e.g., reports, videos)
- Delivered 33 professional presentations to the field
- Influenced 12 policy and practice changes reported to have changed through work with Policy Research and its projects



Read the 2023 annual impact report for our complete list of project highlights!

View the 2023 Impact Report

Quarterly Impact: October to

December 2023

In addition to its 2023 annual impact report, Policy Research has released its impact report for quarter 4 of 2023. This report highlights Policy Research's work through its technical assistance centers, projects, and fee-for-service activities from October to December 2023. Notable events of the reporting period include the following:

- Reached 8,316 people through 42 meetings and events

- Hosted 16 trainings, training 2,765 people
- Released 8 public products and delivered 8 professional presentations to the field

Read the full quarter 4 impact report for more on the following featured topics:

- New SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) Outcomes Issue Brief
- Maryland's Annual State Summit on Behavioral Health and the Justice System: Utilizing the Sequential Intercept Model
- Policy Research Launches New Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Resources Page



[View the Q4 2023 Impact Report](#)

Upcoming Webinars

[GAINS: Implementing Complex Care Models to Reduce Frequent Service Utilization Among Individuals Experiencing Mental and Substance Use Disorders](#)

March 21, 2024, 1:30–3:00 p.m. ET

This webinar will present an overview of complex care models that can help improve services for individuals with frequent utilization needs, with a deep dive into two specific models—the Ecosystems of Care model and the Recovery-Oriented Systems of Care model.

[HHRC: Naloxone in Public Housing: Success in St. Louis](#)

April 4, 2024, 2:00–3:30 p.m. ET

This webinar will discuss a responsive cross-sector partnership in St. Louis that is focused on increasing outreach efforts to public housing facilities and lowering barriers for people to access life-saving naloxone and other health resources.

[SMVF: Intimate Partner Violence in the Military and Veteran Community](#)

April 16, 2024, 12:30–2:00 p.m. ET

In this webinar, experts from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), the RAND Corporation, and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs will shed light on the implications of intimate partner violence. Attendees will gain an overview of intimate partner violence, including the latest data and research findings.

Policy Research at an Event Near You

Policy Research Near You: **March/April**



ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGY-LAW SOCIETY	HOUSING FIRST PARTNERS CONFERENCE	SOCIETY FOR RESEARCH ON ADOLESCENCE
		
March 21–23 Los Angeles, CA	April 8–11 Atlanta, GA	April 18–20 Chicago, IL
Risk, Needs, and Bias in the Pretrial Period	SOAR: Income Support to Leverage Housing Opportunities for Diverse Populations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pre-conference Program: Adolescent Changemaking: Critical Consciousness, Sociopolitical Development, and Beyond• Publishing Adolescent Science: Meet the Editors

2024 Annual Conference of the American Psychology-Law

Society

March 21–23, 2024, Los Angeles, California

Join President/CEO Sarah Desmarais, PhD, and Senior Research Associate and Conference Co-chair Samantha Zottola, PhD, at the Annual Conference of the American Psychology-Law Society for their session "Risk, Needs, and Bias in the Pretrial Period." Their session will take place March 21, 2024, 2:15–3:35 p.m. PT.

Policy Research is proud to [sponsor](#) the Annual Conference of the American Psychology-Law Society and support the society's mission of advancing the contributions of psychology to the understanding of law and legal institutions through basic and applied research.

Housing First Partners Conference 2024

April 8–11, 2024, Atlanta, Georgia

Join SAMHSA SOAR Technical Assistance Center Assistant Director Dazara Ware, MPC, and Project Associate Amanda Starkey, MA, at the Housing First Partners Conference for their session "[SOAR: Income Support to Leverage Housing Opportunities for Diverse Populations](#)." Their session will take place April 10, 2024, 3:45–5:00 p.m. ET in Room 210-211.

Society for Research on Adolescence Annual Meeting

April 18–20, 2024, Chicago, Illinois

Join Vice President Elan Hope, PhD, at the Society for Research on Adolescence Annual Meeting for her pre-conference session and invited panel discussion:

- [2024 Annual Meeting Pre-conference Program: Adolescent Changemaking: Critical Consciousness, Sociopolitical Development, and Beyond](#). This pre-conference program will take place April 17, 2024, 9:00 a.m.–5:30 p.m. ET.
- Invited Session 4: [Publishing Adolescent Science: Meet the Editors](#). This session will take place April 19, 2024, 11:00 a.m.–12:20 p.m. ET.

Fiscal Year 2024 Bureau of Justice Assistance Funding Opportunities

Improving Adult and Youth Crisis Stabilization and Community

Reentry Program

Due dates: April 25, 2024 (Grants.gov), April 30, 2024 (JustGrants)

Second Chance Act Pay for Success Program

Due dates: April 25, 2024 (Grants.gov), April 30, 2024 (JustGrants)

Connect and Protect: Law Enforcement Behavioral Health

Response Program

Due dates: May 1, 2024 (Grants.gov), May 6, 2024 (JustGrants)

Solicitation webinar: [March 21, 2024, 2:00–3:30 p.m. ET](#)

Improving Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Recovery

Outcomes for Adults in Reentry

Due dates: May 6, 2024 (Grants.gov), May 13, 2024 (JustGrants)

Solicitation webinar: [April 2, 2024, 2:00–3:00 p.m. ET](#)

Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program

Due dates: May 9, 2024 (Grants.gov), May 14, 2024 (JustGrants)

Solicitation webinar: [March 19, 2024, 2:00–3:30 p.m. ET](#)

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Supporting Older Adults in the Criminal Legal System: Key Drivers for Action



Navigating Crisis: Key Insights From SAMHSA's GAINS Center's "Mitigating Crisis With Presence" Webinar

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