



# **The GAINS Center's National Solicitations Pre-Application Webinar: Preparing Your Best Application**

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# The GAINS Center

- [The GAINS Center for Behavioral Health and Justice Transformation](#), funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), focuses on expanding access to services for people with mental and/or substance use disorders who come into contact with the adult criminal justice system.
- The GAINS Center is operated by Policy Research Associates, Inc., in Troy, New York.



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# National Solicitation Opportunities (Overview)

- Trauma-Informed Responses Training – Train-the-Trainer (TTT)
- Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) Mapping Workshops

# Trauma Training Train the Trainer (TTT) Application

How Being Trauma-Informed Improves  
Criminal Justice System Responses TTT



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# What is the Trauma Training?

- The *How Being Trauma-Informed Improves Criminal Justice System Responses* training is a four-hour training specifically tailored to assist criminal justice professionals in developing trauma-informed responses to justice-involved adult men and women.
- The primary goals of the training are to:
  - (1) Increase understanding of trauma.
  - (2) Create an awareness of the impact of trauma on behavior.
  - (3) Develop trauma-informed responses.

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# What is the TTT?

- The GAINS Center's train-the-trainer (TTT) is a two-day event designed to train participants on the delivery of the four-hour training program and to equip participants with the skills and resources necessary to effectively deliver the training themselves.
- Two options: In-person and virtual.
- Either TTT format will prepare participants to deliver the four-hour training program in-person or virtually.

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# What is the TTT?

- The objectives of the two-day TTT event are to:
  - (1) Present the *How Being Trauma-Informed Improves Criminal Justice System Responses* four-hour training to TTT participants.
  - (2) Review the design, purpose, objectives, and goals of the four-hour training.
  - (3) Introduce, develop, and enhance training, facilitation, and public speaking skills.
  - (4) Help familiarize participants with the available tools and resources available to them through the GAINS Center and other sources.
  - (5) Connect participants with other trainers for ongoing support, collaboration, and dialogue regarding trauma-informed responses and community-based training opportunities.

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# Trauma Training TTT Application: Tips and Practical Advice

## **Review the directions thoroughly to ensure a complete application.**

- Provide a minimum of 2 letters of support—from agencies and community partners named in the application, including those in the local criminal justice system, behavioral health system, and local government.

## **Specify anticipated TTT participants and training delivery audience.**

- Specify job roles of anticipated TTT participants.
- Make sure the list of anticipated participants have the required level of training delivery experience (i.e., minimum 3 years working in CJS and 40 hours of professional training, or equivalent experience).
- Describe primary anticipated training audience(s) (e.g., patrol officers, correctional officers, behavioral health, peers).

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# Trauma Training TTT Application: Tips and Practical Advice

- Include details about planned training delivery and coordination.
  - Formulate a plan with community partners to disseminate the training; submit letters of support from key partners demonstrating their commitment to the plan.
  - Provide as much detail as possible about training **coordination** (e.g., what agency/individual will lead the effort, how training demand will be managed, how the program will be rolled out and publicized, what types of trainer support will be provided, etc.).
  - Provide as much detail as possible about training **implementation** (e.g., estimated timeline, audience composition per training, training location(s), etc.).
- Include information about the timeliness of the training in your jurisdiction or rationale, with an emphasis on why it is important to receive the TTT now.
- Spend some time thinking about specific goals that your agency/community hopes to achieve by training trainers to deliver the training locally and clearly present those goals in the application.

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# Trauma Training TTT Application: Delivery Format

**Some TTT events under this solicitation are planned to be held in-person, with the remainder of the events to be held virtually on Zoom.**

- In-person events will be held over 2 consecutive days.
- Virtual events permit flexibility, as these events can be hosted over the course of 2 consecutive days, or on 2 separate, non-consecutive days, depending on the needs of the jurisdiction.
- On the application, please indicate your preference for either a virtual or an in-person TTT, including any extenuating circumstances that may impact your preference.

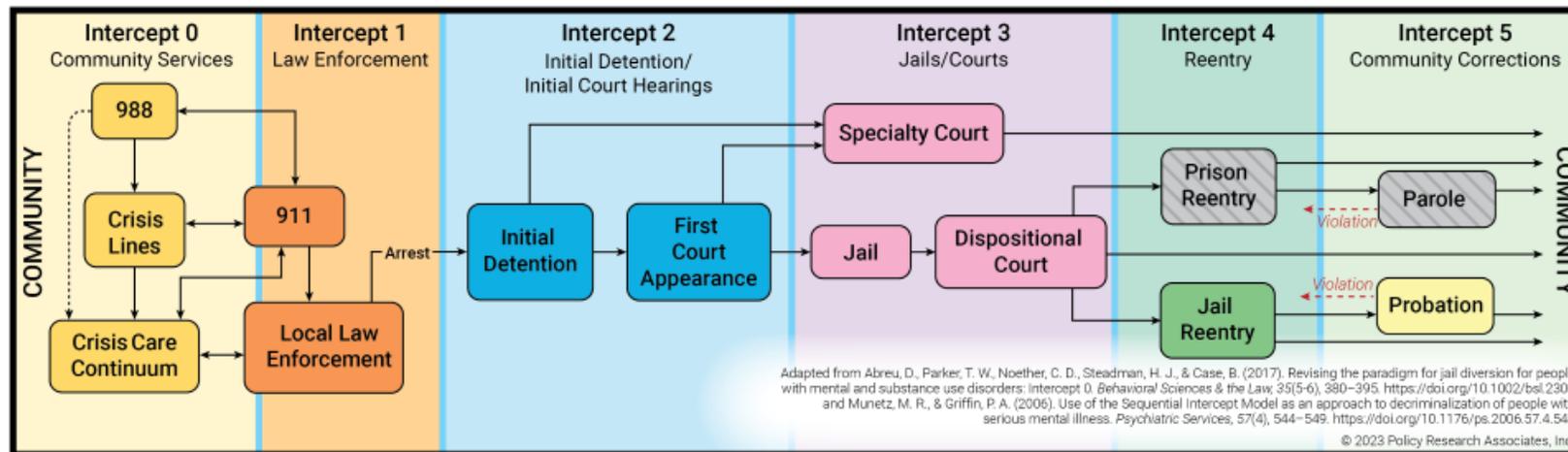
# SIM Mapping Workshop Application

## Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) Mapping Workshops



# What are SIM Mapping Workshops?

- Using the Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) framework (below), SIM Workshops are designed to bring together a local, cross-system, multidisciplinary group of key partners from a particular jurisdiction 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 Workshop participants are expected to be drawn, in large part, from local criminal justice and behavioral health agencies and organizations.

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# SIM Mapping Workshop Opportunity

## “Traditional” workshops

- Wide array of cross-systems participants
- Broadly BH/CJ-focused
- Focus on Intercepts 0-5

What if my agency/community wishes to focus on a specific intercept or issue?

- Workshops focused on targeted intercept groups will be considered
- Workshops focused on addressing substance use as the primary focus will be considered
- If your agency/community would benefit from a more targeted workshop, please indicate this on your application

**AVAILABLE FOR 2026:** Spanish-language workshops

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# SIM Mapping Workshop Application: Tips and Practical Advice

- Workshop focus is on **adults**, and that should be reflected in the application.
- Applications are generally submitted on behalf of a single county jurisdiction.
  - If you are interested in applying on behalf of more than one county (or another multi-jurisdiction effort), you must contact us before applying.
- Applications should be developed through a collaborative effort and not be from the perspective of any single agency or organization.
- Applications should include **all required** letters of support (LOS).
  - Letters required are clearly indicated in the solicitation.
  - Target the high-level decision makers and leadership when seeking to obtain a LOS.
  - Additional letters of support may be submitted to strengthen your application.

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# SIM Mapping Workshop Application: Tips and Practical Advice

- Acknowledge any prior attempts to apply for a SIM Mapping Workshop through the GAINS Center (both successful and unsuccessful).
- If there has been any prior SIM Mapping Workshop in your jurisdiction, you should describe and justify the need for additional SIM-related work.
- Clearly describe any cross-system groups (and composition of those groups) that meet regularly that could continue the strategic planning/ implementation process following the SIM.
- Describe any current relevant statewide initiatives.
- Describe the availability of funding to support current/future work.

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# SIM Mapping Workshop Application: Tips and Practical Advice

- Put some thought into identifying jurisdiction-specific goals and try to avoid simply restating the goals stated in the solicitation (i.e., to create an inventory of resources and gaps and develop a strategic plan).
- Describe existing and planned programs/services, but avoid focusing your application on any particular program/service—instead, focus on the system(s) as a whole.
- You are encouraged to attach any previously generated documents or reports to support your application (e.g., results of a jurisdictional needs assessment, county strategic plan, etc.).

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# SIM Mapping Workshop Application: Tips and Practical Advice

- Describe what types of criminal justice and behavioral health data can be accessed and provide data whenever possible to help justify the need for a SIM (i.e., Why does your jurisdiction need a SIM workshop right now?).
- You will be asked specifically about any SAMHSA grant funding you are receiving. Feel free to include information about relevant funding you are receiving from other federal agencies as well (e.g., DOJ/BJA).
  - NOTE: The existence of current grant funding and the ability to leverage that funding are generally viewed as strengths.

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# Submission Guidelines

- Submit applications by the deadline – January 12 for both TTTs and SIM Mapping Workshops.
- For SIM applications: A single PDF submitted via email that contains all application materials is highly preferred.
- For TTT applications: Applications must be submitted online via a Typeform web portal. Further information, including the portal link, may be found in the solicitation.
- If you need to request an extension due to unforeseen circumstances, you must contact us as soon as possible prior to the deadline. Extensions are not guaranteed and are considered on a case-by-case basis.
- Jurisdictions may apply for both a trauma training TTT and a SIM mapping workshop.
  - If applying for both a TTT and a SIM workshop, please indicate this clearly on each of your submissions.

# SIM Workshop Application Process

Go to

<http://bit.ly/4po4G21>

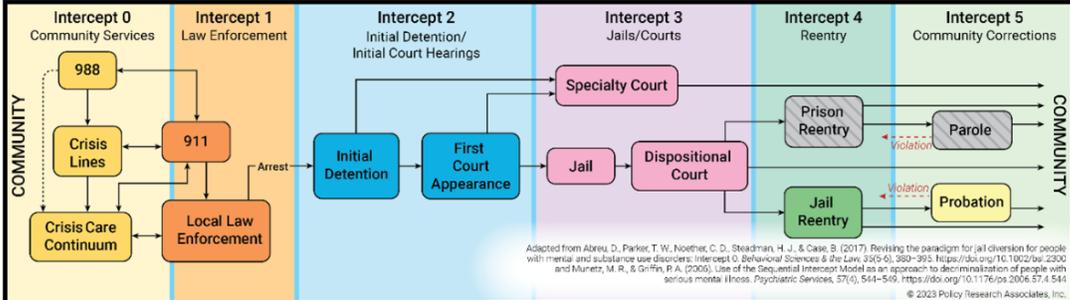
Click the link on the page to download the **Solicitation**



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## Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) Mapping Workshops

**APPLY BY JANUARY 12, 2026**



**TRADITIONAL WORKSHOPS**

The GAINS Center is soliciting applications from communities that are interested in “traditional” SIM Mapping Workshops that focus broadly on identifying and responding to the needs of adults with mental health conditions and substance use disorders who are involved or at risk for involvement in the criminal justice system.

[DOWNLOAD THE SOLICITATION \(WORD DOC\)](#)

# SIM Workshop Application Process



## SOLICITATION FOR APPLICATIONS

### Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) Mapping Workshops

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS APPLICATION IN ITS ENTIRETY TO ENSURE THAT WE HAVE SUFFICIENT BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON YOUR JURISDICTION AND THAT THE REQUIRED LEVEL OF COMMITMENT AMONG KEY PARTNERS IS CLEARLY DEMONSTRATED.

NOTE: INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

PLEASE RETURN THIS APPLICATION VIA E-MAIL BY January 12, 2026:

Attn: Ashley Sabatino, SIM Mapping Workshop Coordinator  
E-mail: [asabatino@prainc.com](mailto:asabatino@prainc.com)  
Phone: 1.800.311.4246 or 518.439.7415 Ext. 5277

The GAINS Center  
Policy Research Associates, Inc.  
433 River Street, Suite 1005  
Troy, NY 12180

**NOTE:** Strong preference for single PDF submissions.

Email completed application to:  
Ashley Sabatino  
SIM Mapping Workshop Coordinator  
[asabatino@prainc.com](mailto:asabatino@prainc.com)

# TTT Application Process

Go to

<https://bit.ly/3MmCe2h>

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Application due date: January 12, 2026

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Click the links at the bottom of the page to download and review the Solicitation and Application Questions.

**PRA**  
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- Civil commitment proceedings
- Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) programs

The GAINS Center will offer these TTT events free of charge to selected applicants between February and August 2026.

To apply for a TTT event, please review the solicitation and submit your completed application online no later than January 12, 2026.

**ACCESS THE SOLICITATION** **SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION**

**NOTE:** Some TTT events under this solicitation are planned to be held in person, with the remainder of the events to be held virtually on Zoom. In-person events will be held over 2 consecutive days. Virtual events permit flexibility, as these events can be hosted over the course of 2 consecutive days, or on 2 separate, non-consecutive days, depending on the needs of the jurisdiction. On the application, please indicate your preference for either a virtual or an in-person TTT, including any extenuating circumstances that may impact your preference.

**INFORMATIONAL WEBINAR**

We will be holding an informational webinar on **December 17, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. ET** on what this opportunity includes and how to submit your strongest application.

**REGISTER FOR THE INFORMATIONAL WEBINAR**

**APPRECIATE**

# TTT Application Process

**NOTE** - *You must complete the Typeform application in full for your work to be saved. It is not possible to complete the application partially, save your work, and sign on later to complete your submission.*

Review the Solicitation and Application Questions prior to completing the application on Typeform.

Complete the application online via Typeform:

<https://pra.typeform.com/to/ANGC8cL2>

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Training Opportunity:

**"How Being Trauma-Informed Improves Criminal Justice System Responses Train-the-Trainer (TTT)"**

PLEASE COMPLETE THE APPLICATION IN ITS ENTIRETY TO ENSURE THAT WE HAVE ACCURATE BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON YOUR SITE AND THAT THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF COMMITMENT IS DEMONSTRATED.

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PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION ONLINE BY **January 12, 2026**

At the following link: <https://pra.typeform.com/to/ANGC8cL2>

**IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS**  
You must complete the application in full unless for your work to be saved. It is not possible to complete the application partially, save your work, and sign on later to complete your submission.

[PLEASE CLICK HERE](#)  
to download and review a copy of the application questions in advance.

Questions? E-mail: [gainsupport@prainc.com](mailto:gainsupport@prainc.com)

Enter the name of the entity (agency or jurisdiction) applying for this award.

1. Site Name

2. Name

3. Title

4. Agency

5. City

6. State or Territory

7. Phone Number

8. Email Address

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**Application Questions: In order for your application to be considered, you must complete the remainder of the questions in full.**

11. Please describe any previous training completed by your site's criminal justice professionals focused on the needs of adults with mental and substance use disorders and/or histories of trauma.

12. Does your site or community currently have plans to enhance existing policies or services for adults with mental and substance use disorders and/or histories of trauma?

13. Please describe any plans to enhance existing policies or services for adults with mental and substance use disorders and/or histories of trauma.

14. Describe your site's goals in participating on this training.

15. Why is it important for your site to receive this training now?

16. Does your agency/community offer trauma-specific treatment services?

17. Please provide a brief description of the trauma-specific treatment services offered by your agency or community.

18. Please describe any formal or informal linkages to behavioral health providers that offer such services. Describe what services are offered.

19. Please demonstrate your capacity to provide follow-up support to trainers post-TTT by describing your infrastructure, resources, and specific follow-up plan. (It is expected that all program participants will deliver the curriculum within the first 3 months following the TTT.)

20. Please describe the primary audience(s) to whom the trainers would deliver the curriculum post-TTT.

In order to ensure that all participants are prepared to deliver the curriculum following the event, sites are required to provide information about their prospective attendees. (Selected sites will be allowed to train up to 20 individuals. In the questions that follow, we will be asking about a representative sample of your proposed attendees.)

21. Please upload a list of at least 10 prospective attendees. Include name, title/role, and agency for each individual.

22. Of the listed prospective attendees, how many have worked in the criminal justice system or with criminal justice involved adult populations for a minimum of three years or have equivalent level experience?

23. If there are individuals on your list who do not have the required experience, describe briefly their capacity for delivering the curriculum following the event.

24. Do you attest that all listed prospective attendees have at least 40 hours of professional training delivery experience (i.e., training other professionals and/or in an educational setting) or equivalent experience?

25. Of the 10 prospective attendees, how many have agreed to participate in the two-day training, if your site is awarded a TTT?

26. Upload your first letter of support. (REQUIRED)

27. Upload your second letter of support. (REQUIRED)

28. You may upload a third letter of support. (OPTIONAL)

29. You may upload a fourth letter of support. (OPTIONAL)

30. You may upload a fifth letter of support. (OPTIONAL)

31. You may upload any other documents you'd like to include as part of your application here (if you would like to include several documents, you must combine them before uploading).

Please identify the lead Agencies/Organizations that have agreed to send staff to participate if awarded a TTT.

32. Court (Provide the agency lead contact name, title, address, and email address)

33. Probation/Parole/Community Corrections Agency (Provide the agency lead contact name, title, address, and email address)

34. Law Enforcement (Provide the agency lead contact name, title, address, and email address)

35. Other Partner (Provide the agency lead contact name, title, address, and email address)

36. How did you learn about this opportunity?

**How Being Trauma-Informed Improves Criminal Justice System Responses Train-the-Trainer (TTT)**

Please complete this application in its entirety to ensure we have accurate background information on your site and that the appropriate level of commitment among relevant agencies is demonstrated.

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**Begin** press Enter

Questions? Email: Kyle Mosack, TTT Coordinator, [kmosack@prainc.com](mailto:kmosack@prainc.com)

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# Connect with The GAINS Center

- For specific questions regarding the Trauma TTT solicitation:  
Kyle Mosack, TTT Coordinator ([kmosack@prainc.com](mailto:kmosack@prainc.com))
- For specific questions regarding the SIM Mapping Workshop solicitation:  
Ashley Sabatino, SIM Mapping Workshop Coordinator ([asabatino@prainc.com](mailto:asabatino@prainc.com))
- For other opportunities/information: [gains@prainc.com](mailto:gains@prainc.com)
- To join the GAINS Center listserv: <https://bit.ly/GAINSeNews>

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# Q&A

Please type your questions in the Q&A pod.  
The presenter will address as  
many questions as time permits.

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# Thank You!



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