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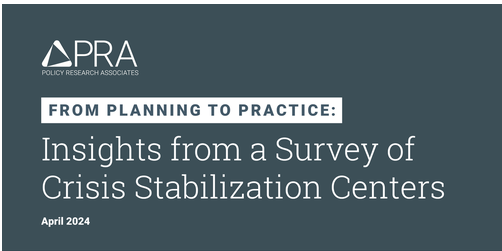
Local Insights From Crisis Stabilization Centers Survey

Policy Research's new *From Planning to Practice: Insights From a Survey of Crisis Stabilization Centers* draws from a survey of 31 crisis centers across 15 states planning and implementing crisis centers. The report provides practical insights into the sites' operations, including the following:

- Services
- Service capacity
- Data collection and evaluation metrics
- Partnerships
- Staffing
- Funding
- Critical challenges and lessons learned

The surveyed sites are part of an ongoing virtual learning community facilitated by Policy Research. Since launching in April 2022, the learning community has grown to over 70 jurisdictions across 22 states.

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Context

Crisis stabilization or crisis triage centers are facilities designed to provide immediate, typically short-term care and support for individuals experiencing mental health, substance use disorder, and other co-occurring needs. There is a wealth of recent public-facing resources focused on creating a robust behavioral health care continuum and the integral role that crisis centers play for individuals who may need a physical location to access care. However, minimal information exists comparing individual crisis centers and their operations. This resource builds on existing publications by highlighting data from a survey of 31 U.S. jurisdictions planning and implementing crisis centers. It contains specific and practical data regarding centers' service capacities, data collection and evaluation, staffing, funding, partnerships and collaborations, and critical challenges and lessons learned.

Background

Beginning in early 2022, [Policy Research Associates, Inc. \(PRA\)](#) facilitated a virtual learning community of cities and counties planning and operating crisis stabilization centers. The group originated at the request of a single site and has grown to over 65 representatives from 20 states as of February 2024.

Between March and May 2023, PRA conducted a voluntary survey of the virtual learning community participants to learn more about their crisis centers. The survey's goals included facilitating peer-to-peer learning across centers, developing a "state of the service" snapshot, and building justification for ongoing work across sites. PRA received 31 total responses across 15 states, although individual question responses varied and are indicated below. About half of the responses were from crisis centers already in operation and half from sites still in the planning process.

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Research, Practice, and Empowerment Among Black Youth

A new article coauthored by Research and Evaluation Vice President Elan Hope, PhD, provides an overview of the history of sociopolitical development, its roots in Black liberation psychology, and how it has been used in various development models. Sociopolitical development is a framework developed by Dr. Roderick Watts to understand and confront structural oppression. In their article, Dr. Hope and her coauthors note how sociopolitical development can be expanded to include sociocultural factors, intersectionality, and a focus on well-being. The authors recommend strategies to implement sociopolitical development into research and practice to challenge anti-Black racism and support youth resistance against oppression.

Nkemka Anyiwo, PhD; Gordon J. M. Palmer, PhD; Josefina Bañales, PhD; and Chauncey D. Smith, PhD, coauthored the article. It was published by *American Psychologist*.

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Upcoming Webinars

SMVF: A Culture and Legacy of Service

Part 1 of the Celebrating and Elevating American Indian and Alaska Native Service Members, Veterans, and their Families Webinar Series

May 28, 2024, 2:00–3:30 p.m. ET

This session will provide an overview of the history of military service among American Indian and Alaska Native people and emphasize the importance of practicing cultural humility and trauma-informed care.

GAINS: Utilizing Trauma-Informed Approaches to Support Transition-Age Youth in the Criminal Justice System

May 30, 2024, 2:00–3:30 p.m. ET

Building on the webinar summit, "Steering in the Right Direction: Diversion and Supports for Transition-Age Youth in the Criminal Justice System: [Part 1](#), [Part 2](#), and [Part 3](#)," this webinar will discuss principles of trauma-informed care and approaches to implementing trauma-informed practices for transition-age youth involved with the criminal justice system.

HHRC: Introduction to Hoarding Disorder

June 5, 2024, 2:00–3:30 p.m. ET

This webinar on hoarding disorder among homeless-experienced individuals includes an overview of hoarding disorder, assessment methods, treatment approaches, and clinical tips. Attendees will hear from a panel of subject-matter experts with experience with hoarding disorder and have the opportunity to ask questions before and during the session.

SOAR: Yes, You Can Work! Maximizing Income Through

Competitive Employment

June 13, 2024, 3:00–4:30 p.m. ET

This webinar will discuss competitive employment opportunities for Supplemental Security Income/Social Security Disability Insurance applicants and beneficiaries. Attendees will learn about employment supports, opportunities, and benefits planning services available to individuals with disabilities.

GAINS: The RED Tool: Identifying and Rectifying Racial and

Ethnic Disparities in Treatment Court Programming and

Outcomes

June 26, 2024, 2:30–4:00 p.m. ET

This webinar will review research on racial and ethnic disparities in treatment courts, provide an overview of the Racial and Ethnic Disparities Program Assessment Tool (RED tool), summarize key findings from RED tool data, and offer an introduction to American University's training and technical assistance approach.

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Join Policy Research President and CEO Sarah Desmarais, PhD, at the 2024 Conference! She will present at the following sessions:

- "Symposium: Let's START—A Review at 10+ Years of Use in Germany and California and an Outlook on New Areas of Application." This session will take place on June 19, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. PT.
- "Keynote: Enhancing Forensic Mental Health Service Outcomes Through Policy: The Potential, the Challenges, and a Call to Action." Her presentation will review how institutional and public policies affect individual and community-level outcomes. This session will take place on June 20, 2024, at 10:45 a.m. PT.

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