



— POLICY RESEARCH —

QUARTER 1 IMPACT REPORT



77

site and technical assistance (TA) visits



109

meetings and events



26

trainings



589

interviews completed for the purposes of research

847

individuals who participated in site and TA visits

4,489

meeting and event attendees

4,902

individuals who participated in trainings

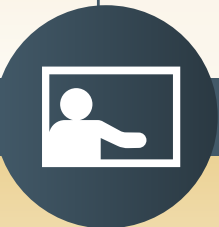
125,809

surveys completed for the purposes of research



21

public products released to the field (e.g., reports, videos)



7

professional presentations delivered to the field



4

policies and practices reported to have changed through work with Policy Research and its projects

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2024 QUARTER 1 HIGHLIGHTS



Comprehensive Guide for Data-Informed Jail Strategies

In January, Policy Research, Inc., in collaboration with the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation's Safety and Justice Challenge, released [Creating Data-Informed Strategies to Understand the Needs of People in Your Jail](#). Authored by Senior Project Associates Regi Huerter and Ashley Krider, this comprehensive guide provides actionable strategies for collecting and analyzing data to address the diverse needs of individuals in local jails. The resource covers critical topics such as mental health, substance use disorders, suicide risk, and racial disparities, emphasizing the importance of systematic data collection to reduce incarceration rates and improve jail health and community provider collaboration.



SOAR Webinar on Representing Older Adults With SSI/SSDI Claims

In February, the Supplemental Security Income (SSI)/Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) TA Center hosted a webinar titled "[Strategies and Considerations for Representing Older Adults with SSI/SSDI Claims](#)," which engaged 1,377 participants. This event addressed the unique challenges faced by older adults with disabilities who are experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness, focusing on accessing SSI/SSDI benefits. Key insights included understanding the rise in homelessness among this population to provide appropriate services, strategies for effectively representing them in SSI/SSDI applications, and methods for connecting them to supportive programs and resources.



Conversations on Leadership Episode Released: "Steering Towards Equity"

In March, the latest episode of *Conversations on Leadership*, titled "[Steering Towards Equity: A Conversation With Sarah Desmarais and Elan Hope](#)," was released. This podcast episode features a thoughtful discussion with Policy Research's President/CEO Sarah Desmarais, PhD, and Vice President Elan Hope, PhD, focusing on the organization's dedication to diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI). Drs. Desmarais and Hope explore Policy Research's vision for cultivating an inclusive and representative workplace. They share the company's strategic initiatives to embed DEI principles into its operations, detailing the specific actions being taken to achieve these goals. The conversation highlights how these efforts shape the organization's culture and drive its impact in the field.

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