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Two Open Solicitations From SAMHSA's GAINS Center: Developing Trauma-Informed Training Capacity and Sequential Intercept Model Mapping Workshops



**Now Accepting Applications
for Two Opportunities**

SEQUENTIAL INTERCEPT MODEL MAPPING WORKSHOPS FROM SAMHSA'S GAINS CENTER

APPLY BY OCTOBER 18, 2024

SAMHSA's GAINS Center
Seeks Communities,
Agencies, & Organizations to

DEVELOP TRAUMA- INFORMED TRAINING CAPACITY

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Applications for both opportunities are due by October 18, 2024

SAMHSA's GAINS Center for Behavioral Health and Justice Transformation, operated by Policy Research, is known nationally for its work supporting people with behavioral health needs involved in the criminal justice system. The GAINS Center is soliciting applications from organizations, agencies, and jurisdictions interested in the following opportunities:

- **Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) Mapping Workshops:** Both traditional workshops and workshops focusing on opioid and other substance use are available
- **Train-the-Trainer (TTT) events:** Local trainers will be taught how to deliver the *How Being Trauma-Informed Improves Criminal Justice System Responses* curriculum

SIM Mapping Workshops

SIM Mapping Workshops are designed to bring together a local, cross-system, multidisciplinary group from a particular jurisdiction (typically a county) to facilitate collaboration. The workshop attendees will 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 Mapping Workshop participants are expected to be drawn, in large part, from local criminal justice and behavioral health agencies and organizations.

- **Option 1: Traditional SIM Mapping Workshops:** These workshops focus broadly on identifying and responding to the needs of adults with mental and substance use disorders who are involved or at risk for involvement in the criminal justice system.
- **Option 2: SIM Mapping Workshops to Develop Comprehensive, Community-Wide Strategic Plans to Address Opioid and Other Substance Use:** These workshops are for communities interested in developing comprehensive, community-wide strategic plans to address opioid and other substance use and better identify and respond to the needs of adults with substance use disorders who are involved or at risk for involvement in the criminal justice system.

[Apply for a SIM Mapping Workshop](#)

Develop Trauma-Informed Training Capacity Through TTT Events

The GAINS Center is offering a series of TTT events to teach local trainers how to deliver the *How Being Trauma-Informed Improves Criminal Justice System Responses* curriculum. The target audiences for this training are community-based **adult** criminal justice system professionals, including reentry staff, drug court personnel, community corrections officers (probation, parole, and pretrial services), law enforcement officers (including local Crisis Intervention Team trainers), and mental health and substance use disorder treatment service providers and peers who work with justice-involved **adult** populations.

[Apply for a Trauma-Informed Training TTT Event](#)

New Research, Podcast Examines the Application of a

Policy Research is proud to announce the publication of a new research article, "Predictive Bias in Pretrial Risk Assessment: Application of the Public Safety Assessment in a Native American Population." This article was co-authored by Senior Research Associates Dr. Samantha Zottola and Dr. Violette Cloud and President and CEO Dr. Sarah Desmarais. Their study examined the application of a pretrial risk assessment in Pennington County, South Dakota, a rural community that has a high overrepresentation of Native American people in the criminal legal system. The research team sought to understand whether the pretrial risk tool, the Public Safety Assessment, served as a good predictor of pretrial outcomes in two understudied populations—Native Americans and people living in rural communities.

Their study found that the Public Safety Assessment was a poor predictor of failure to appear in court but a fair predictor of rearrest, though the assessment performed slightly better for White people than it did for Native American people. The authors recommend caution in using the Public Safety Assessment to inform pretrial release decisions among Native American people and in rural communities.

This article was published in *Law and Human Behavior* and was co-authored by Dr. Kamiya Stewart and Liz Hassett.

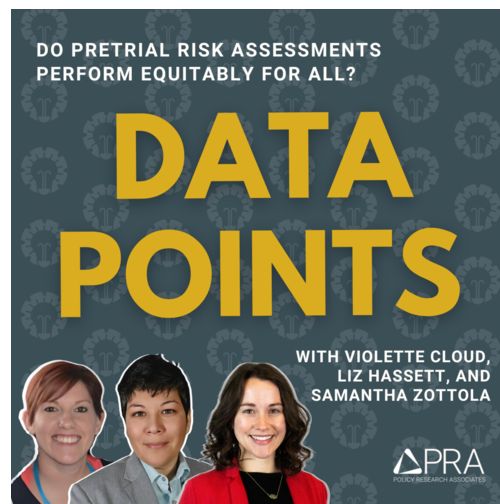
[View the Research](#)

New Data Points Episode Dives

Deeper Into the Research

Ready to dive deeper into the findings from our research on pretrial risk assessments? Check out the newest episode of *Data Points*, "Do Pretrial Risk Assessments Perform Equitably for All?" This episode features insights from Senior Research Associates Drs. Violette Cloud and Samantha Zottola, along with Liz Hassett, a grant manager in Pennington County, South Dakota. This 37-minute episode explores the real-world impact of pretrial risk assessments in rural and Native American communities.

Learn about the challenges faced, the importance of local validation, and Pennington County's efforts to build trust with Native American communities. Tune in now and subscribe to *Data Points* on [Apple Podcasts](#), [Spotify](#), and [Soundcloud](#)!



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Quarterly Impact: April to June 2024

Policy Research is pleased to release its 2024 Quarter 2 Impact Report. This report highlights Policy Research's work through its technical assistance centers, projects, and fee-for-service activities from April to June 2024.

Notable events include the following:

- Facilitated 14 policy and practice changes
- Reached 1,091 people through 111 site and technical assistance visits
- Hosted 143 meetings and events, with 14,182 attendees
- Delivered 23 professional presentations to the field
- Conducted 93 research interviews



Read the full 2024 Quarter 2 Impact Report for more on the following featured topics:

- Advancements in SMVF Suicide Prevention and Practice Change
- Insights From Crisis Stabilization Centers: A New Report
- Understanding Hoarding Disorder: Highlights From an HHRC Webinar

[Access the Impact Report](#)

Upcoming Webinars

[The Role of AI in Modern Policing](#)

November 4, 2024, 10:00–11:30 a.m. ET

This online event, running as part of the [Economic and Social Research Council's Festival of Social Science](#), will feature contributions from two leading artificial intelligence (AI) researchers and an applied researcher from the College of Policing. Key topics will include risk assessment, facial recognition, robotics, data mining, and cybercrime detection, offering a deep dive into the current applications of AI in policing. This webinar will feature Policy Research President and CEO Dr. Sarah Desmarais.

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