

FAQs: SAMHSA's GAINS Center's Integrating Trauma-Informed Principles and Practices in Treatment Courts Learning Collaborative

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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What is the Learning Collaborative commitment?

All 2025 Learning Collaborative events are planned to be delivered **virtually**. The Learning Collaborative will start in January 2025 and run through August 2025. The core components will include a kickoff call, an opening convening session, an ask the expert series, intensive technical assistance (TA), and a closing event. The treatment court teams will also participate in monthly teamwork sessions and engage in discussions, strategy development, and action planning with a facilitator.

What is the ask the expert series?

The purpose of the ask the expert series is to generate discussion, questions, and answers among the subject matter experts (SMEs) and Learning Collaborative team members. There may be up to six topical TA sessions to provide the opportunity for Learning Collaborative teams to take a "deep dive" into core TA topics with identified Learning Collaborative SMEs. Each topical TA session in the series will consist of a substantive presentation on the topic/issue, followed by an opportunity for team members to engage in a Q&A style discussion. Previous topics include treatment court roles and boundaries; historical, cultural, and generational trauma; screening, assessment, and treatment for trauma; engagement and collaboration across the criminal justice and behavioral health systems; vicarious and secondary trauma; implementation of peer services in treatment court teams; incentives; and program/treatment adjustments.

What stakeholder partnerships are required for this Learning Collaborative's application?

A jurisdiction applying **must** include the **entire** treatment court team, including the presiding judge. In addition to the treatment court team, other **suggested** key partners might include but are not limited to: substance use treatment provider, community mental health provider, sheriff's office/jail administrator, peer-based recovery support services representative(s), community corrections/ community supervision representative/local probation.

Do you anticipate any follow-up funding opportunities for implementation?

Follow-up funding opportunities will not be available as part of the Learning Collaboratives. TA will be made available throughout the duration of the Learning Collaboratives through August 2025.

What are some of the TA opportunities?

Each participating team will have the opportunity to request up to 16 hours of intensive TA or its equivalent. Generally, these hours will be devoted to a single TA event (e.g., workshop, training, SME consultation, court observation, review of intake/assessment forms, etc.) but may be spread out over multiple sessions if circumstances and site TA needs warrant. GAINS Center staff will work with each team throughout the Learning Collaborative to assist with the identification and provision of the intensive TA work.

How many awards do you expect to make?

The number of awards varies by Learning Collaborative and is based on the number of applications we receive. We are looking to select approximately eight teams for this Learning Collaborative.

If I applied for the Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) Mapping Workshop or a How Being Trauma-Informed Improves Criminal Justice System Responses Train-the-Trainer (TTT) event, am I eligible for these Learning Collaboratives?

Absolutely. You may also apply for additional Learning Collaborative opportunities as those opportunities become available, and you may apply for as many opportunities for which you have an interest. Please note that each Learning Collaborative will require submission of a separate application specific to each opportunity.

Is this Learning Collaborative opportunity available to adult or juvenile treatment courts?

This opportunity is available only to treatment courts serving adults.

How can I sign up for the GAINS Center mailing list?

You can sign up for the [GAINS Center mailing list online](#). This form will sign you up to receive our newsletter and other electronic mailings that include resources and other technical assistance materials.

How can I contact the GAINS Center about this opportunity?

For questions related to this Learning Collaborative, please contact Steve Sepowski at ssepowski@prainc.com.

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