



# POLICY RESEARCH ASSOCIATES, INC.

## PRA TRAINING PROGRAMS

- SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR)
  - Strategic Action Plans
  - Online Course Facilitation & Leadership Academy
- Sequential Intercept Mapping Workshops
- Consumer Integration in Policy & Program Development
- Trauma-Informed Criminal Justice Responses
- Suicide Prevention Training for Community Corrections
- Crisis Intervention Teams for Youth
- Cross-Systems Mapping & Strategic Planning for Youth
- Mental Health Training Curriculum for Juvenile Justice
- Trauma-Informed Juvenile Justice Systems
- Adolescent Mental Health Training for School Resource Officers

## PRA EXPERTISE

Internationally recognized expertise in working on behalf of people with mental illness and co-occurring substance use disorders.

- Criminal Justice
- Juvenile Justice
- Homelessness & Housing

## TARGETED TRAINING WITH IMPACT

- Wrap-around consulting services to ensure lasting impact beyond a training event
- Facilitating collaboration to solve community problems and enhance services
- Targeting multiple levels to stimulate and sustain change
  - Cross-system collaboration → for communities
  - Organizational change → for agencies and programs
  - Enhancing practice → for workforce development

## CUSTOMIZED SERVICE AND PRODUCTS

Training is customized to meet the specific needs of

- Agencies
- Communities
- States or regions

## ABOUT PRA

We are a national leader in behavioral health services research and its application to social change. Since 1987, we have assisted over 200 communities nationwide through a broad range of services to guide policy and practice.

We conduct meaningful, quality work to improve the lives of people who are disadvantaged through evaluation and research, technical assistance and training, and facilitation and event planning that makes an impact in the field and promotes a positive work environment.

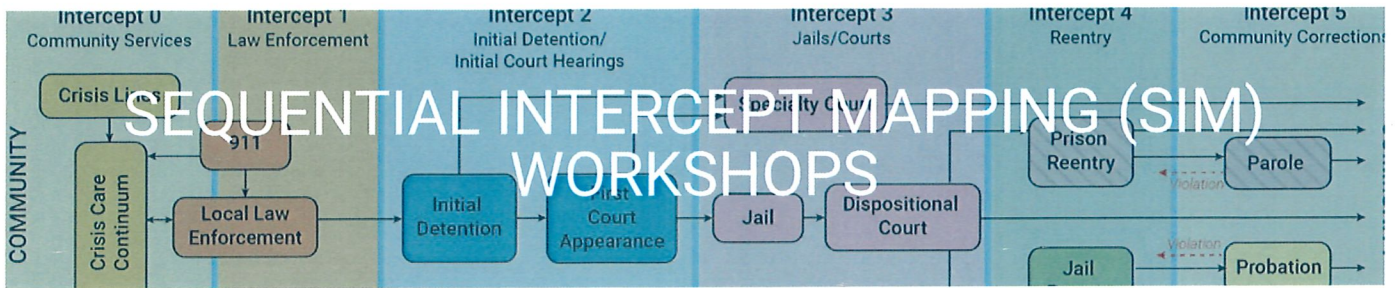
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CREATING POSITIVE SOCIAL CHANGE



## ABOUT THIS TRAINING

This 1-day workshop, with options for an additional ½-day strategic planning session and 2-day train-the-trainer event, is designed to tap into local expertise by bringing together key stakeholders to develop a “map” that illustrates how people with mental and substance use disorders come in contact with and flow through the local criminal justice system. This map identifies opportunities and resources for diverting people to treatment and indicates gaps in services. The SIM workshop was developed by PRA in the early 2000s through the Adult Cross-Training Curriculum Project funded by the National Institute of Mental Health. Since that time, PRA has facilitated workshops for communities across the United States and has been at the forefront of the model’s evolution, including the development of Intercept 0 and a renewed emphasis on front-end strategies to reduce incarceration.

## OBJECTIVES

- PRA provides examples of successful systems integration, promising programs, and emergent collaborations from around the United States
- Participants establish a local set of priorities for change

## PLANNING FOR ACTION

- This 1/2-day optional addition to the SIM workshop is a guided strategic planning exercise that enables communities to determine areas where immediate steps will affect a more cohesive, integrated approach to service delivery

## TRAIN-THE-TRAINER

- This 2-day event is designed to teach participants how to deliver the SIM workshop in their communities by reviewing the training design and tools, including the Sequential Intercept Model; training participants in facilitation skills; and engaging participants in practice sessions

## BENEFITS

- Facilitates cross-system communication and collaboration
- Helps identify underused resources
- Improves the early identification of people with co-occurring disorders who come into contact with the criminal justice system, increases effective service linkage, reduces the likelihood of people recycling through the criminal justice system, enhances community safety, and improves quality of life

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## ABOUT US

A national leader in behavioral health technical assistance and research, Policy Research Associates, Inc. (PRA) is a Women-Owned Small Business (WOSB) that was founded in 1987. In partnership with our sister non-profit, Policy Research, Inc. (PRI), we offer four core services: policy, research, technical assistance, and training. Through our work, we enhance systems that assist individuals with behavioral health needs on their journey to recovery. Our content areas of focus are:

- Behavioral Health
- Consumers and People in Recovery
- Criminal Justice
- Education
- Homelessness
- Income Supports
- Juvenile Justice
- Recovery Support
- Service Members, Veterans, and their Families
- Trauma
- Wellness

We have the capacity to offer a broad range of services and to administer large-scale projects. Our extensive range of program-related experience includes the operation of national technical assistance centers for federal and foundation clients, including the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), and the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation.

## SERVICES

### POLICY

We work with stakeholders to review, assess, and suggest policy at the local, state, and federal levels to ensure that there is systematic support for your initiatives. We are adept at evaluating current policies and laws for recommendations and enhancements to ensure that vulnerable populations receive the care and support they are entitled to.

### RESEARCH

We establish collection methodologies, design research protocols, and present results in an eye-catching format. We are well known for our program assessments, evaluation studies, performance measurements, and data analysis.

### TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

We conduct site visits, prepare technical reports, develop strategic action plans, and disseminate information on evidence-based practices to transform the nation's fragmented behavioral health system and further a recovery-oriented, consumer and family-driven, culturally competent system of care.

### TRAINING

We develop online and in-person training curricula using evidence-based practices, state of the art technologies, and strategies that engage practitioners and policy makers. Our trainers provide a wide variety of resources to participants, including tool kits, monographs, trainer manuals, and strategic planning tools.

## WORK HIGHLIGHTS

SAMHSA's GAINS Center for Behavioral Health and Justice Transformation (since 1995)

SAMHSA SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) Technical Assistance Center (since 2009)

SAMHSA's Service Members, Veterans, and their Families Technical Assistance Center (since 2010)

National Center for Mental Health and Juvenile Justice

SSA's Analyzing Relationships between Disability, Rehabilitation, and Work (ARDRAW) Small Grant Program

SAMHSA's Program to Achieve Wellness

MacArthur Foundation's Safety and Justice Challenge—Serious Mental Illness Technical Assistance

BJA VALOR Initiative—Law Enforcement and Community: Crisis Intervention Training Model Program

SAMHSA's Statewide Family and Consumer Networks Technical Assistance Center (2009-2014)

HRSA's Health Care for the Homeless Information Resource Center (1996-2008)