



ABOUT THIS TRAINING

This 1-day workshop, with options for an additional ½-day guided exercise 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 is based on the Sequential Intercept Model developed through SAMHSA’s GAINS Center at PRA.

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 ½-day optional addition to the SIM workshop is a guided 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

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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