



GAINS Center's Criminal Justice Learning Collaboratives | Q & A

GENERAL QUESTIONS

What are the topics available for the Learning Collaborative opportunities?

The Learning Collaboratives will cover five different topics:

- Improving Risk-Need-Responsivity Policies and Practice in Adult Drug Courts and Reentry Programs
- Family Treatment Courts
- Data-Driven Equity and Inclusion
- Competency to Stand Trial/Competency Restoration
- SAMHSA's Eight Guiding Principles for Behavioral Health and Criminal Justice

More information regarding each specific topic is included in the respective solicitations.

How many Learning Collaborative topics can I apply to?

There is no limit. You are welcome to apply to as many as you want. However, applicants will not be selected to participate in multiple Learning Collaboratives.

How do you define "communities" as applicants for the Learning Collaboratives?

A "community" is very broadly defined. It can be any jurisdiction, including a county, region, city, tribe, a particular criminal justice jurisdiction, etc.

Select Learning Collaboratives have required applicant types and/or required applicant partners, as noted in the solicitations:

- The Improving Risk-Need-Responsivity Policies and Practice in Adult Drug Courts and Reentry Programs opportunity requires applicants to include a drug court or re-entry program as a primary partner
- The Family Treatment Courts opportunity is designed for existing, family drug court programs which have been in operation for a minimum of thirty-six months
- The Competency to Stand Trial/Competency Restoration opportunity is designed for state applicants
- The opportunity on SAMHSA's Eight Guiding Principles for Behavioral Health and Criminal Justice requires the lead applicant to be a community-based behavioral health treatment provider or coalition

What stakeholder partnerships are required for application for the GAINS Center's Criminal Justice Learning Collaboratives?

This is specified in the solicitation for each respective Learning Collaborative topic. Across all five Learning Communities, selection of key stakeholders will be part of the initial planning and preparation process. In addition to the stakeholders required and identified in the solicitation,

GAINS Center staff will work with selected applicants to identify the appropriate array of stakeholders necessary for fulfilling the goals and objectives of the specific Learning Collaborative.

**Will all selected sites participate during the same 1½-2 day virtual meeting?
If so, how will time differences be handled?**

Yes, all sites *within each topic* will have the same 1½ - 2 day Learning Collaborative virtual meeting. While the virtual meeting will take place on the same days for the selected applicants, unique schedules will be generated to accommodate varying time zones and ensuring all sites can be online during the collaborative portions of the meeting.

The dates of the virtual meetings for each Learning Collaborative are as follows:

- Risk-Needs-Responsivity: TBD
- Family Treatment Courts: TBD
- Data-Driven Equity and Inclusion: April 9 and April 10, 2019
- Competency to Stand Trial/Competency Restoration: April 30 and May 1, 2019
- SAMHSA's Eight Guiding Principles: May 7 and May 8, 2019

Are tribes included as eligible applicants?

Yes.

Are the slides available for download?

The recordings from the informational webinars hosted on December 5 and 6 are available for streaming.

- [December 5, 2018 Link](#)
- [December 6, 2018 Link](#)

If you require an alternative format or captioning, please contact the GAINS Center at gains@prainc.com.

How can I contact the GAINS Center about this opportunity?

If you have any additional questions or concerns, you can contact Anthony Fortuna, Program Coordinator, via email at afortuna@prainc.com or by phone at (518) 439-7415 ext. 5257.

RISK-NEEDS-RESPONSIVITY QUESTIONS

Are there any specific requirements that are unique to the Risk-Needs-Responsivity Learning Collaborative?

Yes. In addition to the requirement to include a drug court or re-entry program as a primary partner, this opportunity requires applicants to have received at least one Federally-funded grant, operating a minimum of three years, within the past ten years for their program or similar initiatives to illustrate capacity for engaging in this Learning Collaborative.

Can we apply as an applicant in both the drug court and re-entry programs?

No, only one application type can be accepted. Applicants can submit as a drug court program or a re-entry program, but not both.

FAMILY TREATMENT COURTS QUESTIONS

What counts as an “existing” drug court?

To be eligible for this opportunity, Family Treatment Courts must have been in operation for a minimum of thirty-six months. Evidence of the total time that the Family Treatment Court has been in operation must be provided in the application.

DATA-DRIVEN EQUITY AND INCLUSION QUESTIONS

Does the lead applicant for the Data-Driven Equity & Inclusion Learning Collaborative have to be an agency that is operating in Intercepts 3-5, or can the agency in Intercepts 3-5 just be a part of the local team?

The lead applicant does not necessarily need to be an agency in Intercepts 3-5, but rather the local team’s focus in the Learning Collaborative needs to be on one of those intercepts.

Applicants seeking to participate in this opportunity must focus efforts related to reducing disparities in one intercept of the Sequential Intercept Model, choosing from among Intercepts 3-5:

- Intercept 3 – Jail Detention/Courts
- Intercept 4 – Reentry
- Intercept 5 – Community Corrections

COMPETENCY TO STAND TRIAL / COMPETENCY RESTORATION QUESTIONS

If my state is doing Felony Incompetency to Stand Trial diversion, are we eligible to participate in the Competency to Stand Trial / Competency Restoration Learning Collaborative?

Yes.

Will the Competency to Stand Trial / Competency Restoration Learning Collaborative cover juvenile competency as well?

No, this Learning Collaborative will be focused strictly adult competency. Since the GAINS Center is focused on the adult criminal justice populations, there are no plans for a future opportunity focused on juvenile competency.

SAMHSA’s EIGHT GUIDING PRINCIPLES QUESTIONS

When will SAMHSA’s Eight Guiding Principles publication be released?

The anticipated release of this SAMHSA publication is in 2019. The solicitation for this Learning Collaborative includes a listing of the Eight Principles, and selected communities will receive additional details about the Eight Principles prior to the virtual meeting.

Do government entities have to be a “sponsoring agency” for the Learning Collaborative opportunity focused on SAMHSA’s Eight Guiding Principles?

No, they do not.