

## Statewide Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) Collaboration Project

**Missouri Behavioral Health Council has been awarded a grant through the Missouri Foundation for Health to support the Statewide Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) Collaboration project!**

We are partnering with Missouri Department of Mental Health (DMH), Office of State Courts Administrator (OSCA), National Center for State Courts (NCSC), and Policy Research Associates (PRA) to conduct SIM Mapping Workshops in every county/judicial circuit in Missouri over the next three years. A Mapping Workshop brings together a team of local stakeholders and utilizes the SIM tool in strategic planning to assess available resources, identify gaps/challenges in accessing services, and establish a plan for community change (and ultimately statewide change!). The SIM tool was developed to focus on those “intercepts” at each point in the justice system (including prior to law enforcement involvement) to improve cross-system collaborations and reduce involvement in the justice system by those with behavioral health disorders. **Our goal is to improve availability, accessibility, and awareness of resources and services in our communities at Intercepts 0 and 1 to decrease further involvement in the justice system for those individuals.** Statewide systems level solutions and trends in needs will be included in future JRI Annual Reports to the Governor. For more information on SIM: [The Sequential Intercept Model - Policy Research Associates \(prainc.com\)](http://prainc.com).

### The grant funded project will provide the following:

- NCSC Consultant
- Personalized Technical Assistance with PRA
- One virtual SIM facilitator training (September 14/15, 2022) with PRA
- Judicial engagement coordinators to engage local courts and communities in the SIM mapping process and support the judicial leader in the process of convening the local stakeholders (contracted with OSCA)
- Support of local SIM Workshops by providing technical assistance, mapping toolkits and supplies, food and beverage for attendees, and A/V or room rental assistance if needed for location (MBHC will facilitate these logistics with the workshop coordinators)
- Incentives for attendees with lived experience (required team members for workshop attendees)
- SIM Summit led by PRA in final year of grant to gather representatives from around the state

Our project team will help with all the planning and logistics of each workshop (including example documents and templates to use)! You do not have to be a trained facilitator to start planning your workshop. We have trained facilitators who are ready to assist and we will train another group of facilitators later this year. We will assist in matching your workshop with trained facilitators and providing the support you need to conduct a successful workshop!

Our team is thrilled to get this project started and hear about all the wonderful work your communities will be doing to improve services for those at the intersection of behavioral health and the justice systems! Thank you for all you do and please don't hesitate in reaching out to me at any time!

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