

SAMHSA Resources for Mental Health Awareness Month: Spotlight on African American Behavioral Health Center of Excellence

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Lunch and Learn Presentation Objectives

- Overview of SAMHSA Programs, Resources, and Contacts for African American and other populations
- Spotlight on African American Behavioral Health Center of Excellence
- Reentry Support for Individuals with Mental Health and Support Needs
- Awareness of disability income benefit programs administered by the Social Security Administration (SSA)

How SAMHSA Helps

- SAMHSA efforts to help meet the needs of individuals with mental and substance use disorders returning to the community include:
- Grant programs such as the **Offender Reentry Program (ORP)** that expand and enhance substance use treatment services for individuals reintegrating into communities after being released from correctional facilities.
- Actively partnering with other federal agencies to address the myriad of issues related to offender reentry.
- Providing resources to individuals returning from jails and prisons, behavioral health providers and criminal justice practitioners, communities and local jurisdictions, and state policymakers.



African American Behavioral Health

CENTER OF EXCELLENCE

Center of Excellence Resources

- Depression and Racial Trauma in the African American Community
- Prioritizing Self-Care: A Guide for Faith Leaders
- AABH-CoE Suicide Awareness
- Black Gay Men and Health Disparities

About the Center of Excellence

Funded October 1, 2020, for 5 years by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration:

- From its administrative and academic home in the National Center for Primary Care at Morehouse School of Medicine (MSM) in Atlanta, the new Center of Excellence develops and disseminates training, technical assistance (TA), and resources to help practitioners eliminate behavioral health disparities within this large and diverse population.

Contact the Center of Excellence for Support Resources

- Contact the African American Behavioral Health Center of Excellence based in Atlanta, GA for resources for African American individuals, families, and communities
- Project Director: Dr. Dawn Tyus @
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SMI Advisor for Serious Mental Illness Resources

- For individuals, families, friends, people who have questions, or people who care for someone with SMI, we offer access to resources and answers from a national network of experts

Depression & Other Mental Health Resources

- SMI Adviser Mobile App
- Mental Health Crisis Plan
- Guidance on a Psychiatric Advance Directive (PAD)
- Long-acting Injectable (LAI) Tool for Anti-psychotic Medications
- Access to CoE's for LAI and Clozapine

Reentry At-a-Glance

Individuals with mental and substance use disorders involved with the criminal justice system can face many obstacles accessing quality behavioral health service. For individuals with behavioral health issues [reentering the community](#) after incarceration, those obstacles include a lack of health care, job skills, education, and stable housing, and poor connection with community behavioral health providers.

Focus on Substance Use Disorder & Reentry

Family Treatment Courts

The purpose of this program is to expand substance use disorder (SUD) treatment services in existing family treatment drug courts, which use the family treatment drug court model in order to provide alcohol and drug treatment to parents with a SUD and/or co-occurring SUD and mental disorders who have had a dependency petition filed against them or are at risk of such filing.

Offender Reentry Program

The purpose of this program is to expand substance use disorder (SUD) treatment and related recovery and reentry services to sentenced adult offenders/ex-offenders with a SUD and/or co-occurring substance use and mental disorders, who are returning to their families and community from incarceration in state and local facilities including prisons, jails, or detention centers.

National Treatment Court Resource Center

- The National Treatment Court Resource Center's (NTCRC) mission is to serve as a virtual hub for resources related to all treatment court types. The NTCRC website includes original publications, interactive maps, materials organized by court type and team role, seminal readings for stakeholders, newsletter, blog, podcast, calendar of professional development opportunities, and more.

SAMHSA's Behavioral Health Treatment Locator

- Search online for treatment facilities in the United States or U.S. Territories for substance abuse/addiction and/or mental health problems. <https://findtreatment.samhsa.gov/>

Maintaining Medicaid Eligibility upon Release

- This publication describes a model program in **Oklahoma** designed to ensure that eligible adults leaving correctional facilities and mental health institutions have Medicaid at discharge or soon thereafter.
- Discusses program findings, barriers, and lessons learned. <http://store.samhsa.gov/product/Establishing-and-Maintaining-Medicaid-Eligibility-upon-Release-from-Public-Institutions/SMA10-4545>

SOAR TA Center Provides Technical Assistance

[SAMHSA's SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access and Recovery](#) (SOAR), a national program designed to increase access to the disability income benefit programs administered by the Social Security Administration (SSA) for eligible adults who are experiencing or are at risk of homelessness and have a mental illness, medical impairment, and/or a co-occurring substance use disorder.

Access here: <https://soarworks.samhsa.gov/>



SAMHSA's GAINS CENTER

for Behavioral Health
and Justice Transformation



GAINS Center for BH and Justice Transformation

- GAINS is an acronym for Gather, Assess, Integrate, Network, and Stimulate. Learn about the history of the GAINS Center and its model for coordinating with justice systems to provide behavioral health services. The GAINS Center focuses on expanding access to services for people with mental and/or substance use disorders who come into contact with the adult criminal justice system.
- To contact the GAINS Center, call [800-311-4246](tel:800-311-4246) or email gains@prainc.com.

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The logo features the number '988' in a large, bold, dark blue font. Below it, the words 'SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE' are written in a smaller, dark blue, all-caps font, stacked in three lines: 'SUICIDE', '& CRISIS', and 'LIFELINE'. The entire logo is set against a light blue background with a dark blue border.

SUICIDE
& CRISIS
LIFELINE

The 988 Lifeline provides 24/7, free and confidential support for people in distress, prevention and crisis resources for you or your loved ones, and best practices for professionals in the United States.

ReCAST: Resiliency in Communities After Stress and Trauma

The Goals of ReCAST:

- Building a foundation to promote well-being, resiliency, and community healing through community-based participatory approaches
- Strengthening the integration of behavioral health services and other community systems to address the social determinants of health
- Creating more equitable access to trauma informed community behavioral health resources
- Ensuring that program services are culturally specific and developmentally appropriate

ReCast Grants and Impact as of 2023

Grantee Locations

City of Los Angeles
Los Angeles, CA

Volunteers of American Los Angeles
Los Angeles, CA

Human Services Department
Oakland, CA

Solano County Supt. Of Schools
Fairfield, CA

- 98,660 community stakeholders trained in trauma-informed approaches, including violence prevention, and mental health literacy
- 90,057 youth, young adults, and family members provided with high-quality trauma-informed mental health services

THANK YOU

**WHAT QUESTIONS
DO YOU HAVE?**



Thank You

SAMHSA's mission is to reduce the impact of substance abuse and mental illness on America's communities.

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