

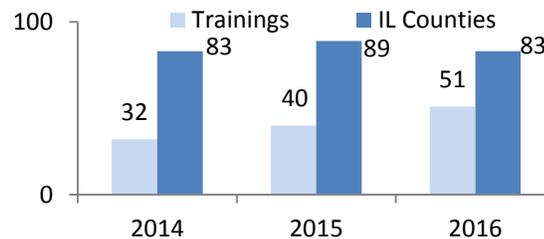


**Executive Summary
Annual Report
October 2015 – September 2016**

**Illinois Center of Excellence
for Behavioral Health and Justice
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The Center of Excellence is a valued and effective resource that helps communities respond to the needs of persons with behavioral health disorders who are involved with the criminal justice system.

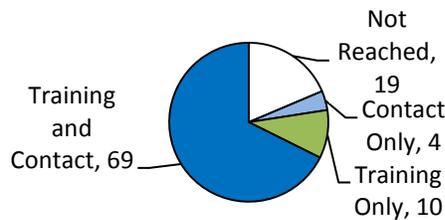
The Center of Excellence managed 51 training and technical assistance events that engaged over 2,215 attendees from 83 of the 102 Illinois counties. The number of events increased by 28% compared to 2015. The number of attendees was similar to that of the previous year. The increase in the number of counties in 2015 is attributed to several regional events. More than 148 continuing education credit hours were offered to attendees of these events.



Approximately 200 persons contacted the Center of Excellence for information during the program year, and the website had 2,018 visits with 8,724 pages viewed.

The Center of Excellence provided assistance to persons or organizations from 83 counties.

Number of Counties



**Number of Recipients Provided Training and/or Assistance
by Sequential Intercept^{ab}**

Intercept	Number
<i>Community Services/Supports</i>	1,479
<i>Law Enforcement</i>	1,047
<i>Detention/Initial</i>	1,031
<i>Jail/Courts</i>	1,979
<i>Re-Entry</i>	1,060
<i>Community Corrections</i>	1,241

^a<http://gainscenter.samhsa.gov/cms-assets/documents/145789-100379.bh-sim-brochure.pdf>

^bSome trainings include more than one intercept.

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The Center of Excellence creates linkages for national and state discussions, to leverage resources and to keep Illinois courts and communities up-to-date on trends and research related to behavioral health and justice. It is catalyst and synergistic influence across Illinois.

Problem-Solving Court Standards and Certification The Center of Excellence assisted the Administrative Office of Illinois Courts with statewide workshops on the Supreme Court standards and provides technical assistance to individual courts as they seek certification.

Illinois Association of Problem-Solving Courts With direction from the ILAPSC Board, the Center of Excellence designs, develops and manages a conference for all PSC stakeholders.

Focus on Sequential Intercept Model The Center of Excellence assists communities using the SIM as an organizing tool. Teams with individuals from each intercept are helped to identify ways to improve their response to the needs of persons with behavioral health disorders.

Focus on Training The Center of Excellence provides training appropriate for multiple audiences such as the highly requested training on trauma and how to be trauma-informed. In partnership with the Division of Mental Health of the Illinois Department of Human Services, the Center of Excellence also assisted in organizing and providing regional and statewide training on Moral Reconciliation Therapy.

Current Information The Center of Excellence keeps abreast of the latest news, resources, and research. It disseminated information on Illinois legislation, guidelines from SAMHSA, NADCP best practices standards, medication-assisted treatment, opioid addiction, integrated mental health and substance abuse care, and the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority's Data-Driven Health and Justice and Criminal Justice Coordinating Council initiatives.

Collaboration and Support The Center of Excellence collaborates with more than 20 entities. One of the most beneficial collaborations involves the Center of Excellence, the Administrative Office of Illinois Courts, and Adult Redeploy Illinois. The three coordinate their programs and assist each other in achieving shared goals through bi-monthly meetings.

The Center of Excellence makes a lasting difference.

The majority of participants reported the training:

- *improved ways they and others met the needs of persons with behavioral health disorders;*
- *provided interventions sooner;*
- *increased the use of evidence-based practices.*

Over 98% of participants rated the training in a satisfaction survey as useful, organized, provided appropriate materials, content relevant, and having increased their knowledge and skills.

Follow-up surveys at 3 and 12 months after trainings indicated the Center of Excellence had significant impacts:

- *88% - improved ways of meeting the needs of persons with behavioral health disorders*
- *82% - improved ways they work with clients*
- *50% - provided interventions earlier*
- *48% - added, 18% improved researched practices*
- *45% - improved communication*
- *43% - increased public safety*
- *41% - changed practices; 14% improved processes*
- *39% - reduced recidivism*
- *25% - increased cross training*
- *16% - collaboration*

Intensity of Training and Technical Assistance

