

Words to Deeds – Trends and Findings in Mental Health and Criminal Justice Linked Data

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Narrative

MHSOAC staff will provide an overview of Mental Health Services Act funded services and programs. FSP and CSI data were linked with Department of Justice arrest data from 2006 to 2015. Preliminary findings regarding individuals arrested who have been found incompetent to stand trial will be explored and discussed. Workshop attendees will also be given the opportunity to review and provide feedback on a dashboard which summarizes the potential effects of program services on arrest rates. Future directions in analyses and implications will be explored.

Bio

Marcus Galeste, PhD

Marcus Galeste is a Senior Researcher with the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission. He has led and supported various research and evaluation projects with the Commission to help create a statewide picture of mental health programs and services in California. Prior to joining the Commission, Marcus held various research roles with the California Board of State and Community Corrections, as well as the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. His professional and academic training has centered on program evaluation and creating research opportunities that inform effective policies in both the mental health and criminal justice realm. Marcus received his Bachelor and Master of Science degrees in Criminal Justice. He received his PhD in Criminology and Criminal Justice from Arizona State University where he continues to hold a position as a Faculty Associate, teaching courses in Program Evaluation as well as Special Topics in Criminology and Criminal Justice.

Latonya Harris, PhD

Latonya Harris' academic training and career are focused on promoting positive development in children, youth, and families. Early on in her career she engaged in early childhood policy research and planning, and after, served as program administrator for Head Start. After obtaining her doctorate she conducted program evaluation on youth development and family nutrition education programs at UC Davis's Cooperative Extension. Prior to her role at MHSOAC, Latonya was employed at a local school district, where she coordinated state assessments and conducted analyses on assessment data. Latonya has a B.A. in Psychology (UC Berkeley), Master's Degree in Education (HGSE), and Ph.D. in Developmental Psychology (UC Davis). where she studied the influence of trauma and adversity on cognitive development, and factors related to risk and resilience. At MHSOAC, Latonya is engaged in research projects related to the intersection of criminal justice involvement and mental health, and improving students' mental health in school settings.

Learning Objectives

- Participants will be able to gain a general overview of some of the data projects being headed by the MHSOAC
- Participants will be able to identify the seven negative outcomes identified in the MHSA
- Participants will be able to identify at least one correlate of individuals found to be incompetent to stand trial
- Participants will be able to identify at least one potential effect of program services on arrest rates