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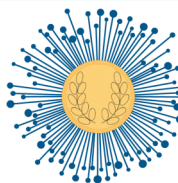Houston ♦ Little Rock
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Methodologic expertise

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What is the South Central MIRECC?

Funded in 1998, the South Central Mental Illness Research, Education and Clinical Center (MIRECC) is a virtual center with anchor sites throughout the South Central VA Healthcare Network. Its mission is to promote equity in engagement, access, and quality of mental health care for Veterans facing barriers to care, especially rural Veterans. The South Central MIRECC offers opportunities to receive training and mentoring in research, participate in educational activities, and receive funding for research, clinical interventions and development of educational materials.

What is MIDAS?

MIDAS (**MIRECC Implementation, Design and Analysis Support**) is a service arm of South Central MIRECC. It was created to provide methodologic support to investigators affiliated with the South Central MIRECC, especially those who are seeking intramural or extramural funding or are conducting South Central MIRECC pilot projects. MIDAS team members can support all phases of project development, implementation, analysis and dissemination. Current team members are listed on the back of this brochure.

What can MIDAS offer?

The MIDAS team offers centralized design, methodologic and analytic support. With expertise in biostatistics, demography, epidemiology, psychometrics, qualitative methods, and project implementation, team members can work with you around such topics as:

- Study design
- Instrument selection or design
- Sampling strategies
- Recruitment and data collection procedures
- Budgeting and time projections

- Interviewer training
- Key-informant and cognitive interviews
- Focus group facilitation
- Analysis of qualitative data
- Analysis of quantitative data

- Database construction and management
- Identification of best VA data sources & access procedures

- Proposal development and pre-submission review
- Multi-site project management
- Manuscript preparation

When the core MIDAS team does not have needed expertise, efforts will be made to connect you with other experienced methodologists within South Central MIRECC or located in research or academic institutions elsewhere.

Guidelines

Eligibility. . .
All South Central MIRECC investigators are eligible to apply for MIDAS services. Services are provided at no charge.

To become a South Central MIRECC investigator. . .
Application forms are available from Kristin Ward (Kristin.Ward2@va.gov).

To request MIDAS services. . .
Application forms are available from Amy Amspoker, Ph.D. (Amspoker@bcm.edu). Completed request forms may be sent by e-mail to Dr. Amspoker.

Response time. . .
Upon receipt of your application, we will do our best to match your needs with the expertise of a MIDAS consultant or consultants. We will respond as quickly as possible but would appreciate as much lead time as possible.

Available consultation time. . .
Resources will be prioritized by the MIDAS Director based on South Central MIRECC needs.

Note: As a recipient of MIDAS consultation, you will be asked to acknowledge South Central MIRECC in all publications and presentations that result from the consultation. You will also be asked to complete an evaluation of your experience and to report products that result from the consultation.