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*Methodologic
expertise
for “golden”
research,
education and
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**Mental Illness Research,
Education and Clinical Center**

What is the South Central MIRECC?

Since it was funded in 1998 by the Department of Veterans Affairs, the **South Central Mental Illness Research, Education and Clinical Center (South Central MIRECC)** has been closing the gap between what treatments for mental illness have the potential to do (“efficacy”) and how treatments actually perform in clinical settings (“effectiveness”). 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 in the South Central VA Healthcare Network (VISN 16) who are seeking intramural or extramural funding or are conducting pilot projects. MIDAS is designed to supplement the methodologic infrastructure available to investigators. 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, 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

- Monitoring enrollment and attrition
- Key-informant and cognitive interviews
- Focus group facilitation

- Analysis of quantitative data
- Database construction and management
- Extraction of data from the Austin and VISN 16 Data Warehouse datasets
- Analysis of qualitative data

- Proposal development and pre-submission review
- Grants and 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 Melonie Shelton (msshelton@uams.edu).

To request MIDAS services. . .

Application forms are available from Melonie Shelton (msshelton@uams.edu).

Completed request forms may be sent by fax to Ms. Shelton (501-257-1718) or by e-mail to Ms. Shelton or Dr. Fischer (fischerellenp@uams.edu).

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 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.