Prior research highlights the complex intersections between posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD), substance use disorders (SUD), and involvement with the criminal justice system. This call relies primarily on the DSM-5 definitions of traumatic events (e.g., exposure to actual or threatened death, serious injury, or risk to physical integrity of self or others which involves experiences of fear, helplessness, or horror), PTSD (e.g., re-experiencing and avoiding aspects of the traumatic event and experiencing increased arousal symptoms), and SUD (e.g., continued substance use despite negative consequences and risks and difficulty controlling substance use); however, we are also interested in papers that examine clinically significant difficulties related to PTSD and SUD that may not meet the full DSM-5 diagnostic criteria.

Despite growing attention to intersections among these experiences, many issues remain unresolved. We invite investigators and practitioners to contribute original research articles as well as review article that will enrich our understanding of PTSD, problematic substance use, lawbreaking activity, and criminal justice involvement related to one of the potential topics mentioned above. We encourage submission of work from around the world.

Potential topics include, but are not limited to:

- Analysis of gender- and race/ethnicity-related experiences with trauma exposure, PTSD, problematic substance use, lawbreaking activity, and criminal justice involvement, including cross-national comparisons
- Analysis of culturally and gender informed practices to address trauma, PTSD, problematic substance use, lawbreaking activity, and criminal justice involvement
- Evidence-supported screening and referral for PTSD-SUD in criminal justice settings
- Individual, family, group, or community treatment availability for PTSD-SUD and engagement and retention in these treatments among individuals involved in the criminal justice system
- Evidence-supported strategies to facilitate community reentry, postrelease treatment engagement, and reduced risk of reincarceration among people with PTSD-SUD
- Better understanding of and strategies to address PTSD-SUD associated with the effects of incarceration
- Evidence-supported strategies to prevent involvement in lawbreaking activity and the criminal justice system among adolescents and adults experiencing PTSD and problematic substance use
- Cross-national comparisons of approaches to PTSD, problematic substance use, lawbreaking activity, and criminal justice involvement
- Barriers among practitioners, program directors, and/or policy makers to implement theory-based and evidence-supported interventions for PTSD-SUD in criminal justice contexts

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